

### Housing Programs

- **Project-based subsidies** are available through the management offices of specific complexes. You must apply directly to the apartment building that you are interested in. The waiting list for these can be lengthy as well but we encourage you to apply even if you don't think you can wait that long. The subsidy remains with the building & cannot be transferred.
- **Tax Credit Communities** are residences that have several different levels of rents with an income limit attached to each level – this creates the opportunity to rent to all income levels. (Apply directly to the community.)
- **The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher** provides rent assistance for very low and moderate income persons in privately owned rental apartments, flats, townhomes or houses. The Section 8 program permits landlords renting sound housing at reasonable rental rates to receive a portion of the rent for a subsidized tenant directly from the Housing Authority. The tenant pays for part of the rent based upon their adjusted monthly income, and the Section 8 program subsidizes a part of the rent.
- **Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS)** was designed by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is ran under the Section 8 program, it was created to aid families in earning money so that they are able to support themselves and to put them in a situation in which they are no longer in need of government assistance. As part of Family Self-Sufficiency, you meet with a counselor or case manager. They will create an Individual Training & Services Plan for you, which is required by HUD for any participants of the FSS Program. Then you take steps outlined in the Plan to work your way towards self-sufficiency.
- **Section 202-Supportive Housing for the Elderly** multifamily housing developments owned by private nonprofit organizations for which the federal government provides capital grants and project-based rental assistance
- **Section 811-Supportive Housing for Persons w/Disabilities** provides project-based rental assistance to private owners of multifamily housing properties and serves persons with disabilities.
- **Statewide Referral Network (SRN)** Links vulnerable populations, who are already connected to services, to affordable, available supportive housing. (some of these units may be in complexes that also accept other types of subsidized housing assistance). Housing units are available to anyone on the SRN waitlist including people with disabilities, persons experiencing homelessness or those individuals living in their communities that are at risk of homelessness. Some units may be restricted to age (e.g. 62+ or 55+) – should be filtered out during application process. Applicants must have income at 30% of Area Median Income or below. Application can only be completed online by Social Service Providers who have access to PAIR module (thru ILHousingSearch.org) –gets individual's name on the SRN Waitlist. The waiting list manager verifies eligibility and when an SRN unit becomes eligible matches the eligible waiting list participants with the units.

- **HUD/Veteran's Administration – VASH Program** -- VA Supportive Housing Program is a joint effort between HUD and VA to move Veterans and their families out of homelessness and into permanent housing. HUD provides housing assistance through its Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) that allows homeless Veterans to rent privately owned housing. VA offers eligible homeless Veterans clinical and supportive services through its health care system. If you need housing assistance, call the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 1-877-4AID-VET.