

Through the CARES act, MCHA has been awarded funding that will be invested in expanding and sustaining affordable housing opportunities throughout McKean County. This program is being offered to both new and existing landlords owning property in McKean County. Don't miss out on participating in this incentive program, which offers generous incentive payments to Owners who;

- sign up as a new landlord
- sign a HAP contract on a new unsubsidized unit
- bring an HQS deficient unit into HQS compliance
- accept new participants that require security deposit assistance
- participating in a landlord workshop

Landlords are only eligible for 1 incentive per unit. This incentive program will only run through June 30, 2021.

NEW LANDLORD INCENTIVE - \$500.00

Landlords who have not been a participating landlord in 2020/2021 and sign up with the MCHA HCV program before June 30, 2021 would qualify for this incentive. Landlords must enter into a lease and HAP contract as well as complete the new landlord packet.

LEASE UP BONUS - \$500.00

Landlords who sign a lease and HAP contract on a unit that has not been subsidized in 2020/2021 would be eligible for this incentive. This is open to current landlords as well as new landlords. New landlords cannot receive both the new landlord incentive and the lease up bonus for the initial HAP contract. New landlords can receive the lease up bonus for a new unit if they own multiple units and enter into additional HAP contracts. Existing landlords can receive the lease up bonus when they sign a HAP contract on a unit that has not been subsidized in 2020/2021.

REHAB INCENTIVE – up to \$1500.00

Landlords who have an unsubsidized unit that would not currently pass HQS would qualify for this incentive. An HQS inspection would need to be completed to confirm that the unit does not pass. The landlord would need to provide invoices from vendors for repairs made. Once the unit passes HQS inspection and a HAP contract has been executed the landlord would be reimbursed for the costs of their rehab up to \$1500.00. The unit cannot have been subsidized in 2020/2021.

SECURITY DEPOSIT ASSISTANCE

MCHA may pay the security deposit for NEW Housing Choice Voucher participants, to the landlord, for up to the cost of one full month of rent. Participants should first apply for security deposit assistance through the MCRHA HHS program.

LANDLORD WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION - \$50

- Landlords who sign up for and attend a virtual workshop will receive \$50 with their next HAP payment. This is open to both new and existing landlords. Workshops will be held monthly via zoom. These workshops are designed to provide an overview of topics such as: HCV program overview, the leasing process, inspections, payment standards, landlord and participant requirements, and MCHA's rent increase policy. These workshops are also a great opportunity to communicate any issues with the Section 8 Department as well as to ask any specific questions. All of the workshops are being held via zoom for the time being. The dates of the workshops are listed below. Please contact Anne Johnson, abjohnson@mcrha.com if you plan to attend so that the zoom link can be provided to you.

April 20, 2021—10AM

May 19, 2021—2PM

June 23, 2021—6PM