

Family Self Sufficiency Program (Section 8 Participants only)

The purpose of the Family Self-Sufficiency program is to enable eligible families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency. KCHA's FSS Program is the conduit between the client and the appropriate supportive services necessary to achieve independence. FSS case managers are assigned to FSS participants to make a proper assessment of strengths, needs and aspirations. The case manager will guide each client through a service plan which outlines short and long-term goals.

Some of the services provided to families include: childcare, transportation necessary to receive services, remedial education, job training and preparation, substance abuse treatment and counseling, training in home-making and parenting skills, training in money management, training in household management; and any other resources appropriate to assist eligible families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency. Some or all of the services may be provided by our partners in the community.

The FSS Program is five (5) years in length and is available to all Section 8 participants who have been on the Section 8 Program for at least one year.



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Holidays.



County of Kaua'i SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Rental Assistance Division

*To provide greater opportunities for
affordable housing and to support
community development for the residents of
the County of Kaua'i*



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The Kaua'i County Housing Agency Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV)

The HUD Housing Choice Voucher Program (Formerly known as HUD Section 8) is the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants can find their own housing, including single-family homes, town houses and apartments.

Housing choice vouchers are administered locally by public housing agencies (PHA). Kaua'i County Housing Agency (KCHA) is the PHA for Kaua'i County.

Our Responsibilities:

- Determine your eligibility for the program
- Explain the rules of the program
- Issue family a voucher
- Approve the unit, the owner, and the lease
- Make Housing Assistance Payments to the owner
- Ensure eligibility annually
- Ensure that owners comply with the contract and families comply with program rules
- Upon request, provide a reasonable accommodation to a disabled family member

Your Responsibilities:

- Provide complete, truthful, and accurate information to the Housing Agency
- Try to find a place to live that is suitable and qualifies for the program
- Cooperate in filling out and returning all paperwork, adhering to all deadlines, and attending appointments scheduled by the Housing Agency
- Take responsibility for the care of the assisted housing unit
- Comply with the terms of the lease
- Not engage in illegal drug or criminal activity
- Never withhold rent for any reason while you are assisted by the HCV Program

**PAYMENT STANDARDS
EFFECTIVE 1/1/2024**

Bedroom Size	Fair Market Rent (FMR)	Payment Standard (PS)
0	\$1,608	\$1,768
1	\$1,805	\$1,985
2	\$2,372	\$2,609
3	\$3,122	\$3,434
4	\$3,693	\$4,062
5	\$4,246	\$4,670
6	\$4,800	\$5,280
7	\$5,354	\$5,889
8	\$5,908	\$6,498

The Payment Standard is the maximum amount of subsidy that HUD will pay for a unit based on bedroom size. This does not mean we will necessarily subsidize a rental unit for these amounts. The unit must first be assessed for rent reasonableness compared to similar units.

**INCOME LIMITS
EFFECTIVE 04/01/2024**

Family Size	Extremely Low Income	*Very Low Income
1	\$27,900	\$46,450
2	\$31,850	\$53,100
3	\$35,850	\$59,750
4	\$39,800	\$66,350
5	\$43,000	\$71,700
6	\$48,260	\$77,000
7	\$54,450	\$82,300
8	\$60,640	\$87,600

**Maximum Annual GROSS Income allowable to participate in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.*

Please note that the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) requires that 75% of our new admissions to the program each year come from the Extremely Low-Income level.

Advantages of Leasing to a Housing Choice Voucher Assisted Tenant

Having a contracted monthly assistance payment that is on time and guaranteed. Payments are usually sent by the first of the month. (The initial rent payment will take approximately two (2) weeks to process) If the tenant's monthly income drops, their portion of the rent can be lowered and Kaua'i County Housing Agency's (KCHA) portion can be increased so the rent doesn't change.

Abundance of Participants

Participants to the Housing Choice Voucher Program are always actively looking for good landlords and quality units. You should never have low vacancy rates since there are plenty of participants to choose from. You can use your own selection criteria while remembering to stay within the fair housing guidelines.

Minimal Paperwork

KCHA will prepare a standard HUD lease agreement with Tenancy Addendum and HAP Contract for you. You and the tenant must simply sign the forms to initiate payments.

Free Yearly Inspections

KCHA inspects the dwelling unit prior to executing a HAP Contract. KCHA will also inspect the unit annually thereafter. We perform emergency or complaint inspections if requested.