# Rental Assistance Program Responsibilities

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**Three-Way Partnership** 

The success of the rental assistance program requires cooperation among the landlord, tenant, and the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC), which administers the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program on behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

- The program runs smoothly when each party understands and diligently fulfills their responsibilities.
- Participating landlords enjoy the security of guaranteed federal rental payments and the freedom to manage their rental properties.
- Tenants are assured decent, safe and affordable housing.



## **Partnership**

#### SDHC:

- Provide landlords and rental assistance tenants with prompt, professional service
- Determine eligibility of applicants for federal rental assistance
- Provide clear information about the HCV program
- Issue Federal Housing Choice Vouchers to qualified households
- Conduct rental housing unit inspections every two years
- Determine if rent is reasonable compared to similar units
- Approve unit, rent, and lease terms
- Contract with landlord to pay the SDHC portion of rent
- Make on-time and accurate Housing Assistance Payments
- Monitor tenant eligibility every other year
- Ensure tenant and landlord comply with program rules

#### Landlords:

- Comply with fair housing laws
- Screen and select tenants
- Maintain rental unit
- Collect tenant portion of rent
- Comply with and enforce the lease
- Comply with terms of the Housing Assistance Payments Contract

### **Tenants:**

- Pay rent on time
- Comply with program rules, including reporting changes in household composition or income
- Abide by terms of lease, such as paying utilities and maintaining appliances
- Pay for any damage to unit beyond normal wear and tear

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Established in 1979, the San Diego Housing Commission provides a variety of award-winning affordable housing programs and services that stimulate the local economy, revitalize neighborhoods, and impact the lives of low-income and homeless San Diegans.