

OUR MISSION:

Opening doors through individualized, comprehensive services and community partnerships that empower low-income individuals and families to improve their quality of life.

OUR SERVICES:

Energy Assistance Program (EAP)
Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV)
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)
Head Start Program



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HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM FOR TENANTS



Serving the residents of Jefferson,
Jennings and Scott Counties since 1965



What is the Housing Choice Voucher Program?

OVO's HCV Program (otherwise known as Section 8) is a federally funded program that provides rental assistance to income-qualified families, including working adults, older adults and individuals with disabilities, so that they may afford safe and decent housing in the community of their choice. Program participants are required to pay a portion of their rent, usually 40% or less of their income. The remainder of the rental cost is supplemented by a Housing Assistance Payment made directly to the property owner or manager by OVO each month.



Additional Questions?

Contact our office by phone at (812) 265-5858, visit our website at www.ovoinc.org/section-8-housing/ or drop by in-person at our Administration Office at 421 Walnut Street, Madison, IN 47250.

How can I get an HCV Voucher?

The first step is to have your name placed on our Waiting List. Links to OVO's Waiting List applications for each of our three counties can be found on our website: <https://ovoinc.org/section-8-housing/>.

While on the Waiting List, it is very important that you update your contact information in writing to OVO to ensure we are able to contact you when your name is pulled from the Waiting List. At that point you will submit a full application so OVO can determine your eligibility status.

How do I qualify for a voucher?

Eligibility for the program is based on income. HCV is limited to U.S. citizens and specified categories of noncitizens who have eligible immigration status. Income limits can be found on our website. During the application process, we will collect information on your family such as income and asset documentation, as well as proof of age and citizenship status.

Disqualifying factors for HCV include:

- Drug-related or violent criminal activity within the last 3 years
- Placement on the national sex offender registry
- Production of methamphetamine on a federally assisted property

Where can I live with a voucher?

Once you have obtained a voucher, you can live in almost any rental unit with reasonable rent in OVO's service area, as long it can pass our Housing Quality Standards (HQS). When you have found a unit and the landlord agrees to lease it under the Housing Choice Voucher Program, we will inspect the unit to ensure that it is suitable. If the unit passes the HQS inspection and the rent amount is approved, you and your landlord will enter into a one-year lease. OVO will return biennially for inspections for as long as you remain on the HCV Program.

What types of housing units are eligible?

Rental housing options that could be approved include, but are not limited to townhouses, single family homes, apartments, duplexes, and manufactured homes.

What could cause me to be terminated from HCV?

Some of the most common reasons for termination from the HCV Program include:

- Unauthorized occupants in your home
- Not reporting income to OVO
- Violations of your lease
- Criminal activity