



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

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Albuquerque Housing Authority Providing Assistance to Households in Search of Rental Housing

Albuquerque, NM – Many Albuquerque residents are struggling to find safe and affordable housing in the current competitive housing market. The Albuquerque Housing Authority (AHA) is taking steps to help.

AHA staff with approval from the AHA Board of Directors recently increased payment standards and provided funding to help voucher holders to pay increased rental costs, application fees, holding fees, security deposits and utility deposits. These timely and necessary initiatives support voucher holders to be competitive in this market and incentivize landlords to participate in the Housing Choice Voucher program.

AHA is accepting pre-applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program for a limited time, from September 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022. Households that have previously applied for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program and did not receive a voucher and remain interested in the program must reapply again this year. Pre-applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program are accepted on an annual basis and applicants selected at random to be screened for eligibility. Those not selected that remain interested in the program can then re-apply the following year. The number of applicants selected each year is based on funding availability.

Additionally, AHA is nearing completion of the significant rehabilitation of 96 units at The Commons at Martineztown and 59 units at 6100 Harper, and construction is near complete on 54 units at Broadway/McKnight. Waitlists are open for these affordable housing rental communities.

The public can apply online for free at www.abqha.org. Those who require reasonable accommodation due to disability may contact the AHA office 505-764-3953 for more information.

AHA is the largest housing authority in New Mexico. The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance program serves approximately 3,600 households in Albuquerque, Rio Rancho and Bernalillo County and supports the local economy with over \$23,000,000 in rent payments to landlords annually. The AHA Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance program is funded entirely by a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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