

# Housing Choice Voucher Program

Landlord Education Series



Formerly named the  
Fort Collins Housing Authority

# Housing Choice Voucher Program

(formerly known as Section 8)

- Provides rent subsidies to eligible families
- Families select housing from a landlord in the program
- Families pay a portion of their income toward rent and the voucher makes up the difference



- We assist over 1,200 families with these vouchers
- Rent assistance paid directly to a landlord
- Families pay about 30% of income towards rent; subsidy pays the difference

# 3-Part Contract



*Lease*

*Voucher*



*Contract*



# HAP Contract

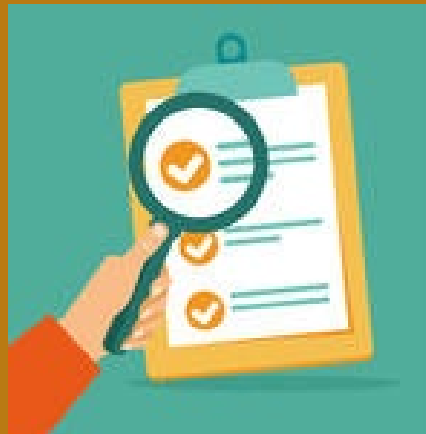
## Housing Assistance Payments Contract

- Outlines the landlord's rights and responsibilities
- Issued by HUD; between the landlord and HC



# Screening Process

- Client completes “Eligibility Packet”
- HC conducts criminal background check
- HC verifies income and employment



# Landlord Benefits

- Landlord screens tenant as they normally would
- Rent assistance paid directly to landlord
- Landlord can request annual rent increases





# Housing Catalyst's Role

- Determine applicant's program eligibility
- Educate the tenant about their obligations
- Support the tenant and YOU!



# Property Management

- Property management is Landlord's responsibility
- Landlord follows same procedures as with any other resident
- Eviction procedure must follow state law

**HC screens for  
eligibility**

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**Landlord screens for  
suitability**

# Mediation Assistance

- City of Fort Collins Community Mediation Program
- Free to Fort Collins residents



“Housing is so central to people’s self-sufficiency. Having access to affordable housing, safe housing makes a huge difference in someone’s ability to work and move up and focus on not just day-to-day things — focus on the future.”

— **Former voucher recipient**



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