

Housing Choice Voucher Program

Landlord Incentive Program

Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) announces a bold plan to increase rental assistance in Columbus and Franklin County.



Program Incentives

CGI-CMHA will provide on behalf of the voucher holder, their security deposit payment up to \$500 for one & two bedroom units and up to \$750 for three or more bedrooms. CGI-CMHA will make the payment on the participant's behalf directly to the landlord after the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contract is executed. Security deposit payments made by CMHA/CGI shall not exceed the payment required in the lease. Landlords must agree to treat these security deposit funds consistent with program rules. Security deposits will be refunded to the tenant upon move out, subject to the terms of the lease.

To attract more private landlords to the program, CGI-CMHA is also implementing a Vacancy Payment for landlords when they are initially leasing to a voucher-holding tenant. Landlords with tenants moving into units with one or two bedroom units now have the option to accept a one-time \$500 vacancy payment with the submission of the Request For Tenancy Approval (RFTA). Landlords with tenants moving into units with three or more bedrooms now have the option to accept a one-time \$750 vacancy payment with the submission of the RFTA.

Finally, CGI-CMHA has engaged R.H. Brown and Co. (info@rhhbrown.org), a relocation expert, to assist families issued a voucher to locate and secure housing. This assistance will be at no expense to the voucher holder.

CMHA has allocated \$1 million in funds to cover the expenses for these programs with a sunset date of 06/30/2022. The program is subject to termination at the earlier of the expenditure of the allocated funds or if the sunset date is reached.

Please contact cmha.landlord@housing.systems or (833) 378-2220 for more information.