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Incentive Payments to Property Owners

Receive a financial incentive for renting to a CHA voucher holder!

1. **Own a unit in a Mobility Area.**
2. **Be a first-time property owner with the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program (never before participated).**
3. **Rent that unit to a CHA voucher holder.**
4. **Automatically receive an additional one-time lump sum payment equal to the Contract Rent.**

Mobility Areas are defined as community areas with poverty levels below 20% and low violent crime rates. For a map of Mobility Areas within the city of Chicago, visit: www.thecha.org/mobility

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Landlord Incentive Payment?

A one-time payment to a property owner who has never participated in the HCV Program and who rents a unit in a Mobility Area to a CHA voucher holder.

What is a Mobility Area?

A Mobility Area is a community area with a poverty level below 20% and a low violent crime rate. View an [Interactive Mobility Map](#). (Link will open in a new window.)

What is the purpose of this incentive?

To further CHA's goal of expanding access to community areas with tight rental markets.

How much is the incentive payment?

The incentive payment is equal to the Contract Rent of the unit (Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) plus participant portion).

When will I receive the incentive payment?

You will receive the payment within 60 days of your first HAP from CHA.

Is there a limit to the number of incentive payments a property owner can receive or a limit to the number of units in a particular building that are eligible?

Yes, this payment only applies to property owners who have never participated in the HCV Program. In addition, each property owner can only receive one (1) incentive payment, no matter the number of units available for rent or located in a particular building.

Do you have to apply to receive an incentive payment?

No, if your unit is located in a Mobility Area, you have never participated in the HCV Program and you lease to a CHA voucher holder, you will automatically receive this payment from CHA.

What happens if my unit is located across the street from an Mobility Area or in close proximity?

Unfortunately, if your unit is not located in a Mobility Area, no matter how close, you are not eligible for this incentive payment.

Why is this not available in other community areas?

The primary objective of this program is to make it easier for voucher holders to move into neighborhoods with low levels of poverty and less violent crime, and where the rental markets are often very competitive. This provides an incentive for property owners to rent to HCV participants in tight rental markets.