



## Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (also known as Section 8 Rental Assistance) allows recipients to locate and rent a house, duplex, apartment or mobile home on their own using a Housing Choice Voucher, as long as the dwelling meets U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines. HUD pays a portion of the resident's monthly rent to their landlord and the resident pays the remainder, which is usually 30 to 40 percent of their income. There is a waiting list for this program.

This program is administered by Kentucky Housing Corporation in 87 counties throughout the Commonwealth, usually in counties where there is no local housing authority. Kentucky Housing receives funding from HUD, which is used to pay rent to owners on behalf of the program families.

As program administrator, Kentucky Housing reviews all paperwork associated with the rental assistance program, beginning with the application process and ending at the time the family leaves the program. When Kentucky Housing receives an application from a family, their information is reviewed for income eligibility. As funding is appropriated, families at the top of the waiting list are mailed notification letters. At this time, the family begins to work with Kentucky Housing staff to collect the verifications required by federal regulations.

When the family selects a unit, Kentucky Housing field staff conducts a housing quality standards inspection on the unit. After Kentucky Housing processes all of the applicable paperwork, housing assistance payments begin. Kentucky Housing conducts annual inspections and reviews of family information as long as they remain program participants.

All applicants for this program must meet income requirements and have not participated in drug-related or violent criminal activity within the past three years. All applicants listed on the sex offender registry are excluded from program participation. Applicants are also excluded if any member of the household has ever been convicted of the manufacture or possession of methamphetamine on the premises of federally assisted housing.

Interested persons should contact the rental housing office in their area and ask for an application. In western Kentucky, call (866) 855-7317. In central Kentucky, call (877) 552-7368. In eastern Kentucky, call (866) 208-6525.

The waiting list for this program is open each year for the months of July and January. The application is available during these months on Kentucky Housing Corporation's Web site, [www.kyhousing.org](http://www.kyhousing.org).

For more information on the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program, contact Kentucky Housing Corporation's Charles Leachman toll-free in Kentucky at (877) 552-7368 or (502) 564-7630, extension 766; TTY 711; or e-mail [cleachman@kyhousing.org](mailto:cleachman@kyhousing.org).

For details on all Kentucky Housing Corporation programs, visit [www.kyhousing.org](http://www.kyhousing.org) or call Kentucky Housing Corporation's Danielle Humes toll-free in Kentucky at (800) 633-8896 or (502) 564-7630, extension 747; TTY 711; or e-mail [dhumes@kyhousing.org](mailto:dhumes@kyhousing.org).

