

SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS

Program Description

The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) is a federally aided rental assistance program designed to supplement the rental payments of low and moderate-income families in privately owned housing.

How does the program works?

Eligible households will be issued a voucher and given up to 120 days to locate suitable housing which can be located anywhere in the United States or they can remain in their current unit provided it meets program requirements. All units must meet minimum standards of health and safety. The rent for the unit must be reasonable in comparison to rents charged for similar, unassisted apartments in the area. Subsidy is determined by the family's income. The family pays the difference between the actual rent charged by the landlord and the amount subsidized by the Section 8 program.

Who is eligible?

Eligibility is based on the family's total annual gross income and family size. At least 75% of all vouchers issued by the SHA must be targeted to households whose total income does not exceed 30% of the area median income. Median income levels are published by HUD and may change from year to year.

How do I apply?

The Somerville Housing Authority is participating in the "Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Centralized Waitlist. For detail about the list and how to apply click the following link: <http://section8listmass.org/>