



DEBTS OWED TO LCHA

All participants in our programs are required to report household income and changes to income to LCHA in a timely manner. We make every effort to educate and inform participants about this requirement. If you have any questions at all, please contact us.

If your income changes, you **MUST** report it to us within ten days of the change, in writing. All income reported on your Income Tax Return **MUST** also be reported to LCHA. This includes Self-Employment income.

If LCHA does not have the correct information regarding income, and that results in your rent portion being lower than it should be, then you will be required to pay any additional money owed to us once the underpayment has been discovered.

When participants leave the program and have outstanding debts to LCHA, we use two resources for recapturing the debt:

- The online HUD Enterprise Income Verification's "Debts Owed to Public Housing Agencies and Adverse Terminations" system is a **national repository** maintained by HUD of individuals who owe a debt to a Public Housing Agency (PHA). Debts owed and adverse terminations are reported by the individual PHAs. The database is accessed by PHA's when they receive a new application for rental assistance. Tenants with debts owed are referred back to the previous PHA to settle the outstanding debt before any further subsidized assistance is given. **This means that if you owe money to one Public Housing Agency, you will not be able to receive assistance from another Public Housing Agency until that debt is repaid.**
- The State of Illinois has implemented a new procedure for us to make a claim against **state tax refunds, lottery payouts, commercial payments, or state payroll checks** to recover debt owed to us. LCHA provides the State with a list of debtors by social security number and the State **withholds payment** to the debtor and forwards it to LCHA.

Questions about these procedures can be directed to Renee Prior, Income/Security Investigator. 847-223-1170 ext. 214