

Yavapai County's

Arizona Public Housing Authority

Dear Property Owner or Management Agent,

The Arizona Public Housing Authority (APHA) is pleased that you are considering an Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) recipient for housing. We will do everything we can to facilitate the process!

Who is involved?

- U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the APHA with EHVs through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.
- The Continuum(s) of Care (CoC) in Yavapai County will assist applicants in securing housing.

Who eligible?

- The mission and purpose of the EHV program is to house the following vulnerable persons and families is Yavapai County:
 - Homeless;
 - At risk of homelessness;
 - Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; and
 - Recently homeless, as determined by the Secretary, and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability.

What type of application and how was the application for an EHV approved?

- The application was developed based on HUD's guidelines and verifications are finalized by the APHA.
- Applicants are pre-screened on household composition, citizenship (may be a pro-rated household), and lifetime state sex offender information for suitability.

- Applicants who meet the pre-screening, are then screened based on income, assets, expenses, and deductions/allowances for calculating the Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) to the property.
- The APHA has developed the Administrative Plan which includes detailed information related to the entire process.

What are the Benefits?

- HUD, the CoC, and the APHA have allocated funds and numerous resources for EHVs that other applicants to your property may not have as follows:
- A HAP Contract runs congruently with your lease.
- The resident or family will pay Tenant Rent based on their income (or lack thereof).
- APHA will pay the remainder via monthly HAP directly to the property Owner/Agent.
- The Payment Standards are adjusted annually and are higher than regular Housing Choice Vouchers. Currently, 0-4 Bedroom sizes are set at 120% of HUD's Fair Market Rent for Yavapai County.
- The CoC is able to provide monetary assistance for: Security Deposit, Utility
 Deposit, Rental Application/Holding Fee Uses, Moving expenses (including
 move-in fees and deposits), Tenant-readiness services, Essential household items,
 and Renter's insurance if required by the lease.
- The APHA will provide the Owner/Agent with an initial incentive and/or retention payment of up to \$1,000 for a 12-month HAP Contract and lease.

I have an available unit and an EHV Applicant, what's next?

• The APHA will walk you through the Request for Tenancy Approval, the Unit Inspection process, and required paperwork.

Who should I contact with Questions/Concerns?

Please give the APHA call or email with any questions or concerns during the **application**, **potential rejection**, **or tenancy** at:

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