What is the Housing Choice Voucher and Project Based Voucher Program?

Section 8 of the Housing Act of 1937 authorizes the payment of rental housing assistance to private landlords on behalf of approximately 3.1 million low-income households in the United States. "Section 8" is a common name for the Housing Choice Voucher and Project-Based Voucher Programs, funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

AHA administers HUD's **Housing Choice Voucher** (HCV) Program which provides "tenant-based" rental assistance, so a tenant can freely move from one unit to another.

**AND**

AHA administers HUD's **Project-Based Voucher** (PBV) program which is rental assistance that is contracted to a specific rental unit. City of Alameda property owners can contract specific rental units at a property to low-income tenants referred by AHA.

For over 80 years, The Housing Authority of the City of Alameda (AHA) has provided a range of housing assistance to low-income households. The primary goal of the Housing Authority is to provide quality, affordable, and safe housing in the City of Alameda. Our programs include Housing Choice Vouchers, Project-Based Vouchers, specialized housing assistance, family self-sufficiency, affordable real estate development, resident services, and management of AHA owned property.
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Housing Programs

On average, the Housing Authority of the City of Alameda (AHA) provides a Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) of $1,778 to assisted households.

Over 475 private landlords in the City of Alameda rent to Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) households.

AHA staff operate rental assistance programs which provide housing for 3,260 adults and children. Which accounts for over $25 million in financial assistance annually.

35 military veterans are housed in the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program

The Housing Programs department consists of 13 total positions that range from case worker, supervisor, and administrative roles.

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