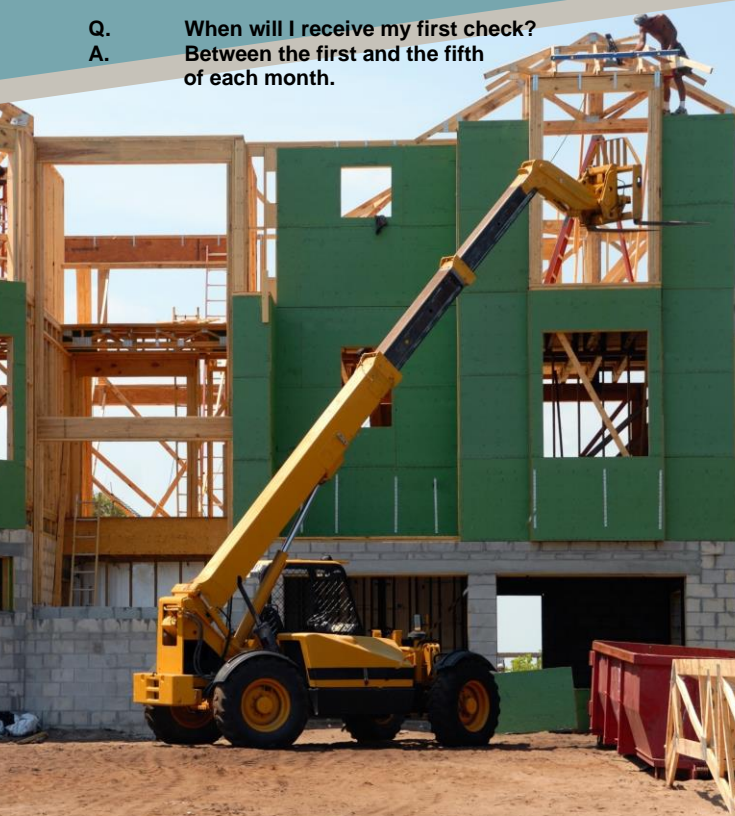




### Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. What is a Housing Voucher?
- A. The Housing Voucher is the form that certifies that the family is eligible to find an apartment or house that meets HCV program guidelines.
  
- Q. What is a Request for Tenancy Form?
- A. It is the form that the landlord must complete and be approved by the Housing Authority that will trigger the Inspection Process.
  
- Q. How long does it take to get a house or an apartment approved?
- A. The initial inspection will be scheduled between 2-5 days. If the unit passes inspection, the Housing Authority will prepare a Housing Assistance Payment Contract that must be signed by the Landlord and the Housing Authority.
  
- Q. How much can I charge for the Security Deposit?
- A. You may charge what state law allows. Most landlords require up to one month rent.
  
- Q. When will I receive my first check?
- A. Between the first and the fifth of each month.



## Contact Info

Visit our Website to obtain additional information for landlords and Owners. Download forms and information such as the HAP contract, Direct Deposit, lease addendum, and other forms.  
[www.annistonhousing.org](http://www.annistonhousing.org)

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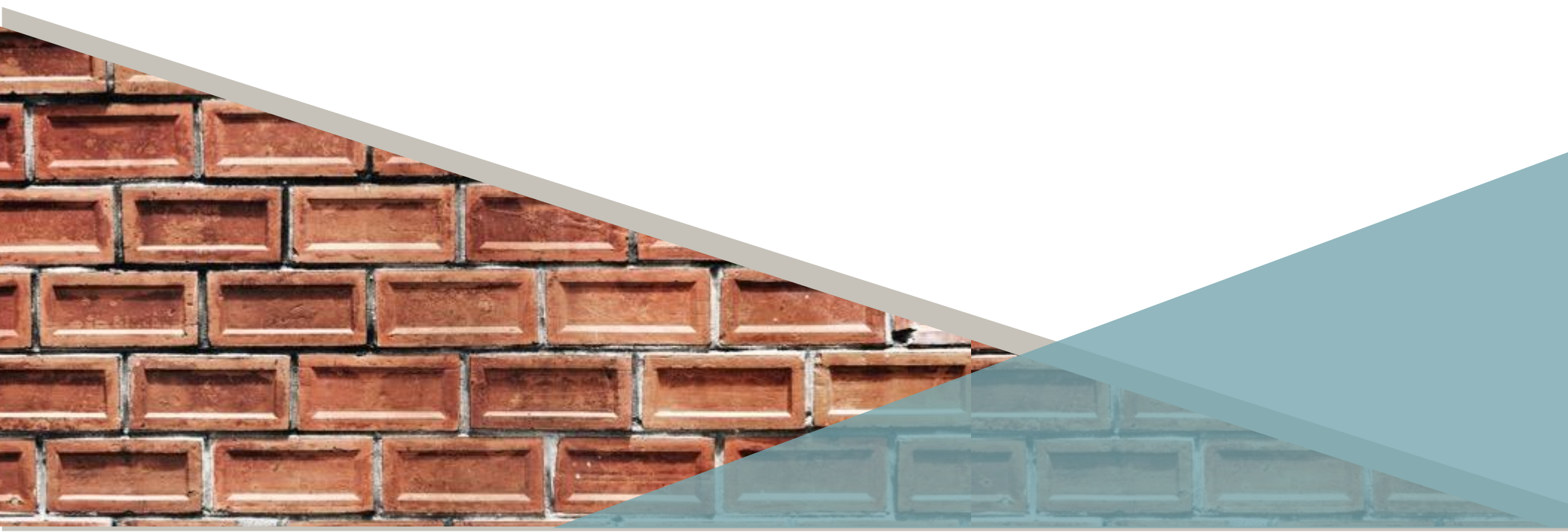


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Landlords-We  
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Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV)  
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# Historical Info

## HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (HCV)

- Formerly known as the Section 8 Program, created in 1974 to provide Owners and Landlords in the private sector an opportunity to partner with Housing Authorities to provide housing assistance to the elderly, disabled individuals and families.
- Today, the Housing Choice Voucher Program is one of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) most popular programs.
- The Program provides Housing Assistance to more **than one million** families nationwide, with more than 68% of total rental assistance going to seniors, children and those with disabilities.
- Anniston's HCV program was awarded 100 Vouchers in 1980. Today, the program is serving 275 families.
- Over the next several years we expect this program will double allowing us to serve over 500 families.

# Participation

## ▪ WHY PARTICIPATE?

1. The HCV Program takes advantage of current housing stock already available in the private sector.
2. Allows private Owners and Landlords to participate and receive Rental Payments monthly from the federal government.
3. Allows the Owner to retain the responsibility of maintaining their property and enforcing their lease for families they agreed to rent to.
4. Provides an important opportunity to invest in neighborhoods through partnering with Housing Authorities, local government and other agencies.

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*The Anniston Housing Authority...Providing choice for the families that we serve!!!*

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## HOW TO GET STARTED:



- Pick up an Owner information packet from the HCV Program and review thoroughly. Contact the HCV Program, if you have questions about any information in the Owner packet.
- List your property with the HCV Program.
- Be prepared to screen the family or individual.
- Make repairs to ensure the property meets HUD's Housing Quality Standards (HQS).
- Have your lease agreement preapproved.
- Be prepared to enter into a Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Contract with the Housing Authority.