

Rental Assistance Program

We're About People



More than 15,000 low-income households in the city of San Diego receive Federal Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance from the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC), making rental assistance SDHC's largest program.

- More than half of SDHC's rental assistance households are seniors or individuals with disabilities.
- SDHC's Housing Choice Voucher households pay approximately 30 percent of their income toward rent. SDHC pays the remainder of the rent directly to the landlord.
- The majority of the households that receive rental assistance from SDHC have annual income up to 30 percent of the San Diego Area Median Income (AMI)—approximately \$25,500 a year for a family of four.
- The Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- SDHC also utilizes the same Federal funds to provide rental housing vouchers to programs that address homelessness in the city of San Diego.



Housing Choice Voucher recipient Eliza and her two children

Who Is Eligible?

- People who live or work in the City of San Diego.
- Extremely low-, very low-, and low-income families whose combined annual incomes are less than 80 percent of San Diego's AMI—approximately \$68,000 for a family of four.
- Active-duty military and Veterans.
- Low-income seniors age 62 or older.
- Individuals with disabilities.
- Homeless individuals.

Landlords

- Close to 5,600 private landlords in the city of San Diego rent to Housing Choice Voucher program households.
- SDHC provides payments to landlords through direct deposit.
- Through the Landlord Portal on SDHC's website, participating landlords may access information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, such as: unit inspection results, their ledger balance, caseworker assignments, and online forms.

Waiting List

- Because funding is limited, there is a waiting list for Federal rental assistance from SDHC, with an average wait time of approximately 10 years.





Moving to Work Program

- SDHC is one of only 39 public housing authorities nationwide, out of 3,400, to earn a “Moving to Work” (MTW) designation from HUD.
- MTW status allows SDHC the flexibility to design and implement more innovative approaches for providing housing assistance.
- SDHC’s MTW initiatives include the SDHC Achievement Academy and Choice Communities.



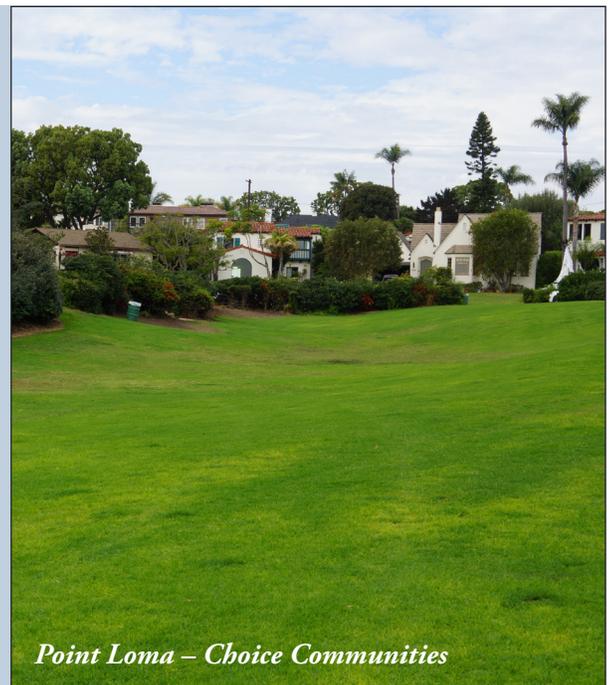
CPR Training at the SDHC Achievement Academy

SDHC Achievement Academy

- The SDHC Achievement Academy is a state-of-the-art learning and resource center and computer lab located at SDHC’s headquarters in Downtown San Diego.
- It provides opportunities for SDHC’s Federal rental assistance participants and public housing residents to become more financially self-reliant—at no cost to them.
- Programs at the SDHC Achievement Academy emphasize career planning, job skills and personal financial education.

Choice Communities

- SDHC’s Choice Communities Program helps Housing Choice Voucher households move to low-poverty neighborhoods in the city of San Diego with more options for transportation, schools and employment opportunities.
- SDHC allows a higher maximum monthly rent subsidy or “payment standard.”
- SDHC’s Choice Communities:
 - 92037 — La Jolla
 - 92106 — Point Loma
 - 92119 — San Carlos
 - 92120 — Grantville
 - 92124 — Tierrasanta
 - 92127 — Rancho Bernardo West
 - 92128 — Rancho Bernardo East
 - 92130 — Del Mar Heights
 - 92131 — Scripps Miramar Ranch



Point Loma – Choice Communities

