

# Housing Choice Voucher

## Section 8

The Salamanca Public Housing Agency (PHA) is looking for eligible people to participate on the Section 8, Rental Assistance program in the City of Salamanca.

The Salamanca PHA administers the Housing Choice Voucher Program (CVP). The Housing Choice Voucher program is funded by the federal government to assist very low-income families, the elderly and the disabled to afford decent, safe and sanitary housing in the private market. Participants are able to find their own housing, including a single-family home, Duplex's and apartments within the City limits.

The City of Salamanca PHA's Housing Choice Voucher program is currently looking for eligible participants to apply for Rental Assistance in the City of Salamanca. Eligibility is by income and family size. You may review the 2019 Income limits at <http://www.salmun.com/html/section8.html>. You may also download the Section 8 application from this site.

The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) is paid directly to the landlord by the PHA on behalf of the participating family. The HAP portion is calculated on the participant's total household income. Dependents, allowances and some expenses could also be used to determine the HAP.

Salamanca PHA has adopted local preferences which are:

- 1) Currently Employed
- 2) Currently Living in Salamanca
- 3) Disabled/Elderly

If the PHA determines that you are eligible, your name will be placed on a waiting list, when your name is reached on the waiting list, the PHA will contact you and issue you a Voucher. The Voucher will give you 60 days to lease a place to rent within the Salamanca City limits on the Section 8 program.

Once you have found a place to rent a Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspection will be completed to insure that the unit is decent, safe, and sanitary. The unit must pass this inspection to participate on the program.

When a family selects a housing unit, and the PHA approves the unit and lease, the family signs a lease with the landlord for at least one year. The tenant may be required to pay a security deposit to the landlord.

The Housing Choice Voucher program is one of the programs to assist the low income working families. If you feel that you would be interested in participating on the Section 8 program please come into the PHA's office in Salamanca City hall to pick up a application.