

How much rent does a program participants pay?

Once a voucher is available the HRA staff will verify and review income, assets, and eligibility for deductions. The household payment for rent and utility costs are determined at 30% of their monthly income after adjustment for allowable deductions of the household.

Exceptions to the amount of rent payable by participants on the Housing Choice Voucher Program and the expanded choice of housing selection areas can be further clarified by contacting the Owatonna HRA staff.

For more information or an application please contact:

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HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Provisions of the United States Housing Act of 1937 allow making housing assistance payments on behalf of eligible families leasing existing housing that is in decent, safe condition. The Owatonna Housing and Redevelopment Authority(HRA) has been allocated funds for 113 low or moderate income households throughout Steele County. Eligible households select their own privately owned rental units and pay approximately 30% of their monthly income toward the rent and utility costs. Housing payments of 30% have been a national standard for all households. The HRA pays the remaining balance of the rent.

Funding is provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A Household may be eligible for a Voucher if their income is below the limits shown here. The income limits are set by HUD on an annual basis. They are set at 50% of the median family income for the geographical area

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Annual Income Limit</u>
1 Person	\$26,600
2 People	\$30,400
3 People	\$34,200
4 People	\$37,950
5 People	\$41,000
6 People	\$44,050
7 People	\$47,100
8 People	\$50,100

How to Apply?

To apply for the Housing Choice Voucher Program, a household must fill out an application from the HRA office in the City Administration building. Once an application is completed and returned to the HRA office, the applicant household is placed on a waiting list until a voucher becomes available.

WHAT ARE THE MAXIMUM RENTS ALLOWED?

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has set maximum rents for geographical areas, which are revised at least annually. The maximum rents are as follows:

<u>Dwelling Unit Size</u>	<u>Payment Standard</u>
0 Bedroom	\$433.00
1 Bedroom	\$579.00
2 Bedroom	\$735.00
3 Bedroom	\$1,018.00
4 Bedroom	\$1,289.00

The above rent limits must include all utilities (except phone or TV). If the rent charged by the owner does not include utilities or basic appliances, an amount specified by the HRA from a Utility Allowance Schedule is added to the contract rent that the owner charges to determine the gross rent. This gross rent must be within these established rent limits.

Each household is designated a certain dwelling unit size that is applicable to their household size. The rent that applies is determined either by the bedroom size the HRA has listed on the Voucher of eligibility or the actual size of the dwelling unit the family selects, whichever is less.