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:

- Choice Communities
- Enterprise Communities
- Signature Communities

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development granted a waiver to SDHC, allowing a higher payment standard for Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers.

**Payment Standards**

The payment standard is the maximum subsidy payment that the VASH 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.

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Please see reverse side for a map of all three communities

**Landlord Engagement and Assistance Program (LEAP)**

VASH households are eligible to receive security deposit assistance through LEAP. Landlords renting to VASH households can also receive benefits such as leasing incentives. For more information, please contact: 619-578-7768 or housingfirstsandiego@sdhc.org

**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 more information please contact 619-578-7131 or mobility@sdhc.org
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**Choice Communities**

92101  Downtown  
92108  Mission Valley  
92122  University City  
92124  Tierrasanta  
92127  Rancho Bernardo  
92128  Rancho Bernardo  
92130  Del Mar Heights  
92131  Scripps Ranch

**Enterprise Communities**

92037  La Jolla  
92103  Mission Hills/Hillcrest  
92106  Point Loma  
92107  Ocean Beach  
92109  Mission Beach & Pacific Beach  
92110  Morena  
92111  Linda Vista  
92117  Clairemont  
92119  San Carlos  
92120  Grantville  
92121  Sorrento Valley  
92123  Mission Village  
92126  Mira Mesa  
92129  Rancho Penasquitos  
92139  Paradise Hills  
92145  Miramar

**Signature Communities**

92102  Downtown  
92104  North Park  
92105  East San Diego/City Heights  
92113  Logan Heights  
92114  Encanto  
92115  College Grove  
92116  Normal Heights  
92154  Nestor/South San Diego  
92173  San Ysidro  
91950  National City