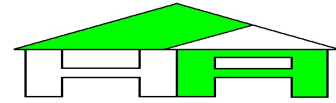


Housing Authority of Utah County

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What is the Housing Choice Voucher Program?

Congress established the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program in 1974. Although not an entitlement, the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program is the federal government's principal housing assistance program. The program assists low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to rent affordable, safe and sanitary housing. Initially, applicants pay up to 40 percent of their adjusted monthly income toward rent and utilities. The Housing Authority pays the balance of the rent, up to a regulated maximum amount.

Program participants find their own rental housing. The dwelling may be a single-family house, townhouse, condominium, apartment, duplex, triplex, complex, and so on. The dwelling must meet program requirements for health, safety and rent. The Housing Authority of Utah County assists with rent in Utah County, outside of Provo. For assistance within the city of Provo, contact the Provo City Housing Authority at (801) 852-7080.

Eligibility

See "Section 8 Eligibility and Income Limits," a separate page under the Section 8 heading.

How can I apply for the program?

Eligible individuals and families apply for the program at the Housing Authority of Utah County, 240 East Center Street in Provo, Utah. Complete a pre-application and submit photo identification and Social Security Card for the head of household to get on the waiting list. All adults in the household must sign the pre-application and associated forms. Waiting time depends on program funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the number of families currently utilizing the program. The wait may be as short as a couple of months to more than a year.

When a voucher becomes available, we request the applicant to update household and income information. We require income verifications for everyone in the household. We also require birth certificates and social security cards for everyone in the household.

After an applicant updates the application, we invite him or her to attend a briefing. In the briefing, we explain program procedures and rules and how to begin receiving assistance. Following the briefing, an applicant has 60 days to find a satisfactory dwelling and complete all necessary steps to receive rental assistance.

Drug or criminal activity

The Housing Authority has zero tolerance for drug and/or violent criminal activity. We do not provide assistance to persons with a history of drug and/or violent criminal activity. Also, any such activity occurring on a property where we provide rental assistance results in termination of assistance.

What requirements does the dwelling need to meet?

Many applicants already live in a home that qualifies for rental assistance. Generally, the dwelling needs to qualify in four areas:

- ▶ The dwelling needs to be in Utah County but outside of the City of Provo (for rental assistance inside the City of Provo, call Provo City Housing Authority, 801-852-7080)
- ▶ The home must meet Housing Quality Standards (see "Housing Inspection Checklist," a separate page)
- ▶ The property owner or manager must accept the Section 8 rental subsidy program
- ▶ Rent must be within program guidelines (briefly summarized in "Voucher Payment Standards," a separate page under the Section 8 heading)