



SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER

ACTIVITIES	Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers may be used to assist income eligible households to pay their rent in existing housing units, up to an allowed maximum.
AREAS	All areas of Westchester County are eligible.
RECIPIENTS	<p>Vouchers are issued to households with incomes at or below 50% Area Median Income (AMI), established by HUD. At least 70% of the vouchers must be issued to households with incomes at or below 30% AMI.</p> <p>See Area Median Incomes for Westchester County to find maximum incomes by family size.</p>
FUNDS	<p>Generally, tenants are responsible for paying at least 30% of their income toward their rent. The Section 8 office, through the New York State Housing Finance Agency, will directly pay the balance of the rent funds on the first of the month to the landlord. The number of vouchers available to new participants is limited by the amount of funds provided to Westchester County by the federal government. Families that apply are placed on a waiting list until funds are available to assist them.</p>
RESTRICTIONS	<p>Participating households must abide by the program regulations and their family obligations. Households whose assistance has been terminated for cause are ineligible for any future assistance. Households are allowed to select appropriate housing units anywhere in Westchester County, or having lived in the county for a minimum of a one-year period, anywhere in the country. The units must be legal and pass a Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspection. Households are encouraged to find apartments in “non-impacted areas,” where the population is less than 40% minority or low-income. Landlords may not discriminate against household with Section 8 vouchers and may not lease units to relatives unless the Section 8 recipient has a disability that requires special assistance.</p>
CONTACT INFORMATION	<p>Interested applicants and landlords should contact:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Westchester County Section 8 Rental Assistance Office 112 E. Post Road White Plains NY 10601 914-995-2415</p> <p>NOTE: A number of local governments in the County also administer this program including: Eastchester, Greenburgh, Village of Mamaroneck, Town of Mamaroneck and Larchmont, New Rochelle, Ossining, Mt. Kisco, Peekskill, Pelham, Port Chester, Tuckahoe, White Plains, Yonkers, and Yorktown.</p>