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## Somerville Section 8 Voucher Incentive Program

**\*Please note that an initial application must be submitted and approved prior to lease up to be eligible for incentive funds\***

### Who is Eligible?

Somerville residents holding a Section 8 or other kind of mobile voucher (MRVP, AHVP, etc.) can apply for incentive funds to rent a unit in Somerville. Must be a first time voucher lease up (exceptions in limited circumstances). Landlords and Realtors renting property in Somerville to eligible tenants can receive these incentive payments. Eligible properties may not have deed restrictions or other rental subsidies attached.

### Incentives Landlords

- 1 & 2 bedrooms - \$2,000
- 3+ bedrooms - \$2,500
- If no realtor, additional \$1,000 for 1 & 2 bedrooms or \$1,250 for 3+ bedrooms
- Repair reimbursement up to \$500 to pass Section 8 inspection

### Realtors

- Realtor fee (same charged to non-Section 8 tenants- maximum 1 month's rent)
- Plus \$500 incentive

### How Do I Apply?

Apply through the Somerville Homeless Coalition

- Step 1:** Tenant submits initial application (PRIOR TO LEASE UP) — if eligible, tenant will receive letter of approval
- Step 2:** Tenant submits request for funds along with completed Section 8 RFTA packet
- Step 3:** If approved, commitment of funds will be made
- Step 4:** Landlord submits signed lease and HAP agreement
- Step 5:** Payment made to landlord and, if applicable, realtor

#### Applications available at:

SomervilleHomelessCoalition.org  
SomervilleMA.gov/OHS

To Apply - Contact the Somerville Homeless Coalition  
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