



Landlord Incentive Program

Questions & Answers

Welcome to the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Landlord Incentive Program. This program is funded by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to assist HCV families find affordable housing in Pinellas County during the pandemic. There is a significant shortage of housing which is heightened with COVID-19. Limited affordable units are currently on the market and families are having a hard time leasing up.

This incentive program provides monetary bonuses to landlords signing up to house HCV families. In addition, it provides financial resources to families applying for units and provides payment for security deposits. For details on the HCV program please go to www.stpeteha.org.



I have not participated in the voucher program before. How can I learn more about this program?

Answer:

Please visit our website at www.stpeteha.org, click on Landlord Resources. You can also email Landlord8@stpeteha.org to request an information package.

When does the Incentive program begin?

Answer:

The program begins January 1, 2021.

Do I get a bonus for every unit?

Answer:

Yes. The bonus payment is paid for each new unit submitted by the landlord.

If I select a family in the month of December and submit the paperwork for a move in date of January 1, 2021, will I qualify for the Bonus?

Answer:

Yes. The unit will qualify for the bonus provided the unit passes the initial inspection and the lease and HAP contract have been signed.

I have a unit located in Pasco County, will the unit be eligible for the Incentive program?

Answer:

No. Only units within the Pinellas County jurisdiction will be eligible for the Incentive program.

Please explain the Bonus breakdown as it relates to the zip codes in Pinellas County?

Answer:

Landlords adding a new unit to the program in Low-poverty zip codes, 33702, 33703, 33704, 33706, 33707, 33708, 33709, 33710, 33715, 33716 will receive an Incentive bonus of \$600.

Landlords adding a new unit to the program in zip codes other than the Low-Poverty zip codes listed above will receive an Incentive bonus of \$400.

I have rented my unit to voucher holders a few years back, if I accept a voucher family for the unit will it qualify for the bonus?

Answer:

Landlords adding units to the program that were previously rented to voucher families but have not been active for at least twelve (12) months will receive an Incentive bonus based on zip code location.

Do I need to sign up as a landlord before I accept a voucher family?

Answer:

No. When the landlord selects a family with a voucher, he/she completes and submits paperwork {called the Request for Tenancy Approval (RFTA)}. Once the RFTA is submitted, an initial inspection is ordered. Upon completion of the initial inspection (passed status), staff conducts HUD required due diligence and processes the first HAP payment.

Will I still be eligible for the bonus if I sign up after I have selected a voucher family?

Answer:

Yes. When the landlord submits the Residential Lease and Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contract, the bonus will be processed. The Bonus payment will be paid within the week after the first HAP payment.

How do I market available rental units?

Answer:

Please list your available units at http://spha.gosection8.com/Tenant/tn_Results.aspx