

# HELP VULNERABLE FAMILIES! GUARANTEED RENTS!



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## Attention Owners: Help Vulnerable Families During the Coronavirus Crisis

The Boston Housing Authority (BHA) is calling on all owners of rental properties to help Boston families find housing. The BHA has hundreds of voucher holder families actively seeking housing. These families are homeless and many include Boston Public School students. Now more than ever, it is incredibly important to provide these families with housing stability, decrease the shelter population, alleviate overcrowding, and enable social distancing. Dedicate a listing for a homeless family with a BHA voucher by listing your unit here: [www.bostonhousing.org/helpfamilies](http://www.bostonhousing.org/helpfamilies)

## **New Landlord Incentive! One Month Rent Bonus!**

To help further this initiative, BHA will pay a *special incentive for City of Boston landlords* in the amount of one month's contract rent for successfully leasing homeless BHA voucher holder in Boston.

## **BHA Vouchers Pay Market Rents Throughout Boston and Greater Boston**

The BHA has changed its policies so that voucher families can afford rents in virtually every zip code in Boston and Greater Boston. BHA vouchers pay market rent in most zip codes in Boston and greater Boston and will provide reliable rent payments in a struggling economy.

## **Voucher Rents Are Guaranteed By the Federal Government – Providing Certainty in Uncertain Times**

Vouchers provide stability for your rental property. In the event the tenant family loses income, the BHA will adjust their share and make up the difference, guaranteeing that landlords continue receiving the contract rent. Voucher families have also been screened for Housing Choice Voucher program eligibility and have passed a background check that satisfies BHA requirements.

## **Quick Inspection Process and Digital Communications**

All units will be inspected for Housing Quality Standards, a basic health and safety check. Inspections will occur in as soon as 48 hours after you agree to lease a family. After inspection, BHA facilitates the lease signing for any day of the month using electronic signatures and email.

## **List a Unit Dedicated for a Homeless Family**

Please set aside units so our families can be placed quickly by listing them at [www.bostonhousing.org/helpfamilies](http://www.bostonhousing.org/helpfamilies). Help us empty the shelters in this critical time and provide stability to families and receive a steady income stream in the form of guaranteed market rental payments. Let us know if you have a unit that can be used to help! Email or call us here & please forward this notice widely: [Thomas.White@bostonhousing.org](mailto:Thomas.White@bostonhousing.org) or **617-988-4540**.



Sincerely,

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