

Housing Choice Voucher Program

The Summit

Central Office Update

Our Central Office front entrance is now open. We have moved the drop box back to the front entrance as well. You will need to previously schedule an appointment to enter the building.

LANDLORD MEETINGS

Due to COVID-19, we have temporarily postponed all landlord meetings. We are planning to resume in-person meetings the 1st quarter of 2022. 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 and services as a platform to develop people, property and community.

AMHA offices will be closed:

Friday, December 31, 2021

Monday, January 17, 2022

Monday, February 21, 2022

Friday, April 15, 2022

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



OUR PARTNERS



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.

Please see our 2022 payment standards and area of opportunity zip codes 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, 2022 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	610	671
1	772	772
2	979	979
3	1,126	1,239
4	1,207	1,328
5	1,388	1,527
6	1,569	1,726

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

2022 Administrative Plan Changes

- **New: Housing Authority Mission Statement:** The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority provides quality, affordable housing and services as a platform to develop people, property, and community.
- **New: Five Year Agency Goals:**
 - Goal 1: Preserve & Expand Quality Affordable Housing
 - Goal 2: Maintain Operational Excellence While Pursuing Innovation and Efficiencies
 - Goal 3: Improve Resident Quality of Life
 - Goal 4: Positively Impact Community Change
- **Chapter 12-2: Reexamination Notice to the Family:**

The PHA will maintain a reexamination tracking system and the household will be notified by mail of the date and time for their interview at least 90 days in advance of the anniversary date. The interview may be conducted in person, over the phone, by mail, and/or by electronic submission at the discretion of the PHA or by an approved reasonable accommodation. If requested as an accommodation by a person with a disability, the PHA will provide the notice in an accessible format.
- **Chapter 20-4: Project-Based Voucher Program Site Selection Standards:**

The following site requirements are applicable to all existing housing projects:

 - An existing housing application may be selected if it substantially complies (i.e., the housing does not have any life threatening and safety violations) with UPCS-V at the time of selection.
 - The project must then fully comply with UPCS-V prior to HAP execution.
- **Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs):**

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. \$5 billion was appropriated for the creation, administration, and renewal of new incremental EHVs and other eligible expenses related to COVID-19. AMHA was awarded 101 EHVs. These vouchers have a one-time fee to support efforts to implement and operate an effective EHV services program. The allocated fee is \$3,500 for each EHV. The fee can be used for housing search assistance, security and utility deposits, rental application fees, moving expenses, tenant-readiness services and owner-related uses.

AMHA HCVP DEPARTMENT CHECKRUNS – 2022

End of Month	Cut Off 1:00 PM	PRINT CHECKS	CHECK DATE
January	1/24/2022	1/26/2022	2/1/2022
February	2/18/2022	2/23/2022	3/1/2022
March	3/24/2022	3/28/2021	4/1/2022
April	4/22/2022	4/26/2022	5/1/2022
May	5/23/2022	5/25/2022	6/1/2022
June	6/23/2022	6/27/2022	7/1/2022
July	7/22/2022	7/26/2022	8/1/2022
August	8/24/2022	8/26/2022	9/1/2022
September	9/23/2022	9/27/2022	10/1/2022
October	10/24/2022	10/26/2022	11/1/2022
November	11/21/2022	11/23/2022	12/1/2022
December	12/21/2022	12/27/2022	1/1/2023
Midmonth	Cut Off 10:00 AM	PRINT CHECKS	CHECK DATE
January	1/12/2022	1/13/2022	1/15/2022
February	NO	MIDMONTH	CHECKS
March	3/10/2022	3/11/2022	3/15/2022
April	4/12/2022	4/13/2022	4/15/2022
May	5/11/2022	5/12/2022	5/14/2022
June	6/10/2022	6/13/2022	6/15/2022
July	7/12/2022	7/13/2022	7/15/2022
August	8/10/2022	8/11/2022	8/13/2022
September	9/12/2022	9/13/2022	9/15/2022
October	10/12/2022	10/13/2022	10/15/2022
November	NO	MIDMONTH	CHECKS
December	12/12/2022	12/13/2022	12/15/2022

Moving to Work Program

We are excited to announce that AMHA was selected to participate in HUD's Moving to Work (MTW) program, which will allow us to change some of our program rules to design new housing and self-sufficiency strategies to better fit the needs of Summit County.

What AMHA envisions:

We envision a program that meaningfully increases local affordable housing choices, reduces administrative burdens and costs, and ultimately enhances the quality of housing and services that empower everyone to reach their full potential.



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