



## **\*\*Housing Assistance Support and Advocacy\*\***

The housing assistance program aims to provide a foundation for well-being and stability in our community. It's designed to support those in need by helping them secure a place they can call home. Stable housing is more than just a roof over one's head; it's crucial for maintaining employment, achieving educational goals, and fostering a sense of belonging and security. By advocating for affordable and fair housing options, we empower individuals and families to build a brighter future. Our commitment is to ensure that everyone has access to the resources and support necessary to find and maintain stable housing.

## **Services offered**

Our housing support services offer comprehensive assistance, guiding individuals through the maze of finding affordable housing options. We provide step-by-step instructions on how to navigate the application process for various housing assistance programs, ensuring you have all the necessary information at your fingertips. Additionally, we're staunch advocates for fair and affordable housing, working tirelessly to bring awareness to housing rights and to push for policies that benefit those in need of a place to call home. Whether you're applying for the first time or seeking support to understand your options, we're here to help every step of the way.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

\*Applicants must meet certain criteria to receive public housing

assistance in the state of Tennessee based on the following factors:

- Qualify as a family
- Have an income within the income limits
- Meet citizenship/eligible immigrant criteria
- Provide documentation of Social Security cards, and birth certificates (required at the time of application submission)
- Sign consent authorization documents

**\*\*For the application process, you will generally need to provide the**

**following documents:**

- Proof of income, such as pay stubs, tax returns, or benefit statements.
- Identification documents, such as a driver's license or state ID.

- Social Security numbers for all household members.
- Rental history, including previous addresses and landlord contact information.
- Bank statements or other financial documents to verify assets and income.

### **Application Process**

1. **\*\*Find Your Local Public Housing Agency (PHA):** Your first step is to locate the PHA that serves your area. You can find this information on the HUD website or by contacting the Tennessee Housing Development Agency.
2. **\*\*Check Eligibility:** Before applying, ensure you meet the income limits and other criteria set by the PHA.

3. **Gather Required Documents:** You'll need proof of income, identification, and other documents as requested by the PHA.

4. **Complete the Application:** Fill out the application form provided by your local PHA. This can usually be done online, by mail, or in person.

5. **Submit the Application:** Turn in your application to the PHA along with all required documentation.

6. **Wait for Approval:** After submitting your application, there may be a waiting period. The PHA will review your application and determine your eligibility.

7. \*\*Interview: If deemed eligible, you'll be called for an interview where further information might be requested.

8. \*\*Housing offer: Once approved, and a suitable housing unit is available, you'll be offered a place.

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## **Resources**

1. \*\*Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA): THDA is a valuable resource that offers a range of programs and services to support affordable housing in Tennessee. They provide information on

housing programs, financing options, and assistance for first-time homebuyers.

2. \*\*Tennessee Department of Human Services: The Department of Human Services offers various programs and resources to help individuals and families in need, including housing assistance. They can provide information on emergency shelters, rental assistance, and other supportive services.

3. \*\*Local Nonprofit Organizations: Tennessee is home to numerous nonprofit organizations dedicated to housing assistance and social services. These organizations often provide rental and utility assistance, transitional housing, and other forms of support.

4. \*\*United Way of Tennessee: United Way is a nationwide network of organizations that aim to improve communities by addressing various needs, including housing. The United Way of Tennessee can connect you with local resources and programs that offer housing assistance.

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