

# Landlord Participation Incentive Program

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Housing Choice Vouchers  
& partnering with  
property owners

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Maine landlords are key to addressing our state's affordable housing needs. That's why Portland Housing, MaineHousing, and the Maine Association of Public Housing Directors (MAPHD) are partnering to encourage landlords across the state to become part of our network of property owners who rent to Housing Choice Voucher participants.

## **Portland Housing's Housing Choice Voucher Program**

Our Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program provides rental assistance to income-eligible tenants by paying a portion of their monthly rent and utilities directly to their landlord.

Landlords who rent to HCV participants help people in their communities find good homes. HCV landlords are also protected from financial hardship. Portland Housing pays a monthly portion of the HCV participant's rent. If the HCV participant loses their income, Portland Housing steps in to pay the rest.

Thanks to our new partnership with MaineHousing and MAPHD, we can offer more benefits to landlords like you:

### **Signing bonus**

Portland Housing will pay landlords a \$750 signing bonus for each newly-leased HCV tenant. The rent must be within HCV guidelines, and

the unit must pass a Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspection. You can find more information on rental rates and HQS on our website.

### **Repair grants**

Though we expect units will be move-in ready for the initial inspection, we know that things don't always go as planned. We also know that repairs aren't always something you can pay for in the moment.

If a unit fails an HQS inspection and the landlord agrees to pay the initial \$250 in repairs, Portland Housing Authority will pay for the rest of the repairs (up to \$5,000 total across all units per year). You can find more information on this grant on our website.

### **Damage reimbursements**

While most HCV participants appreciate and respect their apartment, sometimes things happen. Portland Housing Authority will reimburse landlords for up to \$1,500 per unit to help manage damage costs beyond those covered by a security deposit. You can find more information about damage reimbursements on our website.

### **More information**

Please be in touch if you have any questions or would like more information about these benefits and our Housing Choice Voucher Program! We appreciate your partnership, the hard work you do, and look forward to working with you.