New Opportunity for Property Owners & Developers

Presenting the Baltimore Regional Project Based Voucher (PBV) Program

Since 2016, six Baltimore-area public housing agencies, or PHA's, have been working with the Baltimore Metropolitan Council and Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership (BRHP) to carry out a regional PBV program. A seed grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Howard County Housing Commission made this new initiative possible and participating agencies are now sustaining it.

Through this Program, a property owner or developer can apply once for subsidies to use in six participating jurisdictions: The cities of Annapolis and Baltimore and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, and Howard Counties.



Our local housing agency partners have committed 150 vouchers to this program, adding 50 in 2020 to the original 100-voucher pilot from 2016. With 64 vouchers awarded through 2019, 86 remain in 2020.

Our vouchers will be project based, which means we award the voucher to a property owner or developer rather than to a tenant. The voucher stays with the unit as each tenant moves in and out. Tenants for the PBV units will come from a pool of families referred from participating PHA's who have received intensive counseling from BRHP.

Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs)



Submit Your Proposal

See our Request for Proposals (RFP) issued on February 2020, for new construction, substantial rehabilitation, and existing homes. View the RFP at <u>http://bit.ly/BaltRegionalPBV</u>.



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Linking People to Opportunity

A primary goal of the Regional PBV Program is to link low-income families to opportunity, which we define as safe communities with high quality public schools and access to job growth.

We will award at least two-thirds of the vouchers in areas where these opportunities already exist. We can award up to one-third of the vouchers outside these areas, but only as part of a broader program to bring or bolster these opportunities in the community.

On the *Opportunity Area Map*, the green shows examples of opportunity areas. To learn more about opportunity areas visit <u>http://bit.ly/BRHPopportunity</u>.

Timely Payments and Referrals

When you attach a voucher to five or more of

your units, a substantial portion of your rent automatically comes to you each month from BRHP. This makes the rent more affordable for these tenants and helps to make their monthly payment more reliable too.

In addition, all tenant referrals for these PBV units will come from our program. There will be no need for you to market these units. Your lease and tenant screening, within the parameters set in our RFP, will still apply.

Finally, all families on our waiting list will have the chance to take part in our housing mobility counseling both before and after moving to their new home. Counseling will include help with credit issues, family budgeting, and guidance on working with property owners and managers,



as well as their rights and responsibilities as a tenant.

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