



SCOTT COUNTY CDA TENANT BASED HOUSING ASSISTANCE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a voucher?

The rent assistance that is received from the Housing Choice Voucher Program is called a "Voucher." Vouchers stay with the tenant and not with the housing unit. This allows households to choose a rental unit from the private rental market as long as the property owner is willing to accept the rental assistance.

What is the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV)?

Known as HCV or Section 8, this is a federally funded, rental subsidy program that assists its participants with their monthly rental payments. Participants locate a rental unit in the private marketplace and pay a minimum of 30% of their income towards the rent.

How do I get a Housing Choice Voucher (also called Section 8 Voucher or HCV)?

The process begins by applying at a housing authority (such as the Scott County CDA) when the waiting list for the program is open. Unfortunately, waiting lists open infrequently because each housing authority has a limited amount of vouchers to administer. It is a good idea to sign up for automatic e-mail alerts from Housinglink.org so you get a notification when a waiting list opens. Also, visit our waiting list resource page [here](#) for more information about Scott County CDA rental assistance programs.

What is Fair Housing?

You can read more about Fair Housing Resources [here](#).

What if I am homeless or facing eviction and need emergency rental assistance?

We do not offer emergency housing but there are resources that we recommend. Since the CDA's programs operate off a waiting list which may be lengthy, you should contact other resources for assistance below:

- [Homeless Coordinated Entry](#)
- [CAP Agency Housing Options](#)
- [HousingLink Waiting List](#)
- [Emergency Assistance](#)

What if I am a survivor of domestic violence?

Please call 911 if you have immediate concerns over your safety. If domestic violence is impacting your current housing situation, [click here](#) to learn about your rights, and call your Housing Specialist for further guidance at [\(952\) 402-9022](tel:9524029022). Our hours are Monday-Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:15 pm and in the summer months our Friday hours are 8:00 am to 11:45 am. Southern Valley Alliance is a local organization with resources and information, and we invite you to visit their website [here](#).

Where would I find more information about rental assistance in other communities?

HousingLink is a local organization with additional resources and information about subsidized housing that may be available for you. Please visit their website by clicking [here](#).

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