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## Housing Works Program FAQ

### Quick Facts about Housing Works:

- ✓ We are an independent local public agency.
- ✓ We offer both rental and homeownership programs.
- ✓ Housing Works is not HUD. The local field office for HUD (Housing and Urban Development) is in Portland. However, many of our programs are funded through HUD.

### What is Housing Works' Relationship to HUD?

Housing Works is a public municipal corporation that contracts with HUD to administer the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program in Central Oregon.

### What Kind of Assistance Does the Housing Works Offer?

Housing Works assists families through the Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance program. We also own apartment complexes for low-income families. In addition, we administer several special programs for renters, including homeownership programs.

### Our Family Self-Sufficiency Program: PATHWorks

The PATHWorks program is available to participants of the HUD Housing Choice Voucher program.

***It is a support program aimed at helping participants to increase earned income and financial literacy, reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance, and make progress toward economic independence and self-sufficiency.***

The program provides qualified participants with access to one-on-one coaching sessions to help them move toward their goals including ***employment, education, home ownership, small business development, health, and more.*** Participants also have the opportunity to earn escrow savings, start a matched savings account (Valley Individual Development Account) and access other tools for success.

***Vouchers can be applied towards a home mortgage instead of rent for PATHWorks participants.***

*PATHWorks*



Personal Achievement Through Housing Works