



How to Qualify for Public Housing

Traditional Housing

Qualified applicants must:

- Not have a recent criminal record
- Not have a bad landlord reference report
- Not be over our income limits (varies depending on family size)
- Be current with lease payments at his/her current location.
- Have a satisfactory rent payment history over the past 12 months.
- Have no household members who were involved in drug-related or violent criminal activity in the past 3 years.
- *(If a prior resident of MDHA housing or other public housing program anywhere)* Have paid in full any balance owed to MDHA (public housing or Section 8/Rental Assistance) and any other Federal subsidized housing program.

Senior Housing (High-rises)

All of the above requirements apply, in addition to the following:

Senior only:	You must be 62 years of age or older.
Senior & disabled:	You must be at least 50 years of age, or handicapped or disabled.

Contemporary Housing

- The Applicant must satisfy all other requirements for admission to MDHA's traditional Public Housing.
- Head of Household ("Applicant") must meet at least one of the following:
 1. Have a history of stable employment (i.e., for the past 12 months, must have been earning employment income equivalent to at least \$200 per week);
 2. Be elderly or disabled and be receiving Social Security, SSI, or similar pension or disability income;
 3. Have other stable income of at least \$10,400 annually; or
 4. Be receiving AFDC and be participating in a training program for at least 20 hours per week for at least the past 6 months.
- Unless Applicant is elderly or disabled, he/she must be willing to sign and participate in a self-sufficiency contract that becomes a part of their lease.
- Prior residents of MDHA Public Housing must:
 1. Have had no poor housekeeping reports within the past 12 months;
 2. Have no history of conflicts with neighbors or management in the prior 12 months;
 3. *(If no longer in Public Housing)* Have left MDHA in good standing (not evicted).
- The Applicant must be able to have utilities turned on in his or her name.

The Property Manager has the discretion to waive one or more of the above criteria based on written justification submitted to and approved by the Directive Office of Asset Management.

MDHA is an Equal Housing provider and does not discriminate based upon race, color, age, national origin, sex, marital status, disability or any other legally protected status in programs, activities or services.

All facilities accessible.

