Choice Communities Initiative VASH Vouchers

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The San Diego Housing Commission's (SDHC) Choice Communities "Moving to Work" Initiative provides families that receive rental assistance with more flexibility to choose to live in neighborhoods that offer more opportunities for transportation, schools, and employment.

To increase housing opportunities through this initiative and to continue to assist as many low-income families as possible, SDHC updated the payment standards that are used to determine the amount of rental assistance each family receives.

SDHC divided City of San Diego (City) ZIP Codes into three groups, each with its own payment standards:

- Choice Communities
- Enterprise Communities
- Signature Communities

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development granted a waiver to SDHC, allowing a higher payment standard for Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers.

Payment Standards

The payment standard is the maximum subsidy payment that the VASH voucher would pay for an apartment or rental house minus the applicable tenant rent portion. Families pay a predetermined amount of the rent, and SDHC pays the remainder of the rent, up to the applicable payment standard, directly to the landlord.

The payment standard is based on the number of bedrooms approved for the family's size and the community to which the family moves.

If the total rent payment for an apartment or house is higher than the payment standard, the tenant is responsible for paying the difference, in addition to their predetermined portion of the rent.

FY 2023 Payment Standards by Bedroom Size							
Community	SRO	0	1	2	3	4	5
Choice Communities	\$1,950	\$2,600	\$2,891	\$3,737	\$5,257	\$6,468	\$7,439
Enterprise Communities	\$1,547	\$2,062	\$2,292	\$2,964	\$4,166	\$5,132	\$5,902
Signature Communities	\$1,129	\$1,505	\$1,668	\$2,158	\$3,036	\$3,737	\$4,297

Please see reverse side for a map of all three communities

Landlord Engagement and Assistance Program (LEAP)

VASH households are eligible to receive security deposit assistance through LEAP. Landlords renting to VASH households can also receive benefits such as leasing incentives. For more information, please contact: **619-578-7768** or **housingfirstsandiego@sdhc.org**

Mobility Counseling Program

An SDHC mobility counselor assists with pre- and post-moving counseling, housing search assistance and guidance about neighborhood features for families moving to Choice or Enterprise Communities. For more information please contact 619-578-7131 or mobility@sdhc.org



Established in 1979, the San Diego Housing Commission provides a variety of award-winning affordable housing programs and services that stimulate the local economy, revitalize neighborhoods, and impact the lives of San Diegans with low income and/or experiencing homelessness.

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Choice Communities

92101 Downtown

92108 Mission Valley

92122 University City

92124 Tierrasanta

92127 Rancho Bernardo

92128 Rancho Bernardo

92130 Del Mar Heights

92131 Scripps Ranch

Enterprise Communities

92037 La Jolla

92103 Mission Hills/Hillcrest

92106 Point Loma

92107 Ocean Beach

92109 Mission Beach & Pacific Beach

92110 Morena

92111 Linda Vista

92117 Clairemont

92119 San Carlos

92120 Grantville

92121 Sorrento Valley

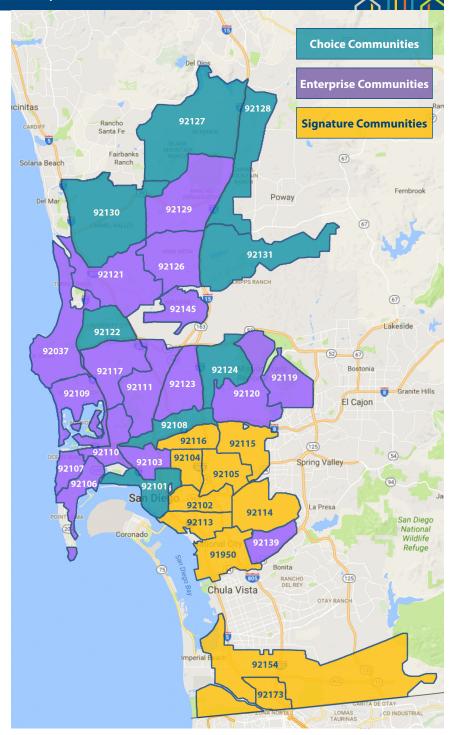
92123 Mission Village

92126 Mira Mesa

92129 Rancho Penasquitos

92139 Paradise Hills

92145 Miramar



Signature Communities

92102 Downtown

92104 North Park

92105 East San Diego/City Heights

92113 Logan Heights

92114 Encanto

92115 College Grove

92116 Normal Heights

92154 Nestor/South San Diego

92173 San Ysidro

91950 National City