

For a limited time, Murfreesboro Housing Authority's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program is offering a financial incentive to owners/landlords for "new" lease ups. Owners/landlords will be eligible for a \$500 bonus for EVERY new lease with one of the HCV's participants moving into a Rutherford County unit.

Owners/landlords who are new to the HCV/Section 8 Program in Rutherford County (or returning owners/landlords who have not been an active owner/landlord for the last 12 months) are eligible for an *additional* \$500 lease-signing bonus!

Landlord Financial Incentive FAQ's

- Q: Who qualifies for this \$500 financial incentive?
- A: New and existing landlords who are signing a new lease with a Housing Choice voucher participant moving into their Rutherford County property on or after 10/1/2020. New landlords will be eligible for an additional incentive of \$500.
- Q: Who qualifies as new owners/landlords?
- A: New owners and landlords are identified as those who are working with the MHA HCV program for the very first time, and/or returning owners who have not been an active owner for the last 12 months.
- Q: How do I sign up for this incentive?
- A: You do not have to sign up to receive this incentive. Any Rutherford County landlord who signs a new lease on or after 10/1/2020 to a Housing Choice Voucher tenant will be provided the incentive once all the normally requested paperwork is complete.
- Q: Do lease renewals qualify for the incentive?
- A: No, lease renewals do not qualify. This incentive is for new leases only.
- Q: When will the incentive be paid?
- A: The incentive will be paid when all requested lease and contract paperwork is completed, returned, and the file is processed for its first payment.

Q: How will the incentive be paid?

A: The incentive will be paid via paper check, and separate from the tenant's housing assistance payments.

Q: I am set up for direct deposit, will I receive the incentive payment electronically?

A: No, all incentive payments will be paid via paper check, and separate from the tenant's housing assistance payment.

Q: Can I qualify for more than one incentive?

A: Yes, owners can receive an incentive for every new lease signed on or after Oct. 1, 2020.

Q: How long are you offering this financial incentive?

A: We are offering this for any new lease up effective October 1, 2020 or later. Staff anticipate this will continue until December 31, 2020. The continuation of the financial incentive and the availability of funds will continue to be reviewed on a monthly basis.

Q: Will I receive a tax document for these payments?

A: Yes, a Form 1099-MISC will be issued for these payments.

Q: Who can I contact for more information?

A: Sebrina Young at (615) 225-9471 or syoung@mha-tn.org. This page will be updated periodically to reflect answers to additional frequently asked questions.