



ALBUQUERQUE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Empowering people in our community through affordable housing and self-sufficiency opportunities

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ALBUQUERQUE HOUSING AUTHORITY (AHA) EARNS HIGH PERFORMER RATING FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Top Performance Rating on SEMAP Achieved by AHA

Albuquerque, NM - The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has issued to the Albuquerque Housing Authority (AHA) its score under the nationwide Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP). Scoring a total of 130 points out of a possible 135 points, AHA received an overall performance rating of **High Performer**, which is HUD's top designation of quality.

The -SEMAP- measures the performance of Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) administering the housing choice voucher program. HUD uses the SEMAP measurement nationwide to annually evaluate and compare the performance of more than 3,000 PHAs. HUD uses SEMAP to evaluate PHAs based on 14 job performance indicators. These indicators assess whether PHAs have properly administered the rental assistance program in accordance with Federal housing legislation and HUD regulations. PHAs with SEMAP scores of at least 90 percent receive a rating of high performer under SEMAP. PHAs that achieve an overall performance rating of high performer may receive national recognition by the department and may be given competitive advantage under notices of fund availability

“I am very proud of the accomplishments of the Albuquerque Housing Authority. Receiving a High Performer rating this year from HUD shows the large amount of progress that AHA staff have made in recent years to ensure that the AHA Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance program benefits our local residents who are most in need of an affordable place to live.” said Linda Bridge, AHA Executive Director.

AHA administers the Section 8 HCV rental assistance program, currently assisting approximately 4,000 families through a partnership with over 1,750 property owners, while also managing 953 units of public housing located at 34 sites throughout the City of Albuquerque.

For more information on AHA's programs and how to apply for admission, please see www.abqha.org.

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