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**City of Cedar Rapids Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program:
January 2016 Quarterly Participant Report**

Background Information

The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered locally by the City of Cedar Rapids Housing Services Division. The purpose of the program is to provide monthly payments on behalf of the tenant, to the landlord to assist the household with their rent.

Update: On February 11, 2015 the waiting list opened to accept pre-applications to the Section 8 HCV program. Approximately six weeks later, 1,200 pre-applications were accepted, and the waiting list was closed. There are approximately 875 applicants currently on the Section 8 waiting list. See Figure 1 for additional information.

Update: On December 9, 2015 the Housing Services Division held its third and final Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program Landlord Orientation for the year. The next orientation is scheduled for April 13, 2016 from 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. and is open to anyone with property in Linn or Benton Counties that would like more information on how to participate in this program as a landlord.

Below is demographic information gathered about program participants of the City of Cedar Rapids Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

FIGURE 1:

New Waiting List Admissions:	
State Zip Code before Admission	% of the New Admissions
Iowa	87%
Other States (11)	13%
Applicant families on waiting list	875

FIGURE 2:

End of Participation: September 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015		
Of 1,076 Total Tenants - 72 Ended Participation		
Number of Tenants	% Ended	Reason for Ending Participation
46	64%	Left in Good Standing
26	36%	Terminated for Program Violations
Of the 26 Program Violators		
8		Terminated for Criminal Activity
18		Terminated for other Program Violations

Active Participants Demographics

The demographics in this section of the report reflect information gathered in January 2015 on active participants in the Section 8 HCV program. Please note that demographics may vary based on participants leaving the program or moving to other jurisdictions when the aggregate numbers were pulled.

Currently 14% of participant families are 62 years old or older and 46% have a disabled head of household. Currently 50% of participants are families with children.

FIGURE: 3

Active Participants Average Rents		
Tenant Rent	HAP \$	Contract Rent
\$248	\$341	\$ 582

Figure 3 shows an average monthly share of rent paid by participants is \$248. The average monthly subsidy paid by our PHA (to the Landlord) is \$341 for January 2016. On average, the contract rent is \$582 per participant.

FIGURE: 5

Household Income

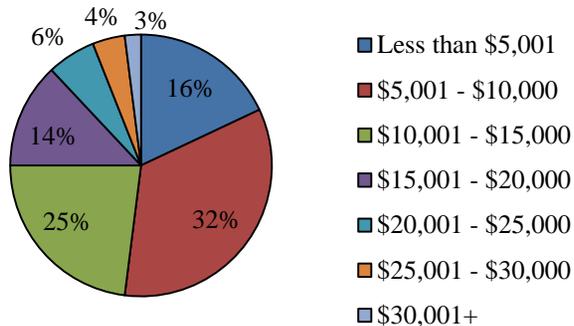


Figure 5 shows 73% of our active households as of January 2016 had an annual income of \$15,000 or less.

FIGURE: 4

September 2015 Household Members		
Household Member Size	# of Families	Percentage
1	474	44.1%
2	189	17.6%
3	185	17.2%
4	122	11.3%
5	65	6.0%
6	24	2.2%
7	14	1.3%
8	2	0.2%
9	1	0.1%
10	0	0%
Total	1076	

Figure 4 shows 90.2% of families participating in the program in January 2016 were households of 4 or less persons.

For more information about program demographics, contact the City’s Housing Services Office at (319) 286-5872. To learn more about the program, visit the “Section 8 Rent Assistance” page of the City’s website, www.CityofCR.com/Section8.