

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR TEXANS WITH DISABILITIES

Deeply Affordable Rental Subsidies

- Housing Choice Voucher Program Section 8 (HCV) is a federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program administered by public housing authorities (PHA) to provide rental assistance. The HCV recipient pays rent equal to about 30 percent of adjusted income and the PHA pays the remainder directly to the property owner. Not all PHA's administer HCV's. Find PHA's on HUD's list of Texas Public Housing Agencies, 211 website or call 211.
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) funds local governments, PHA's, and nonprofits, such as independent living centers, wishing to provide rental subsidies for up to 24 months while the household engages in a self-sufficiency program and up to five years for certain individuals with disabilities on a waiting list for a Section 8 HCV.
- Public Housing Program is also funded by HUD and administered by PHA's. Tenants are required to pay a minimum of \$50 or 30% of adjusted income. Around 32% of public housing residents are people with disabilities.
- Homeless Housing Assistance for homeless, at-risk of homeless or fleeing domestic violence is provided through state and local programs with federal assistance from HUD. Check your local housing agency on HUD's Texas public housing agency contacts and 211 website.

Assistance to Leave Institutions Using Section 8

- The Project Access Program uses HCV's or TBRA administered by TDHCA to assist low-income persons with disabilities and serious mental illness in transitioning from institutions to affordable housing.
- Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program at TDHCA, in partnership with HHSC, provides rental assistance in integrated housing for extremely low-income persons with wish to leave nursing homes and institutions, those with serious mental illness facing housing instability, and youth with disabilities existing foster care. Texas 811 Project assistance is limited and available only in the seven Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Traditional Affordable Housing

- Multi-Family Affordable Housing TDCHA administers the HOME Program and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC). These programs fund PHA's, nonprofits, and private developers for new construction or rehabilitation of low-income multifamily units or single resident units. Low-income means rents are no more than 80% of area median income. TDHCA's Help for Texans webpage lists affordable housing by city and county.

Home Ownership

- Texas Bootstrap Loan Program is for very low and extremely low-income people to build a new home or rehabilitate one. This is a self-help program where a person arranges 65% of the labor in exchange for a zero interest loan up to \$45,000 for total costs not to exceed \$90,000. Community non-profits, like Habitat for Humanity, may assist the family. TDCHA must allocate \$3 million per year to Bootstrap (Chapter 2306.7581 Texas Government Code).

Barrier Removal

- Amy Young Barrier Removal Program (AYBR) Persons with disabilities and seniors up to 80% AMFI can receive necessary accessibility modifications and rehabilitation in homes they own or rent up to a total of \$20,000. The modifications are free to eligible persons. Look under home repair and home modification in the Help for Texans webpage to see if you have a local AYBR. And, many city and counties have sources for home access barrier removal.