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Rent Assistance Programs

Voucher Programs



Voucher Programs

Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8)

Participants pay portion of income for rent (ideally between 28.5% and 31% of gross monthly income)

Tenant-Based

- Voucher issued to the tenant (transferrable)
- Tenants select a home on the private market

Project-Based

- Assistance tied to a specific unit (Not transferrable)
- Property maintains waitlist

Voucher Programs

Eligible

- Household income at or below 50% AMI
- One eligible citizen or noncitizen

Ineligible

- Subject to lifetime requirement for sex offender registration
- Convicted of manufacturing methamphetamine on federally assisted housing
- Outstanding debt to a Public Housing Authority
 - Must be repaid



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Voucher Programs

Targeted Vouchers

Vouchers aligned with Social Services

- Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)
- Family Unification Program (FUP/FUPY)
- Homeless Family System of Care
- Mainstream Vouchers
- Emergency Housing Vouchers
- Long Term Rent Assistance

Voucher Programs

Coordinated Access in Multnomah County

Coordinated access to emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing:

- Adults without minor children
- Families with minor children
- Unaccompanied Youth
- Fleeing Domestic Violence
- Veterans



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community home listings

Affordable housing options that are not owned or operated by Home Forward

I Currently Hold A Housing Choice Voucher

If you receive rent assistance through our Housing Choice Voucher program, we maintain a [list of vacancies](#) from some of the landlords we work with. You might find the perfect home!

What If I Don't Have a Housing Choice Voucher?

Even if you don't have a voucher, we maintain a [list of communities](#) that have rent assistance (Project-based Vouchers or PBV) attached to their apartments. To apply, contact their leasing offices directly.

Please note that the listings on this page are not a complete list of every affordable housing option in the city.

Click here for a list of
PBV Properties

RLRA Voucher Program



RLRA Program

Regional Long-Term Rent Assistance Program

- Local Voucher Program - flexible and low barrier
- Funding - Metro Supportive Housing Services Measure
- Designed to make it easier and less burdensome for households to find secure housing
- Housing offered alongside supportive services

RLRA

Referrals to RLRA

- [Coordinated Access](#) system
- Community-based organizations
- Culturally-specific organizations

RLRA projects include vouchers for youth, adult, family, and veteran populations

RLRA program has both tenant-based and project-based vouchers

RLRA

Eligibility

- Head of Household has a disabling condition
- Household income is at or below 30% AMI
- Household eligible based on housing status

RLRA

Flexibility

- Tenant screening is not required – no mandatory denials or criminal background screening
- Documentation guidelines – flexibility with documentation requirements
 - Photo ID
 - Citizenship status – not assessed

STRA Program



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Short-Term Rent Assistance Program

- Short-term and emergency rent assistance to end and prevent homelessness in Multnomah County
 - Eviction Prevention
 - Rapid Re-Housing
 - Crisis Motel Vouchers

STRA Structure

Funds from.

- Joint Office
(including funds
from City of
Portland)
- Mult. Co. Dept.
Human Services
- Home Forward
- United Way



Home Forward's
STRA Program



STRA Structure



STRA System Targets

STRA System – Placement types

- Eviction Prevention
- Rapid Re-Housing
- Emergency Motel Vouchers

- Serves families with children, individuals, youth –focus on serving BIPOC households disproportionately impacted

STRA Eligible Activities

- ✓ Rent
- ✓ Security Deposits
- ✓ Rent arrears
- ✓ Motel vouchers
- ✓ Housing-related debt
- ✓ Mortgage assistance
- ✓ Application fees
- ✓ Move-in fees
- ✓ Limited non-leasing expenses (utility assistance, storage, moving costs, IDs)

STRA Access

- Housing supports by community agencies with capacity for assessment, navigation, and range of supportive services
- Access to STRA varies by funded provider
- Need for STRA assistance vastly greater than available resources:
 - Before pandemic, STRA providers could assist approximately 10% of those seeking assistance
- Difficulty accessing STRA is a function of inadequate resources

STRA and COVID Resources

Current resources through STRA

- Have focused on COVID emergency rent relief over past 2 years
- Current funding:
 - ARPA via 8 STRA partners
 - ERAP via Expanded Partner Networks

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