



Lake County Housing Authority

FACT SHEET 2016

Lake County Housing Authority provides rent opportunities and assistance for over 3,400 individuals and families residing in Lake County, Illinois. Established in 1946, LCHA is the fourth largest Housing Authority in Illinois and the largest of the three housing authorities servicing the county. It is currently supporting the housing of over 8,100 individuals and offering other services to touch even more lives within our community. It is a non-smoking agency. Individuals/families in the Low Rent Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) programs pay at least 30% of their household income for rent. The difference is subsidized by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Lake County Housing Authority is governed by a Board of Commissioners currently consisting of seven members appointed for a five-year term. LCHA employs over 50 staff members.

Low Rent Public Housing Program owns and operates 7 buildings totaling 332 units of housing developed for seniors (aged 55 & older) and disabled individuals. It also maintains 161 single family homes scattered throughout Lake County. As of December 31, 2015, the average household income is \$15,141 and average tenant rent is \$226. 49% of the households are headed by persons over 62 years-of-age. 44% of the households are headed by persons with a disability. There are an average of nine unit turnovers per month.

Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program (Section 8) provides rent assistance in privately owned rental units for low income individuals and families. Federal funding allows LCHA to assist approximately 2,918 households with Housing Choice Vouchers. These vouchers assist over 6,700 individuals. As of December 31, 2015, the average household income is \$15,125 and average tenant rent is \$261. 36% of the households are headed by persons with a disability. There are an average of 25 voucher turnovers per month.

Waiting Lists as of December 31, 2015: 679 individuals/families are on the LCHA Housing Choice Voucher waiting list. There are a combined total of 3,444 applications on our nine Low Rent Public Housing waiting lists. LCHA's HCV Section 8 and Public Housing Waiting Lists are closed. The Waiting List for senior Public Housing remains open for those aged 55 and over. Preference is given to Head-of-Households who are residents of Lake County, veterans, or currently residing in nursing homes.

LCHA Affordable Housing Acquisition & Rentals Program - Fostering affordable housing opportunities by obtaining HUD foreclosures, rehabilitating them and then utilizing these to house additional families. Once purchased and rehabilitated, houses are taken under the Rentals Inventory umbrella.

- 14 homes have been purchased in the LCHA Affordable Housing Rehab program (locate throughout the county). Currently, there are 21 properties in the Rentals program inventory, which consists of various single-family homes and lots throughout the county. Eight homes were completely renovated since the program's inception in 2012 totaling approximately \$699,442. This includes the LCHA project collaboration with the Lake County Technology Campus.
- This program is funded using non-federal dollars.

LCHA Supportive Programs:

- ❖ *Family Self-Sufficiency Program*
- ❖ *Family Unification Program*
- ❖ *Home Repair Grant Program*
- ❖ *Summer Reading Program*
- ❖ *Financial Literacy Workshops*
- ❖ *Housing Counseling -Predatory Lending -1st Time Homebuyer Counseling -Mortgage Default Counseling -Foreclosure Intervention -Home Equity Conversion Mortgages*

