

Housing Choice Voucher Program

The Summit

Central Office Update

We are remodeling our Central office. Our side entrance is now our visitor entrance (with appointment only) and our drop box has been moved to that location. The front entrance should be open again in early April.

LANDLORD MEETINGS

Due to COVID-19, we have temporarily postponed all landlord meetings. Please visit our website to see valuable information for our landlords and residents regarding our program. www.akronhousing.org



Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority

Mission Statement

The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority provides quality, affordable housing as a platform to develop people, property and community.

AMHA offices will be closed:

Friday, April 2nd

Monday, May 31st

Monday, July 5th

Monday, September 6th

Upcoming Important Dates

Quarterly Landlord Meeting

No dates scheduled at this time

Annual Landlord Meeting

No dates scheduled at this time

Landlord meetings will be held at 100 W. Cedar St, Akron, OH 44307. Please contact Tara Baker at 330-376-9405 to schedule.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED
BEGINNING MARCH 8



Are you unable to pay your rent or utilities due to COVID-19?

Summit County Cares is the front door for various government funded assistance designed to help keep families and individuals living in Summit County, Ohio housed in the wake of the historic economic recession caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Summit County Cares is a partnership of local government and community organizations.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program will be providing assistance for rent, and/or utilities.

- Rent or mortgage for your primary residence
- Electric, gas, and/or water/sewer

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

- Resident of Summit County;
- Member of a household that has been financially impacted by COVID-19; and
- Gross income at or below 80% of the Area Median Income Guidelines

Priority will be given to households that are or below 30% of AMI, households with pregnant women, households with occupants over the age of 62, and households with a court eviction notice. This program is not designed to be a first-come, first-serve program.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- All unpaid balances will be verified and documented prior to payments being made;
- Cooperation from applicants and landlords is required.
- Utilities must be in the name of an adult living in the household or the landlord

The application process will take 10-15 minutes. Residents may apply for help for rent or utilities or both. It is important that applicants gather their household, income, landlord and utility information including account numbers PRIOR to starting the application online or calling 2-1-1 to apply.

AREA MEDIAN INCOME QUALIFYING LEVELS

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	30%	50%	80%
1	\$16,050	\$26,750	\$42,750
2	\$18,350	\$30,550	\$48,850
3	\$21,720	\$34,350	\$54,950
4	\$26,200	\$38,150	\$61,050
5	\$30,680	\$41,250	\$65,950
6	\$35,160	\$44,300	\$70,850
7	\$39,640	\$47,350	\$75,700
8	\$44,120	\$50,400	\$80,600

Further details regarding documents needed to apply, and other program specific details can be found at www.SummitCountyCares.org.

Apply by visiting **www.SummitCountyCares.org**

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OUR PARTNERS



AMHA HCVP DEPARTMENT CHECK RUNS

Monthly Check run For:

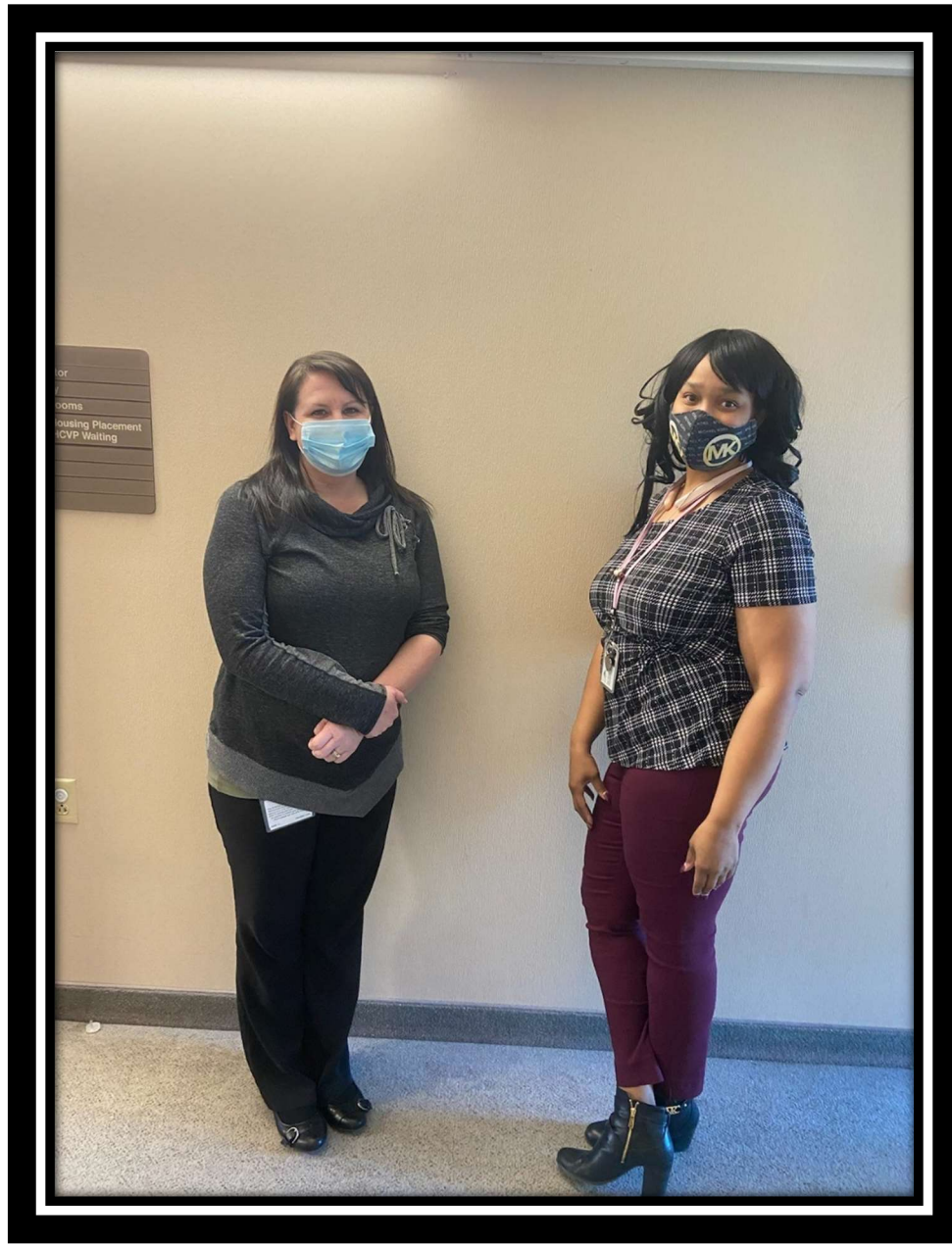
2021

	Cut Off 4:15 pm (No Backdates)	Mail Checks
March	3/24/21	3/31/21
April	4/23/21	4/30/2021*
May	5/21/21	5/28/2021*
June	6/23/21	6/30/21
July	7/23/21	7/30/2021*
August	8/24/21	8/31/21
September	9/23/21	9/30/21
October	10/22/21	10/29/2021*
November	11/22/21	11/30/21
December	12/22/21	12/31/2021*

Midmonth Check run For:

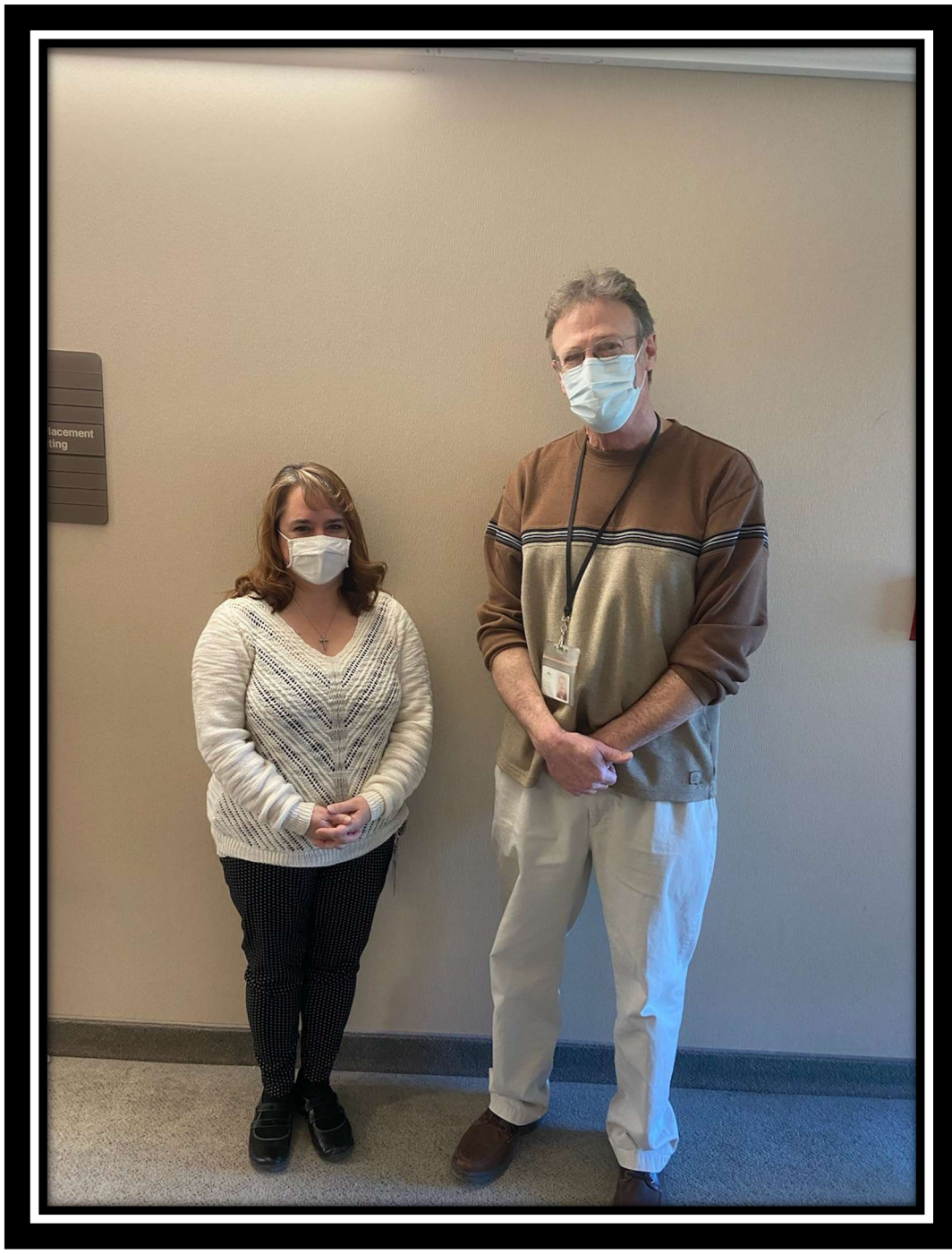
2021

	12:00pm Cut Off	Check Date
March	3/10/21	3/13/21
April	4/12/21	4/15/21
May	5/12/21	5/15/21
June	6/10/21	6/15/21
July	7/12/21	7/15/21
August	8/11/21	8/14/21
September	9/10/21	9/15/21
October	10/12/21	10/15/21
November	NO	CHECKS
December	12/10/21	12/15/21



Marie Johnson, LeTicia Ragsdale

Please join us in welcoming back Marie Johnson as our new Senior Certification Specialist I. Marie has over 15 years of housing authority experience. She previously worked at AMHA as a Certification Specialist I and II and was the Section 8 Manager for Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority. LeTicia Ragsdale has joined HCVP as a Certification Specialist I. She previously worked in our Housing Placement department and is the co-owner of Focus Community Development Corporation, a non-profit agency.



Christina Whittenberger, Clyde Elkins

Please join us in welcoming Christina Whittenberger as our new Inspection Scheduler. Chris has experience in reviewing and processing building plans and permits for residential and commercial properties, accounts payable/receivable, payroll and customer service. Congratulations to Clyde Elkins who was promotion to our Inspection Supervisor. Clyde was formerly a Certification Specialist II in HCVP and a Clerk in our Housing Placement department. He was a Business Analyst and an Account Manager for the healthcare industry.

Advantages of Moving to Low Poverty Areas

The Housing Choice Voucher Program vouchers are “ideal mechanisms” to broaden the housing choices for low-income families, including choices in areas with low poverty rates.

A high poverty census tract is a census tract in which at least 40% of people have incomes below the poverty level.

Advantages of locating housing in areas outside high-poverty census tracts include:

- Such areas generally have better schools, a lower crime rate, access to jobs, better public services and more shopping and other amenities.
- Data from moving from high poverty areas reach high levels of school achievement and have higher earnings later in life.
- A study has shown that moving to low poverty areas decreases the change of obesity, diabetes, and depression.

AMHA has added an additional seven areas of opportunities in Summit County effective with our January 1, 2021 payment standards: 44141, 44223, 4264, 44286, 44303, 44319, and 44685.

Please see our 2021 payment standards below:

PAYMENT STANDARDS FOR THE VOUCHER PROGRAM

(24 CFR 982.503)

The payment standard is used to calculate the housing assistance payment for a family. The PHA establishes a payment standard amount for each “unit size”.

As of January 1, 2021 they are as follows:

BEDROOM SIZE	PAYMENT STANDARD	PAYMENT STANDARD IN ZIP CODES: 44056, 44067, 44087, 44141, 44221, 44223, 44224, 44236, 44264, 44286, 44303, 44319, 44321, 44333, 44685
0	566	622
1	664	730
2	849	933
3	1,069	1,175
4	1,151	1,266
5	1,324	1,456
6	1,496	1,645

44056: Macedonia

44685: Green, Uniontown

44067: Northfield, Sagamore Hills

44087: Twinsburg, Reminderville

44141: Brecksville

44221: Cuyahoga Falls, Stow

44223: Cuyahoga Falls, Akron

44224: Stow, Hudson, Silver Lake, Cuyahoga Falls

44236: Hudson, Boston Heights

44264: Peninsula

44286: Richfield

44303: Akron

44319: Coventry, New Franklin

44321: Akron, Copley, Norton, Montrose-Ghent, Pigeon Creek

44333: Fairlawn, Bath Township, Montrose-Ghent, Cuyahoga Falls

RTA ERRORS AND HOW THEY AFFECT YOU

The Request for Tenancy Approval (RTA) or (RFTA) packet contains several documents that landlords need to complete and return to AMHA to initiate the process of family move-in. The voucher holder receives this packet at the voucher briefing. Please expect to provide the following information and complete all documents in full:

- Address of unit, number of bedroom and year constructed
- Requested lease start date
- Proposed rent
- Amount of security deposit (cannot be more than one month's rent amount)
- Date unit will be available for inspection
- Unit structure type
- The type of utilities and appliances to be supplied by the landlord and also the utilities and appliances to be supplied by the family
- Certification that unit rent is comparable to other unassisted owned units
- Certification that landlord is not a family member related to family as described in RTA
- Unit's lead-based paint status
- Agent form to be completed ONLY if all written and verbal correspondence needs directed to an individual/address other than directed on the W-9 form
- W-9 for income tax purposes
- Authorization Agreement for automatic deposits
- Signatures, dates, telephone numbers and mailing addresses of landlord and family

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL PAPERWORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN FULL BEFORE RETURNING TO AMHA. IF ANY OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS MISSING, THIS WILL HOLD UP THE PRE-RENT QUOTE, INSPECTION PROCESS AND RELEASE OF AMHA'S SUBSIDY PAYMENT.

Contacts:

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