

# MID MISSOURI PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY



Mid-Missouri Public housing Agency (MMPHA), through a contract with Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA), provides rental assistance to low income individuals and families in Callaway (except in the city limits of Fulton), Cole, Cooper, Howard, Moniteau, and Osage counties.



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# A Place to Call HOME!

A GUIDE TO THE  
HOUSING CHOICE  
VOUCHER PROGRAM





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## WHAT IS THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM?

The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program provides rental help to eligible tenants by paying a portion of their monthly rent directly to their landlords. A tenant with a voucher generally pays 30% of their household income toward rent. The voucher pays the rest.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM?

In order to qualify for the program, tenants must meet the income guidelines based on location and family size.

When issuing vouchers, priority is given priority to families who are homeless.

**You may be denied a voucher if:**

- You owe money to another Public Housing Agency
- A criminal background involving, drug or violent activity within the last 3 years
- You are on the sex offenders registry

## WHAT TYPE OF HOUSING IS COVERED BY HCV?

All types of homes are eligible! Single family homes, duplexes, town-homes, condos, apartments, or mobile homes that suit your family's needs and pass the Housing Quality Standards inspection are all eligible for the HCV program.

## CAN I WORK AND STILL QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM?

Yes, it is possible to be working and still qualify for the program.

## HOW LONG IS THE WAITING LIST?

Families are added to the wait list when a completed pre-application has been submitted with the necessary documents. The time frame can range from 6 months to 2 years. Families are pulled from the wait list in the order completed applications were received.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR THE HCV PROGRAM

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### PRE-APPLICATION

Applications can be found online or picked up at the CMCA Family Resource Center in your community.

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### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Applicants must provide the following documents for everyone living in the household:

- Social Security Card
- State Issued Birth Certificate
- Picture ID for everyone over 17

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### BACKGROUND CHECK

MMPHA will conduct a criminal background check through state and local agencies. If cleared, the applicant is placed on the waiting list.

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### HCV BRIEFING CLASS

When the applicant's name reaches the top of the list, they will be contacted and scheduled to attend a briefing class where they will receive their voucher.

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### INSPECTION

Once it is determined that the applicant qualifies for the HCV program, a voucher is issued for 60 days.

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### LEASING

All HCV leases are for an initial term of one year.