

Helping People Build Better Lives

The VHA touches more than 12,500 lives in Clark County every day. More than 7,500 Clark County residents live in VHA subsidized housing, and about 5,000 people live in VHA workforce housing properties.

VHA subsidized housing includes both owned/managed properties (1,011 units) and Housing Choice Voucher subsidies paid by the VHA to private landlords (about 2,200 units).



3,351 Clark County children and youth (about 134 classrooms full) have a chance to succeed in school and in life because of VHA subsidized housing.

In VHA subsidized housing, households pay about 30% of their income in rent. The rest is paid by federal subsidies.

Average household income in VHA subsidized housing is \$11,336.

61% of the households in VHA subsidized housing are elderly people or people with disabilities.

More than 5,000 households are waiting for VHA subsidized housing. **The average wait is 3 – 5 years.**

The VHA supports residents' home ownership goals by developing opportunities for down payment assistance and affordable home purchase.

More than 160 families have purchased homes through the VHA's Moving to Work self-sufficiency demonstration.

In addition to subsidized housing, the VHA owns four emergency shelters for youth and families. The buildings are leased for \$1 per year to nonprofit service providers. The VHA also owns 120 units of affordable assisted living for frail elderly people.

Commitment to the Future

As a vital partner in long term economic development, the VHA is **leading community renewal efforts in Clark County** to attract investment, improve neighborhoods, and provide more opportunities for our community.

The VHA owns 2,173 units of bond and/or tax credit funded workforce housing at sixteen properties.

VHA workforce housing is a long term strategy to:

- Provide affordable housing for working people now.
- Maintain the affordability of an inventory of housing over the long term.
- As debt is retired, provide net revenue that can be reinvested in very low-income housing programs.

The VHA's RISE & STARS Community Center gives young residents of subsidized housing positive, life-enhancing experiences and opportunities to help them succeed.

Excellence in Management & Operations

VHA subsidized housing is scattered throughout the community and maintained at or above community standards.

In FYE 2007, the VHA paid **about 850 local landlords a total of \$10.5 million in Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) rental subsidies.**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development rates the VHA as a **high-performer.**

Standard & Poor's rates the VHA as a "strong agency with a stable outlook," **the highest designation for a housing authority.**

The Vancouver Housing Authority has been nationally recognized for administrative and design innovation by the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO).

