

# PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

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## Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance

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A photograph of a man and a young girl hugging outdoors on a wooden deck. The man is sitting on the ground, and the girl is sitting on his shoulders, hugging him from behind. They are both smiling and looking at each other. The background is a blurred green garden with trees and a white fence. A semi-transparent blue banner is overlaid on the bottom half of the image, containing the title text.

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## WHAT IS HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER RENTAL ASSISTANCE?

Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) administers the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance in 34 of the 44 counties in Idaho. This program is designed to help eligible households rent safe, sanitary, and affordable housing by paying some or all of their rental costs.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Each of IHFA's four branch offices maintain area waiting lists. If you are interested in obtaining Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance, you must fill out an application for assistance and submit it to IHFA. Your income must fall within the income guidelines set by HUD in order to be considered income-eligible for rental assistance.

You will be placed on the waiting list once you are determined income-eligible. Because of the high demand for assistance, the period of time you may spend on the waiting list can vary from several

months to more than two years. The preference for which you qualify, the date of your application, and rental assistance availability all determine how quickly you will receive assistance.

Once your name comes to the top of the waiting list, you will be contacted by your local branch office to complete eligibility determination and attend a participant briefing that explains the program.

## **AM I ELIGIBLE FOR HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER RENTAL ASSISTANCE?**

You are considered eligible for the program if you fall within the income guidelines established by HUD and meet certain other eligibility requirements. You *may not* be considered eligible if you:

- Owe money to IHFA or any other housing authority.
- Have ever committed fraud while participating in a federal housing program.
- Have ever been evicted from public housing.
- Have committed drug-related or violent criminal acts or are a registered sex offender.
- Are determined to be ineligible due to other reasons as defined by HUD.

## **WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS A PARTICIPANT?**

In order to remain in the program, you must:

- Pay your share of the rent on time.
- Pay your utilities (if any).
- Not damage the property.
- Notify the IHFA Branch Office and landlord if you wish to move to another unit.
- Not commit any serious or repeated lease violations.
- Permit IHFA to conduct inspections to ensure the property is in good condition.
- Immediately report any changes in your household members and income.

- Attend meetings and complete and submit paperwork as required.
- Abide by program rules and regulations.

## **WHERE CAN I LIVE?**

Almost any kind of safe, decent, and sanitary housing qualifies. Units can include:

- Apartments
- Homes/Duplexes
- Mobile Homes

For help in your search for a unit, visit *[housingidaho.com](http://housingidaho.com)*.

## **ARE THERE RENTAL UNIT REQUIREMENTS?**

To be accepted in the program, units must:

- Have adequate living space.
- Have adequate heating, electrical, water, and sewer systems.
- Be free from any conditions that might endanger your health and safety.
- Pass a HUD housing quality standards inspection.
- Have a rent that is reasonable when compared to similar unassisted units.

## **EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY**

The Housing Choice Voucher program and IHFA operate under the federal Fair Housing Law (Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968) and other federal and state housing laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, familial status, disability, national ancestry, or origin.

## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Follow the rental assistance links at [idahohousing.com](http://idahohousing.com) or contact a branch office near you:

### **Coeur d'Alene Branch**

915 W. Canfield Avenue  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815  
208.762.5113 • 866.621.2994  
[rentalassistanceccda@ihfa.org](mailto:rentalassistanceccda@ihfa.org)

### **Idaho Falls Branch**

1235 Jones St.  
Idaho Falls, ID 83401  
208.522.6002 • 866.684.3756  
[rentalassistanceif@ihfa.org](mailto:rentalassistanceif@ihfa.org)

### **Lewiston Branch**

2338 Nez Perce Drive  
Lewiston, ID 83501  
208.743.0251 • 866.566.1727  
[rentalassistancelew@ihfa.org](mailto:rentalassistancelew@ihfa.org)

### **Twin Falls Branch**

844 Washington St. N., Suite 300  
Twin Falls, ID 83301  
208.734.8531 • 866.234.3435  
[rentalassistancetf@ihfa.org](mailto:rentalassistancetf@ihfa.org)

### **Or You May Contact:**

Boise Rental Assistance Department  
P.O. Box 7899  
(565 W. Myrtle St.)  
Boise, ID 83707-1899  
855.505.4700  
[rentalassistance@ihfa.org](mailto:rentalassistance@ihfa.org)

Information in this brochure will be provided, upon request, in a manner which is usable for sight impaired, hearing impaired, and mobility impaired persons. Individuals requiring special accommodation to participate may call IHFA at 855.505.4700 for assistance.



## ABOUT IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION

Idaho Housing and Finance Association improves lives and strengthens Idaho communities by expanding housing opportunities, building self-sufficiency, and fostering economic development. Idaho Housing is self-supporting and generates its revenue through fees for work performed.

For complete program descriptions, visit [idahohousing.com](http://idahohousing.com).

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Boise, Idaho 83707-1899

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