



## **INCENTIVE PAYMENTS FOR NEW LANDLORDS IN THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER (HCV) PROGRAM**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) allows the St. Cloud HRA to make incentive payments to increase owner participation in the HCV Program.

All new landlords who have not had a participating unit in the HCV Program since April 1, 2018 are eligible for the one-time incentive payment. To be eligible, the landlord must also not have a balance due to the St. Cloud HRA.

HAP (Housing Assistance Payments) contracts for regular, VASH, Mainstream, and FYI vouchers will qualify. Project-Based Voucher units would not be included in this incentive, since they are already dedicated exclusively for rental assistance.

The incentive payment will be issued within 30 days of the HRA receiving a fully signed and executed HAP contract and fully signed and executed lease for the unit. The HAP contracts and leases must have a start date between April 1, 2020 and December 1, 2021. They must be signed on or after March 27, 2020 and on or before December 1, 2021.

The one-time incentive payment is based on the location and bedroom size of the unit as follows:

City of St. Cloud and Benton County:

- 0 Bedroom \$600
- 1 Bedroom \$700
- 2 Bedroom \$800
- 3 Bedroom \$1,200
- 4 Bedroom \$1,400
- 5+ Bedroom \$1,600

Sherburne (outside of St. Cloud city limits) and Wright Counties:

- 0 Bedroom \$700
- 1 Bedroom \$900
- 2 Bedroom \$1,000
- 3 Bedroom \$1,500
- 4 Bedroom \$1,800
- 5+ Bedroom \$2,000

Payments will be automatically issued to landlords who are deemed to qualify. If you believe you are a qualifying landlord and it has been more than 30 days since the HRA has received your paperwork and you have not received payment, please contact Lori Lygre at [llygre@stcloudhra.com](mailto:llygre@stcloudhra.com) or 320-202-3196.

