

# SPHA to Host Landlord Workshop on September 19, 2017

**ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA** – On Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., the St. Petersburg Housing Authority (SPHA) will host a workshop for all local landlords and property owners who are interested in learning more about SPHA’s Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, commonly known as Section 8. The workshop will take place at SPHA’s central office, 2001 Gandy Boulevard North in St. Petersburg.

Gil Machin, SPHA’s Housing Choice Voucher Officer, says, “Through this workshop, we hope to educate all landlords about the benefits of renting to a Section 8 tenant and to give landlords already in the program a better understanding of its requirements. At SPHA, we are committed to working hand-in-hand with local landlords to increase affordable rental options for families in need of housing.”

The workshop agenda includes an overview of the HCV program, tenant and landlord obligations and responsibilities, the landlord registration process, property listing resources for optimum exposure, and preparing for a successful Housing Quality Standards Inspection. To register for the free workshop, landlords and owners should call 727-323-3171, ext. 236, or e-mail [dlucier@stpeteha.org](mailto:dlucier@stpeteha.org). Space is limited, so reservations are recommended.

The HCV program is the largest affordable housing program in the United States and is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The program provides rental assistance to families, the elderly, and persons with special needs who have incomes up to 50 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI). Vouchers enable program participants to receive a subsidy, while leasing from their choice of landlords in the private market. The rental assistance is designed so that tenants are not forced to spend an unreasonable portion of their monthly income on shelter and allows them the flexibility to select the community or neighborhood in which they live.

Additional information for interested landlords can be found on SPHA’s website at [www.stpeteha.org/landlords.htm](http://www.stpeteha.org/landlords.htm).

**About St. Petersburg Housing Authority:** Founded in 1937, SPHA is one of the oldest housing authorities in the nation and is continually rated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a “High Performing” agency. SPHA provides housing assistance to qualifying low-income families within its service area, which includes the City of St. Petersburg and extends in a 10-mile radius outside of city limits. More information about SPHA’s programs and services can be found at [www.stpeteha.org](http://www.stpeteha.org).

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