



Participant Information

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program



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What is Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance?

Idaho Housing and Finance Association administers the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. This rental assistance program is designed to help eligible households rent safe, sanitary and affordable housing by paying some or all of their rental costs.

How Does It Work?

Each of IHFA's four branch offices maintain area waiting lists. If you are interested in obtaining Section 8 Rental Assistance, you must fill out an application for assistance and submit it to IHFA. Your income must fall within the income guidelines set by HUD in order to be considered income-eligible for rental assistance.

You will be placed on the waiting list once you are determined income-eligible. Because of the high demand for assistance, the period of time you may spend on the waiting list can vary from several months to more than two years. The preference for which you qualify, the date of your application, and rental assistance availability all determine how quickly you will receive assistance.

Once your name comes to the top of the waiting list, you will be contacted by your local branch office to complete eligibility determination and attend a participant briefing that explains the program.

Am I Eligible for Section 8 Rental Assistance?

You are considered eligible for the program if you fall within the income guidelines established by HUD and meet certain other eligibility requirements. You *may not* be considered eligible if you:

- Owe money to IHFA or any other housing authority.
- Have ever committed fraud while participating in a federal housing program.
- Have ever been evicted from public housing.
- Have committed drug-related or violent criminal acts or are a registered sex offender.
- Are determined to be ineligible due to other reasons as defined by HUD.

What are My Responsibilities as a Participant?

In order to remain in the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program, you must:

- Pay your share of the rent on time.
- Pay your utilities (if any).
- Not damage the property.
- Notify the IHFA Branch Office and landlord if you wish to move to another unit.
- Not commit any serious or repeated lease violations.
- Permit IHFA to conduct inspections to ensure the property is in good condition.
- Immediately report any changes in your household members and income.
- Attend meetings and complete and submit paperwork as required.

Where Can I Live?

Almost any kind of safe, decent and sanitary housing qualifies. Units can include:

- Apartments
- Homes/Duplexes
- Mobile Homes

To simplify your search for a unit, visit

www.housingidaho.com

To be Accepted, Units Must:

- Have adequate living space.
- Have adequate heating, electrical, water, and sewer systems.
- Be free from any conditions that might endanger your health and safety.
- Pass a housing quality standards inspection.
- Have a rent that is reasonable when compared to similar unassisted units.

Equal Housing Opportunity

The Section 8 Program and IHFA operate under the federal Fair Housing Law (Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968) and other federal and state housing laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, familial status, disability, national ancestry or origin.





Need More Information?

Visit our Web site www.ihfa.org, or contact a branch office near you:

Coeur d'Alene Branch

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Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

(208) 667-3380

Toll-free 1-866-621-2994

Idaho Falls Branch

506 S. Woodruff Ave.

Idaho Falls, ID 83401

(208) 522-6002

Toll-free 1-866-684-3756

Lewiston Branch

215 Tenth Street, Suite 101

P.O. Box 342

Lewiston, ID 83501

(208) 743-0251

Toll-free 1-866-566-1727

Twin Falls Branch

844 Washington St. N., Suite 300

Twin Falls, ID 83301

(208) 734-8531

Toll-free 1-866-234-3435

The phone number for IHFA's Boise Administration Office is (208) 331-4886. IHFA's statewide telephone number for hearing impaired persons is 1-800-545-1833, ext. 400.

Information in this brochure will be provided, upon request, in a manner which is usable for sight impaired, hearing impaired and mobility impaired persons.

Individuals requiring special accommodation to participate may call IHFA at (208) 331-4886 or TDD 1-800-545-1833, ext. 400 for assistance.

Idaho Housing and Finance Association, a financial services and housing business organization, provides funding for affordable housing in communities where it is most needed and when economically feasible. IHFA is a self-supporting corporation that must generate all revenue necessary to cover the cost of its operations. It does this by earning fees for work performed and does not use any state-appropriated funds for its operations.



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