



PHA Profile: Rhode Island Housing Project-based Voucher Supportive Housing Program

Basic PHA Stats

Location: Rhode Island

Housing Choice Vouchers: 1,609

Program Description

Rhode Island Housing (RIH) uses Project-based Vouchers (PBV) to serve households who are elderly, homeless, and/or have disabilities.

Description	
Percentage of HCVs that can be project-based under Admin Plan	20%
Percentage or number of project-based vouchers that can be dedicated to homeless or special-needs populations.	20%
Project-based vouchers currently under contract	312
Project-based vouchers currently under contract for homeless or special-needs populations	119

Motivation

The PBV Program aligns with the mission of Rhode Island Housing: “Rhode Island Housing strives to ensure that all people who live or work in Rhode Island can afford a healthy, attractive home that meets their needs.” Rhode Island Housing provides programs and services that can ultimately help in the goal to end homelessness.

Resources Required

RIH has been able to use staff from the Family Self Sufficiency Program to assist and recruit the families that are being qualified for PBV Assistance.

Challenges

The Project-based Supportive Housing Programs require that you establish and coordinate procedures that are both in compliance with HUD rules and will be effective in processing applicants and moves for different owners and/or management agents with different tenant selection criteria.

Rewards

RIH has found it is rewarding to be able to assist the populations most in need - homeless, disabled and elderly families. Currently 95% of the units under Project Based Voucher Program are leased.

Partners

Name of Key Partner	Type of Organization/Role in Program
Crossroads	Social Service Agency/ Management Agent and Owner
AIDS Care Ocean State	Social Service Agency/ Management Agent and Owner
Church Community Housing	Housing & Service Agency/ Management Agent and Owner

Documentation Changes Made

Document	Access the Documents
Annual Plan	http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/pha/approved/pdf/11/ri901v01.pdf
Administrative Plan	http://www.rhodeislandhousing.org/filelibrary/Approved%20HCVP%20Admin%20Plan.pdf

Words of Wisdom from Rhode Island Housing

“There is always a need for housing for special populations and homeless families. Project-basing will allow public housing authorities to directly assist these families.”

Contact Person for PHAs Interested in Implementing a Similar Program

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