

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 Fall.

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:

Monday, October 11th
Thursday, November 11th
Thursday, November 25th
Friday, November 26th
Friday, December 24th
Monday, December 27th

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.

Emergency Housing Vouchers

AMHA received notification on May 10, 2021 of new Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) and funding as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). We have received 101 EHVs.

The populations eligible for EHV assistance are:

- Homeless;
- At risk of Homelessness;
- Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking;
- Recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having risk of housing instability.

Summit County's Continuum of Care (SCCoC) Centralized Intake System, administered by United Way of Summit and Medina, manages the EHVs through a direct referral to AMHA. In order to apply for the EHV, potential applicants must contact the Centralized Intake System, which can be reached by calling 2-1-1.

Information for Property Owners

Are you ready to fill your available units? We have started issuing EHVs! We will have 101 individuals and families actively looking to rent units. Don't miss out!

AMHA partners with SummitHousingSearch.org to connect voucher holders with potential units. Advertise your available units on www.SummitHousingsearch.org

Like all HCV participant families, EHV families will search for housing in the private market and will contact the property owners if they are interested in an available unit.

Our Landlord Orientation PowerPoint presentation is available to view on our website along with other valuable information about our program.

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 September 2, 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	730	730
2	933	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.

AMHA HCVP DEPARTMENT CHECKRUNS

Monthly Checkrun For:

2021

Cut Off 4:15 pm (No Backdates)	KEY BANK TRANSMISSION	Print Voucher Checks	Mail Checks
September	9/23/21	9/27/21	9/30/21
October	10/22/21	10/26/21	10/29/2021*
November	11/22/21	11/24/21	11/30/21
December	12/22/21	12/28/21	12/31/2021*

Midmonth Checkrun For:

2021

12:00pm Cut Off	Print Checks	Check Date
September	9/13/21	9/15/21
October	10/13/21	10/15/21
November	MIDMONTH	CHECKS
December	12/13/21	12/15/21

Cut Off Definition:

Please Do Not Key Any Back Dated Changes or Changes Effective for This Current Month...

***CHECKS MAILED ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE 1ST OF MONTH**

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