

Choice Communities Initiative

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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 updates the payment standards that are used to determine the amount of rental assistance each family receives. Payment standard updates depend on funding availability.

Payment Standards

The payment standard is the dollar value of the voucher. It is the maximum amount the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher will pay toward the total contract rent for an apartment or rental home, minus the applicable amount the tenant pays, known as the tenant rent portion. Families pay a predetermined amount of the contract rent, and SDHC pays the remainder of the rent, up to the applicable payment standard, directly to the landlord. If the total contract rent for an apartment or rental home is higher than the payment standard, the tenant is responsible for paying the difference, known as the rent premium, in addition to their predetermined portion of the rent.

The payment standard is based on the lower of the number of bedrooms approved for the family's size or the size of the housing unit and the ZIP Code where the family lives. Please see the back of this fact sheet for a list of SDHC payment standards by ZIP Code.

Examples

A.	Total Contract Rent	Payment Standard	Tenant Pays*	SDHC Pays		
	\$2,700	\$2,793	\$625	\$2,075		

^{*}Tenant's income-based rent portion of \$625 equals the total tenant share of rent to the landlord because the payment standard exceeds the contract rent.

B.	Total Contract Rent	Payment Standard	Tenant Pays*	SDHC Pays	
	\$2,900	\$2,793	\$732	\$2,168	

^{*}Tenant's income-based rent portion of \$625 plus the rent premium of \$107 equals the total tenant share of rent to the landlord in the amount of \$732.

The examples estimate amounts for a two-bedroom apartment in the 92119 ZIP Code. Individual household circumstances, locations and rent amounts will vary.

Security Deposit Loan Assistance

Families newly admitted to the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance program are eligible for no-interest security deposit loans up to the lower of an amount equal to one month of the total contract rent or the payment standard.

Mobility Counseling Program

An SDHC mobility counselor assists with pre- and post-moving counseling, housing search assistance and guidance about neighborhood features for families newly admitted to the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance program.

For additional information, please contact the SDHC Mobility Counselor at (619) 578-7131 or mobility@sdhc.org



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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 lower income and/or experiencing homelessness.









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ZIP Codes	SRO	Studio	1-BD	2-BD	3-BD	4-BD	5-BD	6-BD	7-BD	8-BD
92037	\$1,682	\$2,242	\$2,442	\$3,078	\$4,152	\$5,035	\$5,790	\$6,546	\$7,301	\$8,056
92101	\$2,102	\$2,803	\$3,050	\$3,848	\$5,187	\$6,299	\$7,243	\$8,188	\$9,133	\$10,078
92102	\$1,233	\$1,644	\$1,796	\$2,261	\$3,050	\$3,705	\$4,261	\$4,817	\$5,372	\$5,928
92103	\$1,582	\$2,109	\$2,299	\$2,898	\$3,905	\$4,741	\$5,452	\$6,163	\$6,874	\$7,585
92104	\$1,418	\$1,891	\$2,062	\$2,594	\$3,496	\$4,247	\$4,883	\$5,520	\$6,157	\$6,794
92105	\$1,126	\$1,501	\$1,634	\$2,062	\$2,784	\$3,373	\$3,878	\$4,384	\$4,890	\$5,396
92106	\$1,617	\$2,157	\$2,356	\$2,964	\$4,000	\$4,855	\$5,583	\$6,311	\$7,039	\$7,767
92107	\$1,560	\$2,081	\$2,271	\$2,860	\$3,857	\$4,684	\$5,386	\$6,089	\$6,791	\$7,494
92108	\$2,045	\$2,727	\$2,974	\$3,753	\$5,064	\$6,147	\$7,068	\$7,990	\$8,912	\$9,834
92109	\$1,703	\$2,271	\$2,470	\$3,116	\$4,199	\$5,102	\$5,867	\$6,632	\$7,397	\$8,162
92110	\$1,575	\$2,100	\$2,290	\$2,888	\$3,895	\$4,731	\$5,441	\$6,150	\$6,860	\$7,570
92111	\$1,389	\$1,853	\$2,024	\$2,546	\$3,472	\$4,277	\$4,918	\$5,560	\$6,202	\$6,843
92113	\$1,090	\$1,454	\$1,587	\$1,995	\$2,689	\$3,268	\$3,758	\$4,248	\$4,739	\$5,229
92114	\$1,233	\$1,644	\$1,796	\$2,261	\$3,050	\$3,705	\$4,261	\$4,817	\$5,372	\$5,928
92115	\$1,290	\$1,720	\$1,881	\$2,366	\$3,192	\$3,876	\$4,457	\$5,039	\$5,620	\$6,202
92116	\$1,397	\$1,862	\$2,024	\$2,556	\$3,449	\$4,180	\$4,807	\$5,434	\$6,061	\$6,688
92117	\$1,475	\$1,967	\$2,147	\$2,708	\$3,648	\$4,437	\$5,102	\$5,767	\$6,433	\$7,098
92119	\$1,525	\$2,033	\$2,214	\$2,793	\$3,762	\$4,570	\$5,255	\$5,940	\$6,626	\$7,311
92120	\$1,646	\$2,195	\$2,394	\$3,012	\$4,057	\$4,931	\$5,670	\$6,410	\$7,149	\$7,889
92121	\$1,739	\$2,318	\$2,527	\$3,183	\$4,294	\$5,206	\$5,987	\$6,768	\$7,549	\$8,330
92122	\$1,888	\$2,518	\$2,746	\$3,458	\$4,665	\$5,662	\$6,511	\$7,361	\$8,210	\$9,059
92123	\$1,796	\$2,394	\$2,613	\$3,287	\$4,427	\$5,377	\$6,184	\$6,990	\$7,797	\$8,603
92124	\$1,988	\$2,651	\$2,898	\$3,648	\$4,921	\$5,976	\$6,872	\$7,768	\$8,664	\$9,561
92126	\$1,746	\$2,328	\$2,537	\$3,192	\$4,304	\$5,225	\$6,009	\$6,793	\$7,576	\$8,360
92127	\$1,760	\$2,347	\$2,565	\$3,230	\$4,381	\$5,390	\$6,199	\$7,006	\$7,815	\$8,624
92128	\$1,831	\$2,442	\$2,660	\$3,354	\$4,522	\$5,491	\$6,315	\$7,138	\$7,962	\$8,786
92129	\$1,503	\$2,005	\$2,185	\$2,755	\$3,715	\$4,513	\$5,189	\$5,866	\$6,543	\$7,220
92130	\$2,130	\$2,841	\$3,097	\$3,905	\$5,263	\$6,394	\$7,353	\$8,312	\$9,271	\$10,230
92131	\$2,059	\$2,746	\$2,993	\$3,772	\$5,083	\$6,175	\$7,101	\$8,028	\$8,954	\$9,880
92139	\$1,404	\$1,872	\$2,043	\$2,575	\$3,472	\$4,277	\$4,918	\$5,560	\$6,202	\$6,843
92145	\$1,582	\$2,109	\$2,299	\$2,898	\$3,905	\$4,741	\$5,452	\$6,163	\$6,874	\$7,585
92154	\$1,368	\$1,824	\$1,995	\$2,508	\$3,382	\$4,104	\$4,720	\$5,335	\$5,951	\$6,566
92173	\$1,083	\$1,444	\$1,577	\$1,986	\$2,679	\$3,249	\$3,736	\$4,224	\$4,711	\$5,198