

Choice Communities Initiative

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The San Diego Housing Commission's (SDHC) Choice Communities "Moving to Work" Initiative provides families that receive rental assistance with more flexibility to choose to live in neighborhoods that offer more opportunities for transportation, schools, and employment.

To increase housing opportunities through this initiative and to continue to assist as many low-income families as possible, SDHC updated the payment standards that are used to determine the amount of rental assistance each family receives.

SDHC divided City of San Diego (City) ZIP Codes into three groups, each with its own payment standards:



Point Loma Community

- **Choice Communities**
- **Enterprise Communities**
- **Signature Communities**

Payment Standards

The payment standard is the maximum subsidy payment that the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher would pay for an apartment or rental house minus the applicable tenant rent portion. Families pay a predetermined amount of the rent, and SDHC pays the remainder of the rent, up to the applicable payment standard, directly to the landlord.

The payment standard is based on the number of bedrooms approved for the family's size and the community to which the family moves.

If the total rent payment for an apartment or house is higher than the payment standard, the tenant is responsible for paying the difference, in addition to their predetermined portion of the rent.

FY 2020 Payment Standards by Bedroom Size							
Community	SRO	0	1	2	3	4	5
Choice Communities	\$1,090	\$1,453	\$1,610	\$2,091	\$2,869	\$3,328	\$3,827
Enterprise Communities	\$983	\$1,311	\$1,451	\$1,883	\$2,709	\$2,925	\$3,364
Signature Communities	\$811	\$1,080	\$1,232	\$1,495	\$2,180	\$2,629	\$3,023

Please see reverse side for a map of all three communities

Security Deposit Loan Assistance

Families moving to Choice or Enterprise Communities are eligible for no-interest security deposit loans up to the payment standards for the area for their voucher size.

Mobility Counseling Program

An SDHC mobility counselor assists with pre- and post-moving counseling, housing search assistance and guidance about neighborhood features for families moving to Choice or Enterprise Communities.

*For additional information, please contact the SDHC Mobility Counselor at
(619) 578-7131 or mobility@sdhc.org*



Choice Communities

- 92106 Point Loma
- 92108 Mission Valley
- 92119 San Carlos
- 92120 Grantville
- 92121 Sorrento Valley
- 92122 University City
- 92123 Mission Village
- 92124 Tierrasanta
- 92126 Mira Mesa
- 92127 Rancho Bernardo
- 92128 Rancho Bernardo
- 92129 Rancho Penasquitos
- 92130 Del Mar Heights
- 92131 Scripps Miramar Ranch
- 92037 La Jolla

Enterprise Communities

- 92101 Downtown
- 92103 Mission Hills/Hillcrest
- 92107 Ocean Beach
- 92109 Mission Beach & Pacific Beach
- 92110 Morena
- 92111 Linda Vista
- 92117 Clairemont
- 92139 Paradise Hills
- 92145 Miramar

Signature Communities

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| 92102 Downtown | 92115 College Grove |
| 92104 North Park | 92116 Normal Heights |
| 92105 East San Diego/City Heights | 92154 Nestor/South San Diego |
| 92113 Logan Heights | 92173 San Ysidro |
| 92114 Encanto | |

