

LANDLORDS NEEDED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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RALEIGH, NC – Last year a report from the Wake County Board of Commissioners said there was a 50,000-unit deficit of affordable housing across Wake County. This year the demand for affordable housing increased due to the number of families displaced by Hurricane Florence. This influx to our area has even more families competing for affordable units. In order to combat this issue, Raleigh Housing Authority (RHA) needs more landlords and property management companies throughout Wake County to assist by accepting Housing Choice vouchers.

In an effort to assist displaced families who had federal housing assistance in the hurricane damaged counties, RHA will be issuing HCV for them to find affordable homes. The families choose where to live and the voucher helps offset rental costs for eligible families. The rental properties the families find must meet federally mandated Housing Quality Standards (HQS). Landlords who participate will help to quickly house these families.

Assistance is needed not only for Hurricane Florence evacuees but for all Wake County families seeking affordable units. Low income families cannot benefit from this housing assistance if landlords and property management companies are not willing to accept the Housing Choice voucher. Families with a HCV are searching for housing with monthly rents that fall under the maximum rental standards HUD has established for the HCV Program that currently range from \$846 to \$1,764 depending on the bedroom size. The Housing Authority portion of the monthly rent will be paid monthly to the landlord and deposited each month into the landlord's bank account.

To learn more about RHA's landlord participation requirements, visit the *Section 8 Landlord* tab on the RHA's website at www.rhaonline.com. Simply complete the Owner Application and supply the required documentation. Once approved you may begin advertising that you will accept a Housing Choice Voucher.

Raleigh Housing Authority would like to recognize and thank the landlords who are currently under contract with the **3,921 Housing Choice Vouchers being used in our jurisdiction**. Your participation is helping our community tackle the affordable housing challenges facing low income families.