

## **MAINSTREAM PROGRAM AWARDS**

### **ARIZONA**

#### **Mesa**

##### **Mesa Housing Authority**

**\$369,767**

The City of Mesa Housing Authority was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA will use these vouchers to provide additional affordable housing for persons with disabilities. The City of Mesa, which is in Maricopa County, has a vast need for subsidized rental housing for persons with disabilities. Within the City of Mesa, less than 2 percent of current landlords receiving rental payments provide rental units that are modified for the disabled. Those landlords who are providing housing for the disabled are in need of additional funds to modify more units. The Maricopa HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan, which the City of Mesa elected to follow, lists the additional need for permanent housing for persons with developmental disabilities, HIV, serious mental illness, and the frail elderly as a major priority. The need for subsidized rental housing for the disabled residing in Mesa was based on the above Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Report, local agencies interviewed, and 1990 census data.

##### **Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation**

**\$2,031,371**

The Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation was awarded 75 vouchers under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The agency will use these vouchers to enable eligible persons with disabilities to rent, decent, safe, and affordable housing of their choice. The agency has established a positive reputation for its extensive network of housing providers, and has secured strong, effective partnerships with a wide range of community agencies that include all levels of government, nonprofit housing providers and providers of supportive services. ABC will expand upon these partnerships for effective outreach to the disabled population through the use of these vouchers.

##### **Pima County Housing Authority**

**\$1,400,660**

The Pima County Housing Authority was awarded 50 vouchers for five-year funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA will use the vouchers to address the housing needs for its eligible disabled applicants currently on the waiting list. The HA's commitment to the community along with its strong partnership with non-profit, as well as other governmental agencies, will allow it to develop resources and to provide the availability of additional vouchers. As people with disabilities are enjoying increasingly independent lifestyles, these vouchers will enable these families to rent safe, decent, and affordable housing. These vouchers will also expand and provide accessible housing opportunities in the county.

## **Mohave County Housing Authority**

**\$1,264,815**

The Mohave County Housing Authority (MCHA) was awarded 50 vouchers for one-year funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. MCHA will use the existing housing stock within Mohave County to provide rental housing assistance to eligible disabled families. Lake Havasu City has identified Community Development Block Grant housing rehabilitation programs as a possible source of funding for the costs of modifications necessary as a reasonable accommodation to the tenant's disability. The following agencies have agreed to partner with MCHA to provide case management services: the Arizona Department of Economic Security/ Vocational Rehabilitation, Arizona Council on Rural Disabilities, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, Mohave County Health Department, and the Mohave Mental Health Clinic.

## **CALIFORNIA**

### **Santa Clara County**

#### **County of Santa Clara Housing**

**\$2,810,645**

The Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara (HA) was awarded 53 vouchers under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA will use these vouchers to meet the housing needs of a wide range of persons with disabilities, along with 12 local non-profit disability organizations it works with. Many of these organizations have agreed to assist both elderly and non-elderly disabled families in a variety of areas: emergency shelter, locating suitable housing, accessing supportive services, identifying sources to cover the cost of unit modifications, providing case management, advocacy, outreach and other services. The HA is working closely with the Housing Choices Coalition to develop affordable housing and improve/modify accessibility features in public housing and other existing units.

### **Santa Cruz**

#### **Santa Cruz County Housing Authority**

**\$3,566,880**

The Santa Cruz Housing Authority was awarded 75 vouchers under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The Housing Authority will use these vouchers to address the local housing needs of eligible disabled individuals and families in renting decent, safe, and affordable housing. These vouchers will make it possible for a population that already faces discrimination and a number of other obstacles to afford housing in their community. The HA has formed a partnership with a number of local non-profit disability advocacy and support organizations. These agencies will enter into a letter of understanding with the Housing Authority to provide advocacy and supportive services to program participants.

## **COLORADO**

### **Colorado Bluesky Enterprises, Inc.**

**\$1,886,993**

The Colorado Bluesky Enterprises, Inc. was awarded 75 vouchers for five-year funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. Colorado Bluesky Enterprises, Inc. will use these new vouchers to extend housing choices for individuals with disabilities. The Colorado Bluesky Enterprises, Inc., has 36 years of experience of helping individuals with developmental disabilities by providing jobs, housing, training, education and personal care. CBE has been extremely successful in finding safe and affordable housing for participants and is well known throughout the Pueblo community for its efficient and caring services for clients. A crucial element in finding housing for individuals with disabilities is maintaining a freedom of choice, thus reducing discrimination and providing opportunities to live near transportation, jobs, services, and family.

## **CONNECTICUT**

### **Waterbury Housing Authority**

**\$2,005,226**

The Waterbury HA was awarded 75 vouchers under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. These vouchers will be used to provide decent, safe, and affordable housing for eligible persons with disabilities. The HA will work in conjunction with the Greater Waterbury Mental Health Authority to administer the program. The HA is networked with many other agencies that provide services to physically handicapped and mentally challenged individuals.

## **FLORIDA**

### **Boca Raton**

#### **Housing Authority Boca Raton**

**\$452,381**

The Boca Raton Housing Authority was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA, along with its partner organization, Housing Partnership, Inc., will use these vouchers to provide disabled families a greater range of choices and opportunities in finding housing. The Housing Partnership, Inc., as a service provider, has worked primarily in assisting the chronically mentally ill. But with the HA, the two organizations will expand its assistance and experience to people with various disabilities.

### **Hialeah**

#### **Hialeah Housing Authority**

**\$458,393**

The Hialeah Housing Authority was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing

Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The requested vouchers will be used to expand existing housing choices. The HA has contractual agreements with the Citrus Health Network, Inc. and the Spinal Cord Living Assistance Development, Inc. to expand upon the housing resources for disabled families in the City of Hialeah. The HA also administers the Family Unification Program (FUP), Section 8 Rental Certificate and Voucher Programs, and the Family Self- Sufficiency Program through the Section 8 Program.

**Housing Partnership Inc.**

**\$2,108,869**

The Housing Partnerships, Inc. was awarded 75 vouchers for five-year funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The vast majority of disabled families in Palm Beach County are forced to survive on disability income that is insufficient to cover rental costs for safe, decent, and affordable housing in the county's current market. Therefore, the agency will use these vouchers not only to provide a large reduction in the extreme rent burden faced by the disabled, but also to provide them with a greater range of choices for housing. This agency will continue its tradition of networking with other non-profit disability organizations, as well as to forge new relationships with other organizations which benefit the disabled, in order to ensure that voucher recipients have access to comprehensive services and organizations.

**Tallahassee Housing Authority**

**\$2,111,216**

The Tallahassee Housing Authority (THA) was awarded 75 vouchers for 5-year funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The THA and Wakulla Housing Program have established a comprehensive strategy to administer the Mainstream Program. The partnership with the Center for Independent Living of North Florida, Inc. establishes the support services and case management necessary to establish successful independent living opportunities for the clients receiving vouchers. They will provide training to the Section 8 staff on social, vocational, daily living and economic issues that effect the lives of persons with disabilities and their families. Substantial amounts of rental rehabilitation funding has been committed to provide low interest loans for the retrofit of rental units to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities. Technical assistance for design and construction is also provided to landlords and tenants. The key element to the success of this program is receiving the Section 8 voucher subsidies to create affordable rents in units chosen by the client.

**HAWAII**

**Honolulu**

**Hawaii Housing and Community Development**

**\$595,817**

The Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii (HCDC) was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The goal of the HCDC and its partners is to expand its

inventory to achieve expanded housing choices; and to promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable environment free from discrimination. These vouchers will enable HCDC to fund 75 families with a stable, affordable, safe and sanitary home suitable to their special needs and with access to community support services.

## **ILLINOIS**

### **Chicago**

#### **Housing Authority of Cook County**

**\$568,773**

The Cook County Housing Authority (CCHA) was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The CCHA will use these vouchers to enable eligible disabled families to rent safe, decent, and affordable housing. The HA will also help to locate funding to pay for necessary modifications. CCHA plans to use these vouchers to expand housing choices throughout the suburban Cook County jurisdiction. The HA will use these vouchers to promote the establishment and/or expansion of its cooperative efforts with certain local governments, state agencies, or non-profit agencies that assist disabled persons.

## **INDIANA**

### **Goshen**

#### **Goshen Housing Authority**

**\$187,185**

The Goshen Housing Authority (GHA) was awarded 40 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. GHA is committed to promote safe and affordable housing for all low-income families in the City of Goshen. These vouchers will enable the HA to address both the lack of affordable housing and low-income assistance for families with disabilities. This award will also allow disabled persons who are currently residing with family members or in group-homes the option to live independently with or without case management from other social service agencies in the community. With the assistance of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, landlords may be more willing to provide the needed improvements to create handicap accessible units and make them available to low or fixed income families with disabilities. This will increase and improve the handicap accessible housing stock in the City of Goshen. By providing the assistance to fixed-income families, their quality of life will improve, both by lowering housing costs and by increasing available income.

## **KANSAS**

### **Ellis County**

#### **Ellis County Public Housing Authority**

**\$202,427**

The Ellis County Housing Authority (ECHA) was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. ECHA, along with the Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas (DSNWK), will use these

vouchers to continue its efforts to expand housing assistance to the most needy population in its jurisdiction; and provide a means of living independently on a very limited income. DSNWK is a non-profit organization that contracts with ECHA to administer the Section 8 Voucher program.

## **LOUISIANA**

### **Pilgrim Rest Community Development**

**\$1,568,240**

The Pilgrim Rest Community Development Agency a non-profit disability organization was awarded 75 vouchers under the Section 8 Housing Choice Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The vouchers will be used to help address the local housing needs of low-income families and assist eligible families in renting decent, safe, and affordable housing.

## **MAINE**

### **Westbrook**

#### **Westbrook Housing Authority**

**\$450,579**

The Westbrook Housing Authority (WHA) was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The current southern Maine economic boom has resulted in substantially increased rental prices, which has created limited rental choices for low-income disabled families. These vouchers will enable eligible disabled families to rent decent, safe and affordable housing, many for the first time. Additionally, the HA is looking at acquiring properties in hopes of accomplishing homeownership opportunities for Section 8 voucher clients. This end may be better accomplished as WHA nurtures its existing partnerships with the City of Westbrook, other non-profit agencies, and private industry groups to the common goal of maintaining and upgrading Westbrook's affordable housing stock.

## **MASSACHUSETTS**

### **Lowell Housing Authority**

**\$2,193,776**

The Lowell Housing Authority was awarded 75 vouchers under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA will use the vouchers to expand on existing partnerships with the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, the Massachusetts Department of Mental Retardation and local non-profit human service agencies to ensure that the region's most needy families are reached. A notable aspect of the HA's approach will be to ensure that these families receive not only housing, but supportive services that will enable them to become independent, contributing members of the community.

Many are on waiting lists for such housing, but the demand far outstrips the supply. These vouchers will not only give disabled families the means to obtain such housing, but also the ability to choose exactly where they feel most comfortable.

### **Methuen Housing Authority**

**\$293,563**

The Methuen Housing Authority (MHA) was awarded 50 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The MHA has seen an increase in the number of disabled families in need of decent, safe, and affordable housing. Combined with the tight rental market, many disabled families have been unable to afford and locate appropriate housing. The MHA has worked cooperatively with the Northeast Independent Living, and will continue to work closely with the applicants and, in many cases, their case workers from the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Mental Retardation and similar agencies to assist applicants in locating housing. Their applicants are encouraged to locate affordable housing which meet their specific needs in relation to proximity to public transportation, schools, shopping, and other family-specific needs.

### **Peabody Housing Authority**

**\$2,810,348**

The Peabody Housing Authority was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA will use the vouchers to expand on existing partnerships with the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, the Massachusetts Department of Mental Retardation and local nonprofit human service agencies to ensure they reach the region's most needy families. A notable aspect of the HA's approach will be to ensure that these families receive not only housing, but supportive services that will enable them to become independent, contributing members of the community. Low-income disabled families cannot afford to live in safe, decent neighborhoods - places where the surroundings actually help them to become more self-reliant and less restricted by their conditions. Many are on waiting lists for such housing, but the demand far outweighs the supply. The Mainstream vouchers will not only give disabled families the means to obtain such housing, but also the ability to choose exactly where they feel most comfortable.

### **Wakefield**

#### **Wakefield Housing Authority**

**\$577,758**

The Wakefield Housing Authority was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. WHA will use these vouchers to rent decent, safe, and affordable housing to non-elderly persons with disabilities. The HA received a prior Mainstream award in '98 and successfully administers the program. WHA will continue to involve non-profit disability organizations as subcontractors -- responsible for providing case management or assisting disabled families to locate suitable housing, gain access to supporting services, or identify private funding sources to cover the costs of unit modifications needed as a reasonable accommodation.

### **NEVADA**

#### **Las Vegas**

#### **City of Las Vegas Housing Authority**

**\$512,054**

The Las Vegas City Housing Authority was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The Housing Authority will use these vouchers to address the local housing needs of eligible disabled families in renting decent, safe, and affordable housing. These vouchers will provide a comprehensive solution to the needs of that portion of the population which has the most difficult housing problems and the fewest resources. The HA has executed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Clark County and North Las Vegas Housing Authorities to share jurisdictions. This removes the administrative burden of portability and promotes freedom of choice. Working with partners further expands existing housing choices by established relationships with these service agencies.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE****Harbor Homes, Inc.****\$2,391,083**

The Harbor Homes was awarded 75 vouchers for five-year funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The need for decent, safe, and affordable housing in the greater Nashua, NH area is apparent in the existing waiting list, as well as the waiting lists of other agencies that provide housing assistance in this geographic area (such as Community Council of Greater Nashua, Area Agency for Developmental Disabilities of Greater Nashua, Nashua Housing Authority). Adults with disabilities, and their families, are challenged by the existing housing situation in this area. The vouchers will be used to expand upon the existing partnerships already in effect with the Greater Nashua Continuum of Care (GOC). Mainstream housing vouchers will enable persons with disabilities, and their families, to rent affordable private housing of their choice and to access individualized support services.

**NEW JERSEY****Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey****\$3,396,893**

The Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey, Inc., was awarded 75 vouchers under the Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. These vouchers will be used to provide decent, safe and affordable housing for eligible persons with disabilities. The agency will work in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) in implementing this program. This award will not only expand housing options for low-income individuals and families with disabilities but also expand an existing partnership with DCA.

**New Jersey Department of Community Affairs****\$2,980,868**

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) was awarded 66 vouchers under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. These vouchers will continue to address the local housing needs of eligible disabled individuals in renting decent, safe and affordable housing, providing adequate housing choices and housing stability. Housing assistance provides clients with more disposable income. The NJDCA will

continue to identify a full range of complimentary services and accessibility improvements needed to ensure that all aspects of what is needed for independent care is met. The NJDC will partner with community-based non-profit agencies and the New Jersey Department of Human Services Divisions of Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health Services, and Office of Policy and Planning.

## **NEW MEXICO**

### **Bernalillo County**

#### **Bernalillo County Housing Department**

**\$398,190**

The Bernalillo County Housing Department (BCHD) was awarded 75 vouchers through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA plans to assist 75 families within six months, thus addressing the local housing needs of eligible families in renting safe, decent, and affordable housing. BCHD will enter into a service agreement with a local nonprofit disability advocate agency to assist and provide needed services to ensure that all participants are afforded reasonable accommodations. In all cases, housing choice will be emphasized and promoted.

## **NEW YORK**

### **Albany**

#### **New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal**

**\$585,113**

The New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) was awarded 75 vouchers through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. These vouchers will allow up to 75 more non-elderly disabled families to acquire safe and accessible housing. The HA will use the subsidy provided by this funding to greatly increase housing opportunities that better meet the individual needs of the disabled, thereby enabling these individuals to function more independently. DHCR and its counties in conjunction with partnering groups will commit the necessary resources to provide supportive services to optimize fair and equal housing choices for non-elderly persons with disabilities.

### **New York**

#### **New York City Housing Authority**

**\$545,977**

The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. There are currently over 57,000 applicants on NYCHA's Section 8 waiting list who report to be disabled. The majority live in housing which is inaccessible, substandard, unaffordable, or any combination of the above. Due to their disability they face myriad challenges in managing their lives. These vouchers will provide housing opportunities, both for those who face the challenge of searching for a new home, and for those who currently live in otherwise satisfactory but unaffordable housing; as well as will enhance their housing choices.

## **New York**

### **New York Society for the Deaf**

**\$1,894,515**

The New York Society for the Deaf was awarded 75 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers for funding under Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The NY Society for the Deaf is a comprehensive social services agency, and sponsor of various residential housing projects for the disabled. It is dedicated to implementing programs that are designed to improve the quality of life for their consumers, and to foster their full integration into society. The agency will use these vouchers to offer the opportunity to financially disadvantaged families to secure safe, decent, and affordable housing of their choice, throughout the New York Metropolitan area.

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

### **Ashville**

#### **Housing Authority Asheville**

**\$286,688**

The Asheville Housing Authority was awarded 75 vouchers for 1-year of funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The Housing Authority will utilize the vouchers to enable eligible persons with disabilities to rent safe, decent and affordable housing. The additional vouchers will give non-elderly disabled residents more housing choices. The Housing Authority will also use this program to expand on its existing partnerships with local non-profit agencies, especially those providing services to people with disabilities.

### **Greensboro**

#### **Housing Authority Greensboro**

**\$426,304**

The Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The GHA will use these vouchers to combat the continuing need for more affordable housing in the Greensboro/Guilford County area to low-income families and residents with special housing needs. GHA will work closely with The Advocacy Project for Persons with Disabilities and the North Carolina Independent Living and Rehabilitation Program to assist in assuring that this program benefits the disabled community in Greensboro.

### **Lexington**

#### **Lexington Housing Authority**

**\$188,719**

The Lexington Housing Authority was awarded 50 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA will use these vouchers to accommodate the families that are in a low income bracket and need assistance to help improve their living conditions. The HA does work with surrounding housing authorities as well as housing authorities nationwide in portability. Surrounding housing authorities, local owners, and rental agents are very supportive of the HA's Section 8 program.

## **OHIO**

### **Dayton**

#### **Dayton Metropolitan Housing Authority**

**\$317,304**

The Dayton Metropolitan Housing Authority (DMHA) was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. These vouchers will be used to provide vouchers to a segment of the population recognized as having the worst housing needs of any group in the United States -- very low-income households with adults with disabilities. The DMHA will assist recipients in locating units with needed accessibility features by identifying public/private funding sources to help participants cover the costs of modification that need to be made to their units as a reasonable accommodation for their disabilities.

#### **Hancock Metropolitan Housing Authority**

**\$1,243,973**

The Hancock Metropolitan Housing Authority was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA will use these vouchers for elderly disabled and non-elderly disabled families to expand opportunities to permit residence in one of the new tax credit complexes (LIHTC). Thus, the clients will have a much nicer place to live in a good neighborhood at a rent (with subsidy) they can afford. HMHA is supported financially by both its county and city government temporarily until the HA can build a program with adequate administrative funds. HMHA is an active member of several local groups working together to coordinate the efforts and services available in Hancock County. HMHA will use the Mainstream voucher funding to improve housing opportunities for disabled families in Hancock County and also those in the two neighboring counties (Wyandot and Putnam) where housing authorities do not exist.

### **Seneca County**

#### **Seneca Metropolitan Housing Authority**

**\$61,848**

The Seneca Metropolitan Housing Authority (SMHA) was awarded 20 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. With the addition of these vouchers, the SMHA will further enhance its working relationship with local service agencies dealing with this targeted population, specifically, the Firelands Mental Health and Recovery Center. This is the primary agency that deals with both mentally and physically disabled individuals within the county. The vouchers will help disabled families locate units in other localities within Seneca County (and even adjoining counties) where this population has historically been unable to relocate because of their inability to pay the significant rents within these regions.

## **OREGON**

### **Central Oregon Regional Housing Authority**

**\$364,503**

The Central Oregon Regional Housing Authority (CORHA) was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA will use these vouchers to assist the eligible disabled population in securing decent, safe, and affordable housing, while greatly expanding their existing housing choices. These vouchers will also allow CORHA to expand upon its existing partnerships with local government, non-profit agencies and private industry groups.

The HA has had success in administering prior Mainstream Program Vouchers and has a current lease up rate of (65 percent) in the Welfare to Work Program which attests to the housing needs in its jurisdiction, and to CORHA's ability to professionally administer these programs.

### **Clackamas County Housing Authority**

**\$2,158,763**

The Clackamas County Housing Authority was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. These vouchers will be used to help address the severe need of housing for elderly and non-elderly persons with disabilities and to help expand housing choices and housing opportunities. The HA staff, as well as the staff of the Clackamas County Mental Health Dept., Clackamas County Social Services Dept., and Oregon Adult and Family Services Division will provide specialized services as needed. Specifically, they will help these families succeed in applying for program assistance, finding and renting suitable dwelling units, and keeping those units maintained and the rent current so that evictions and loss of rental assistance will not result. Other agencies and non-profit disability organizations will also be utilized as needed.

### **Jackson County**

#### **Housing Authority of Jackson County**

**\$365,213**

The Housing Authority of Jackson County (HAJC) was awarded 75 vouchers through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA will use these vouchers to increase the availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing for non-elderly persons with disabilities. HAJC publicizes the availability of handicapped accessible units and works closely with organizations that assist disabled persons in locating units that are suitable for their needs. HAJC plans to expand their partnerships with the local Veteran's Administration, Senior and Disabled Services, and their local non-profit agencies. The HA will also continue its efforts with the Handicap Awareness League, and its commitment to cover the cost of any modifications that need to be made to the units as a reasonable accommodation to the disabled family.

### **Northwest Oregon Housing Association**

**\$335,319**

The Northwest Oregon Housing Authority (NOHA) was awarded 75 vouchers through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. These vouchers will provide approximately 26 percent of the needed rental assistance. NOHA will work with the following agencies to provide services related to the Mainstream program: Tillamook Family Counseling, Columbia County Mental Health and Clatsop Behavioral Health Care, Marie Mills

Center, Riverside and Coast Rehab Services, Senior and Disabled Services, Disabled Services, Adult and Family Services and Services to Children and Families. NOHA leases 24 units to mental health agencies for persons with developmental disabilities.

## **Yamhill County**

### **Housing Authority of Yamhill County**

**\$372,926**

The Yamhill County Housing Authority (YCHA) was awarded 75 vouchers through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The Housing Authority will use these vouchers to help members of our community meet their needs for affordable, accessible, decent, and safe housing. These additional vouchers will expand the housing choices by replacing the subsidized units lost when they were dedicated to elderly only, and make existing units affordable to those with limited incomes. This award will allow the HA to expand its partnerships. The HA is working with several local agencies to implement a tenant training program. This program will help families and individuals overcome poor rental histories, poor credit histories, avoid evictions, and become successful tenants. Besides partnering with local agencies, a partnership is also being formed with an adjoining county to expand the program while reducing program expenses.

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

### **Carbon County Housing Authority**

**\$289,047**

The Carbon County was awarded 15 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. These vouchers will further efforts to integrate into the community persons with disabilities, foster increased choice in housing options, and address local housing goals of providing very low-income persons with the opportunity to rent decent, safe, and affordable housing. This program will give the Carbon County Housing Authority and its cooperative partner - the Carbon Monroe-Pike Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program - an opportunity to enable persons with disabilities to rent affordable private housing and pay the required rental for group homes.

### **Erie County Housing Authority**

**\$1,323,158**

The Erie County PHA Consortium was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The Erie County PHA Consortium will use these vouchers to address the local housing needs of program-eligible families to rent decent, safe and affordable housing. The greatest housing barrier for low and moderate income families, in which the head-of-household or spouse is disabled, is the lack of housing that is both affordable and accessible, particularly in suburban and rural areas. The HA has enlisted many innovative tactics to ensure that families receiving rental vouchers also have access to the services necessary to rent housing in any community that they choose. The HA will continue to use its already established partnerships with local governments and non-profit agencies to ensure that recipients of Mainstream Program vouchers receive all necessary services to ensure a successful lease-up; including forging linkages for clients to case

management services and for assistance with accessibility modification of rental units.

### **Northampton County Housing Authority**

**\$260,267**

The Northampton County Housing Authority was awarded 10 vouchers for five-year funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. These vouchers will provide invaluable assistance to disabled persons seeking decent, safe, and affordable housing through a combination of subsidies offered by the Program, and support services to be provided by the PHA and its collaboration agencies (particularly with regard to providing financing for potential unit modifications). The HA will also use these vouchers to expand partnerships between the PHA and various government, nonprofit, and private disability groups: it has already done so in the process of preparing this application.

### **Philadelphia**

#### **Philadelphia Housing Authority**

**\$540,434**

The Philadelphia Housing Authority was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA intends to utilize all vouchers to provide housing for non-elderly persons with disabilities. Through its partnership with the Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD), and participation in its Adaptive Modifications Program, the HA will continue to convert existing units, and build new, fully accessible units, while simultaneously utilizing Mainstream vouchers to fill these units with deserving families and individuals. The Regional Opportunity Counseling (ROC) Program responds directly to the need to assist Section 8 recipients in expanding housing choices. The ROC Program provides counseling and housing search assistance to help participants move to areas of lower poverty.

### **RHODE ISLAND**

#### **Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corp.**

**\$518,740**

The Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The additional vouchers will assist the HA to increase housing choice for people with disabilities and will enable a greater number of them to live in safe, decent, and affordable housing. Outreach by the PHA to disability organizations will enable the HA to reach more disabled people, which in turn will help their clients access and utilize vouchers, and enhance the relationships between these organizations and the HA.

### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

#### **Housing Authority of Myrtle Beach**

**\$1,518,690**

The Housing Authority of Myrtle Beach was awarded 69 vouchers for five-year funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with

Disabilities. The vouchers will be used to address the lack of affordable housing in the Myrtle Beach area for the non-elderly and elderly disabled populations. Primarily, the MBHA will use the vouchers to expand housing opportunities into neighborhoods that have housing units that are handicapped accessible and more desirable than the current units in which the target population resides. These expanded housing opportunities will be extended to elderly and non-elderly disabled families, in an effort to improve their quality of life and to eliminate the barriers confronting the disabled population. These families cannot afford to rent housing that has been updated with the convenient and more accessible handicap features that are found in newer more expensive apartment complexes.

## **TENNESSEE**

### **Chattanooga**

#### **Chattanooga Housing Authority**

**\$338,032**

The Chattanooga Housing Authority was awarded 75 vouchers for 1-year of funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA offers a stipend to landlords making accommodations in their housing for disabilities. The additional funding especially for the disabled will make more such stipends available. Outreach to landlords and persons with disabilities would be facilitated by the additional vouchers as well. Publicity around this funding will again bring new applicants needing this assistance.

### **Knoxville**

#### **Knoxville Community Development Corp.**

**\$304,341**

The Knoxville Community Development Corporation was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. These vouchers will allow KCDC to provide safe, decent, and affordable housing opportunities for more disabled families. KCDC works closely with the City of Knoxville and several non-profit entities to expand affordable housing opportunities with low-income families, including the elderly and non-elderly disabled. Additionally, KCDC works with the Disability Resource Center and other private and public funding resources to assist with needed modifications to residential units.

## **TEXAS**

### **Arlington**

#### **Arlington Housing Authority**

**\$438,600**

The Arlington Housing Authority was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA will use these vouchers to address the local housing needs of eligible persons with disabilities by providing an affordability subsidy to cost-burdened families with worst-case housing needs. This award will also allow the HA to expand existing local partnerships with the Texas Department of Human Services (TDHS), the City of Arlington, and faith-

based groups. In addition, these vouchers will enable the HA to provide a full range of housing opportunities and solutions, to help enable persons with disabilities to reach their highest potential. The HA, in partnership with the TDHS, the agency responsible for the administration of the Medicaid Program, works to successfully house Section 8 eligible, disabled persons.

### **Tarrant County**

#### **Tarrant County Housing Authority**

**\$367,412**

The Tarrant County Housing Authority was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA provides access to safe, decent, and affordable rental units for eligible disabled families. There are over 400 non-elderly disabled families on the HA's waiting list. These additional vouchers will increase the number of families served. Through prior Mainstream funding, established partnerships with social service agencies, local governments, private/non-profit groups and cooperative owner/managers, Mainstream families are able to secure accessible housing units and the ability to live independently. The HA will use these additional vouchers to meet more of the needs of this special population in the urban county jurisdiction.

### **UTAH**

#### **Bear River**

#### **Bear River Regional Housing Authority**

**\$6,642**

The Bear River Regional HA was awarded 2 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA will use these vouchers to further the productivity, independence, full citizenship, and total integration of people with disabilities into all aspects of society and the community. The vouchers will also allow the HA to strengthen relationships with nonprofit disability organizations and local government agencies that provide services to disabled families.

#### **Cedar City**

#### **Cedar City Housing Authority**

**\$76,887**

The Cedar City Housing Authority (CCHA) was awarded 20 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. Currently, CCHA is the only PHA in the Iron County area offering housing assistance solely to persons with disabilities. Cedar City has the highest affordable housing shortage in the entire five-county area, according to the Five-County Association of Governments Consolidated Plan. These additional vouchers will considerably strengthen the affordable housing stock for persons with disabilities in this area. Some of the non-profit and public disability organizations working closely with the CCHA are Iron Parke Corporation, Southwest Center, Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Disability Law Center.

#### **Logan City**

**\$1,385,280**

The Logan City Housing Authority was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. Many disabled families and individuals in the Box Elder, Cache, and Rich Counties, are forced to pay a very large percentage of household income to rent. The vouchers would allow the HA to serve a higher segment of the increasing need. These vouchers will allow the HA to strengthen relationships with nonprofit disability organizations and local government agencies that provide services to disabled families. The Mainstream Program coupled with the region's support services that are designed to create self-sufficiency will make a significant contribution to the lives of struggling individuals and families with disabilities in the Bear River District.

## **VERMONT**

### **Burlington**

#### **Burlington Housing Authority**

**\$441,308**

The Burlington Housing Authority was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA will utilize these vouchers to assist eligible disabled households. The recipients will be provided the support they need to obtain and successfully maintain their Section 8 housing through a partnership with two nonprofit disability organizations: The Committee on Temporary Shelter, a service provider to the homeless, and Howard Center for

Human Services, a service provider to mentally ill and developmentally disabled individuals. The City of Burlington ACCESS program will provide grants for accessibility modifications.

## **VIRGINIA**

### **Accomack - Northampton Regional Housing**

**\$381,851**

The Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority (A-NRHA) was awarded 57 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. These vouchers will allow A-NRHA to expand housing opportunities by providing affordable, decent rental housing for disabled families.

A-NRHA is a new PHA as it relates to administering Section 8. It operates as the local administrative agent for the Virginia Housing Development Authority's (VHDA) Section 8 program.

### **Hampton**

#### **Hampton Redevelopment & Housing Authority**

**\$245,531**

The Hampton Redevelopment Housing Authority was awarded 75 vouchers for one year funding under the Section 8 Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA will use the vouchers to assist eligible disabled families in renting decent, safe, and affordable housing. HRHA has established relationships with the Peninsula Center for Independent Living and local Community Services Board in order to coordinate services for eligible disabled families. By creating a strong information network, all eligible families are given access to housing throughout the

city. HRHA plans to put the additional vouchers to good use by expanding housing opportunities for eligible families, and expanding upon existing partnerships with local government, non-profit agencies and private industry groups.

### **Hampton Redevelopment & Housing Authority**

**\$825,763**

The Hampton Redevelopment Housing Authority (HRHA) was awarded 75 vouchers five years funding under the Section 8 Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA will use the vouchers to assist eligible disabled families in renting decent, safe and affordable housing. HRHA has established relationships with the Peninsula Center for Independent Living and local Community Services Board in order to coordinate services for eligible disabled families. By creating a strong information network, all eligible families are given access to housing throughout the city. HRHA is prepared to put the additional vouchers to good use expanding housing opportunities for eligible families and to expand upon existing partnerships with local government, non-profit agencies and private industry groups.

## **WASHINGTON**

### **Bellingham**

#### **Bellingham Housing Authority**

**\$466,196**

The Bellingham/Whatcom County Housing Authority was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. These vouchers are a vital ingredient in the provision of independent living arrangements for persons with disabilities. Without housing assistance most persons with disabilities living on limited incomes cannot successfully procure decent housing at an affordable rent. The Bellingham/Whatcom County Housing Authorities have developed solid partnerships with numerous agencies supporting disabled persons. This funding allows these partnerships to expand upon the firm foundations already in place.

### **Vancouver**

#### **Housing Authority City of Vancouver**

**\$2,137,860**

The Vancouver Housing Authority was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA will offer Section 8 housing assistance to eligible persons with disabilities. Staff from the VHA Intake Team, along with representatives of the service providers, will conduct an orientation for the applicants which will include an explanation and description of resources available to support the clients' successful Section 8 voucher tenancy. The VHA will expand upon the existing partnerships currently in place in the Clark County community to support persons with disabilities in their search for decent, safe, and affordable rental housing.

## **WEST VIRGINIA**

**Fairmont****Housing Authority of the City of Fairmont****\$300,818**

The Housing Authority of the City of Fairmont was awarded 75 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA will use the vouchers to enable non-elderly persons with disabilities to rent decent, safe and affordable housing within its jurisdiction. The HA has a list of public and private sources of funding to help participants cover the cost of modifications that need to be made to their units as reasonable accommodations to their disabilities. The HA intends to use any and all sources available to assist eligible families to contact such agencies and acquire such funding as necessary to accommodate their particular housing needs. This program will also substantially strengthen the HA's partnerships.

**WISCONSIN****West Bend****West Bend Housing Authority****\$184,016**

The City of West Bend Housing Authority was awarded 50 vouchers for funding under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. The HA has demonstrated the successful use of Mainstream Vouchers, as well as conventional Vouchers, to address the local housing needs of disabled households. The HA will use these vouchers to provide additional housing choice throughout the community. The HA has a well established working relationship with the Washington County Comprehensive Community Services Agency. That agency has assisted clients in completing the eligibility certification requirements, finding suitable apartments to rent, and providing ongoing services that enhance the ability of their clients to live in the community. A new partner in this program will be Independence First. They have recently established a presence in West Bend, and their mission is to serve the needs of the physically disabled.