The Weatherford Housing Authority

The Weatherford Housing Authority has existed in Weatherford, Parker County for over forty years. The Agency is funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and governed by local citizens who form a board of Commissioners. The Agency administers the Housing Choice Voucher Tenant Base Assistance Program, or as it is more commonly known: The Section 8 Program.

The purpose of the Section 8 Program is to provide decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing in Parker County to eligible families through a rental subsidy on their behalf, paid to a private Landlord that the Agency contracts with.

Eligibility

Program eligibility is determined by the following:

Family Composition

Disclosure of social security numbers for each family member, and a certified birth certificate for each family member.

Citizenship Status

Income Limits for a family of:

(1) 23,050 (3) 29,650 (5) 34,900

(2) 26,650 (4) 32,900 (6) 38,200

Application/The Waiting List

The Program Is managed by a Waiting list, and an individual must complete an Application to be considered for eligibility.

A criminal record check is run on each Head of Household and each Family member, eighteen years of age or older. If the family members pass this check, and other applicable verifications, the family is placed on the Waiting List.

A family must wait until its name is selected from the waiting list, based on the date and time applied. Unfortunately the Agency does not provide emergency assistance.

The Search

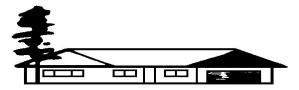
Once a Family's name is selected from the waiting list, the Head of Household will be advised by Letter, of an opportunity to attend a Briefing (Orientation) on the Program. After an applicant has attended a formal Briefing Session, he/she will be issued a Voucher-an opportunity to search for a unit, and contact landlord's with the Housing Authority's approval. The voucher documents the appropriate bedroom size that a Family is certified to occupy. The search for a unit is the choice of the Applicant. A unit may be an apartment, house, duplex, or mobile home. The unit must meet the minimum housing quality standards of the program. The contract rent and potential utility allowance for the unit, must be lower than the payment standard for the bedroom size, the individual has been certified for:

Following are the Payment Standards:

0 bedroom \$599 1 bedroom: \$696

2 bedroom \$876 3 bedroom: \$1,162

4 bedroom \$1,406



Housing Quality Standard Inspections (HQS) WHA Staff

performs an inspection on a unit selected by an applicant prior to entering into a Contract with an Owner to provide tenancy assistance to a family. The unit <u>must</u> pass the minimum standards inspection.

Admission: A Weatherford Housing Authority Case Specialist will gather and verify all household income, assets, deductions, and allowances to calculate the potential tenant's contribution to the rent. Generally, this figure is based on 30% of the adjusted gross income of the family. The minimum rent established by the Weatherford Housing Authority is: \$50.00

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Section 8

The Weatherford Housing Authority is one of the few agencies in Parker County which offers a solution to long-term Housing Assistance for the economically disadvantaged. If you know of persons who may be eligible for the Program, please, visit our website at:



www.whaweatherford.com