

Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency

Housing Choice Voucher
Program



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- The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program is the Department of Housing and Urban Development's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and people with disabilities to afford decent and safe housing in the private market.
- The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program pays a portion of a family's rent. Typically, a voucher family pays 30% of its monthly-adjusted gross income for rent and utilities.
- The rental unit must be inspected and approved by OHFA. OHFA determines a payment standard, an amount generally needed to rent a moderately-priced unit in the local area.
- The payment standard represents the maximum assistance OHFA can pay on behalf of a family. Payment standards include rent plus a utility allowance, if the family pays any utilities.
- If the cost of utilities and other housing services for an assisted unit is not included in the rent but is the responsibility of the family, an estimated amount is allocated.
- All housing must pass the Housing Quality Standards Inspection before the tenancy begins and annually/biennially throughout the term of the contract.
- Numerous housing types qualify for rental assistance under the Housing Choice Voucher Program, including apartments and single-family homes.



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