Opportunity in 2019 for Property Owners & Developers

Presenting the Baltimore Regional Project Based Voucher (PBV) Program
Since 2016, six Baltimore-area public housing agencies, or PHA’s, have been working with the Baltimore Metropolitan Council and Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership (BRHP) to pilot a new regional PBV program. A seed grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Howard County Housing Commission has made this new initiative possible.

Through this Program, a property owner or developer can apply once for subsidies to use in five participating county-level jurisdictions: Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, and Howard Counties.

The pilot portion of the Baltimore Regional PBV Program began with 100 housing vouchers provided by our local housing agency partners. With 44 vouchers awarded through 2018, 56 remain in 2019.

Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs)
Our vouchers will be project based, which means we award the voucher to a property owner or developer rather than to a tenant. The voucher stays with the unit as each tenant moves in and out. Tenants for the PBV units in this program will come from a regional waiting list that BRHP will administer.

Submit Your Proposal
Linking People to Opportunity
A primary goal of the Regional PBV Program is to link low-income families to opportunity, which we define as safe communities with high quality public schools and access to job growth.

We will award at least two-thirds of the vouchers in areas where these opportunities already exist. We can award up to one-third of the vouchers outside these areas, but only as part of a broader program to bring or bolster these opportunities in the community.

On the Opportunity Area Map, the green shows examples of opportunity areas. To learn more about opportunity areas visit http://bit.ly/BRHPopportunity.

Timely Payments and Referrals
When you attach a voucher to five or more of your units, a substantial portion of your rent automatically comes to you each month from BRHP. This makes the rent more affordable for these tenants and helps to make their monthly payment more reliable too.

In addition, all tenant referrals for these PBV units will come from our waiting list. There will be no need for you to market these units. Your tenant screening and your lease will still apply.

Finally, all families on our waiting list will have the chance to take part in our housing mobility counseling both before and after moving to their new home. Counseling will include help with credit issues, family budgeting, and guidance on working with property owners and managers, as well as their rights and responsibilities as a tenant.

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