

Project-Based Voucher (PBV) Section 8 Program: Fact Sheet

What is the PBV Program?

The Project-Based Voucher (PBV) Program is part of Section 8 housing assistance. It helps low-income families, seniors, and people with disabilities afford rent in specific housing units.

- The program pays part of the rent directly to the landlord. Tenants only pay 30 of their income toward rent
- Unlike Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV), PBV assistance is linked to specific apartments or homes. You must live in one of these units to receive the benefit.

PBV Housing Options Available

1. Caritas PBV Program

- **Type of Housing:** Single Room Occupancy (SRO).
- **Who It's For:** This program is ideal for individuals who need affordable housing but don't require a full apartment.
- **Unit Details:** SROs typically include a private bedroom and shared common spaces like kitchens and bathrooms.
- **Best For:** Single adults looking for a safe and affordable living space.

2. Carter Heights PBV Program

- **Type of Housing:** Apartments for families and individuals.
- **Who It's For:** Families and individuals who need one- or two-bedroom apartments.
- **Best For:** families, couples, or individuals needing more living space than an SRO.

Who Qualifies?

Income Limits: Your income must be below a certain level, based on the size of your household

Income Chart

Family Size	Section 8/PBV
1	\$57,100
2	\$65,300
3	\$73,450
4	\$81,600
5	\$88,150

Preferences for Applicants

The CHA gives certain preferences to applicants who meet certain criteria, helping them move up on the waitlist faster. These preferences include:

1. **Veteran Preference:**

Veterans or active-duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces may receive priority for PBV housing. Some PHAs may also extend this preference to veteran families.

2. **Local Residency Preference:**

Applicants who live or work in Chelsea area may be given priority.

3. **Domestic Violence:**

Survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking may qualify for a preference under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). This includes protections to help survivors stay safe and access housing quickly.