

Manhattan Housing Authority

The Manhattan Housing Authority (MHA) is a not-for-profit organization committed to providing decent, safe and affordable housing to eligible applicants. MHA is governed by a Board of Commissioners, and receives the majority of its funding from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

What is the HUD - VASH Program?

The HUD-VASH program is a partnership between HUD and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) aimed at ending homelessness among veterans. HUD provides Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers to eligible veterans, while the VA provides ongoing case management services to help homeless veterans transition from homelessness to permanent housing. The Manhattan Housing Authority has been approved for 25 HUD-VASH vouchers.

Landlords and the HUD - VASH Program

The HUD-VASH program offers many benefits to landlords. Landlords know that the portion of the rent paid by MHA will be received each month, and they keep their right to enforce the lease agreement. Landlords participating in the HUD-VASH program are helping homeless veterans in obtaining decent, safe and affordable housing. If you are a landlord with questions about the HUD-VASH program, or are interested in being a participating landlord, please feel free to contact us. We are happy to answer any questions that you may have about the program, and we are always looking for new landlords to participate!



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Manhattan Housing Authority's HUD - VASH Voucher Program



SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR AMERICA'S HOMELESS VETERANS



Where Can I Use My HUD-VASH Voucher?

MHA 's HUD-VASH vouchers can be used anywhere within our service area, which includes Riley County and 15 miles outside of City limits. The Housing Authority also has a special agreement to provide assistance within the city limits of Junction City for HUD-VASH participants. Under certain conditions, vouchers may be transferred to another city.

How Much Will My Rent Be?

The rent you pay will depend on your income, the rent for the unit, the utility services you pay, and the HUD rent guideline for your voucher. Participants pay 30% of their monthly adjusted income for rent. The Housing Authority pays the difference between the 30% and the rent for the unit. Section 8 HCV DOES NOT pay for the Security Deposit, and you are responsible for any damages to the unit, just like any other renter. Participants may be eligible for Security Deposit assistance through other programs.

How Do I Find My New Home?

HUD-VASH participants search the private rental market for the house or apartment that is best for them. Your HUD-VASH Case Manager will help you in your search. When you have found the place that is right for you, the landlord will complete paperwork to begin the process of receiving housing assistance. The Housing Authority will complete an inspection of the unit to make sure it meets program guidelines, and then enter into an agreement with the landlord for the Housing Authority to make payments to the landlord on the participant's behalf.

Do I Sign a Lease with the Landlord?

Yes, once the unit is approved you will sign a lease with the landlord and must follow the lease just like any other tenant. The main difference is that you will pay the landlord directly for your part of the rent and the Housing Authority will pay the landlord for its part of the rent, so the landlord will receive two payments for the rent each month. Please DO NOT sign a lease if the unit has not been approved by the Housing Authority!

How Do I Know if I am Eligible for the HUD-VASH Program?

The HUD-VASH program is for homeless veterans or veterans living in transitional or supportive housing. You must be a veteran who meets VA requirements and Section 8 income guidelines. The veteran or any household member cannot be a lifetime registered Sex Offender. Both individuals and families may be eligible, as long as the head of household is a veteran. Section 8 income guidelines are based on the number of family members in the household. Income guidelines can be found at www.mhaks.com.

Who Should I Contact to Apply for HUD-VASH?

If you think that you may be eligible for a HUD-VASH voucher, please contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at 785 350-3111. The VA will help determine if you are eligible for the HUD-VASH program. If you are eligible under VA guidelines you will be referred to the Housing Authority to complete required paperwork and be issued your voucher.