

Responsibilities within the Section 8 Program

The Section 8 Housing Program is a three way partnership between the Housing Authority, the family, and the owner or landlord of the housing unit.

The Housing Authority's Responsibilities

- Review all applications to determine whether an applicant is eligible for the program.
- Explain the rules of the programs to all families who qualify.
- Issue a Voucher to the qualifying families, and if necessary, assist the family in finding a place to live.
- Approve the unit, the owner, and the lease.
- Make Housing assistance Payments to the owner in a timely manner.
- Ensure that both the family and unit continue to qualify for the program.
- Ensure that owner and families comply with the program rules.
- Provide families and owners with prompt and professional service.

The Family's Responsibilities

- Provide the Housing Authority with complete and accurate information.
- Give your best effort to find a place to live that is suitable for your family and qualifies for the program.
- Cooperate in attending all appointments scheduled by the Housing Authority.
- Take responsibility for the general care and housekeeping of your housing unit.
- Comply with the terms of your lease with the owner.
- Comply with the Family Obligations on your Voucher.

The Owner's Responsibilities

Interview families who apply to determine if they will be good renters. Comply with fair housing laws and not discriminate against any family. Maintain the housing unit by making the necessary repairs in a timely manner. Comply with the terms of the Housing Assistance Contract with the Housing Authority. Collect the rent due by the family and otherwise enforce the lease.