

# Reno Housing Authority NEWS RELEASE

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## Rental Assistance Program Needs Landlords

*Monthly New landlord Informational Meetings Resume*

RENO, Nev. — After a prolonged COVID-related absence, the Reno Housing Authority resumes monthly new landlord briefings virtually Wed., June 29, at 1:30 p.m. Landlords who participate in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program play a vital role in ensuring low-income families have a safe place to live. Without landlord participation, families with rental subsidies can't utilize the voucher they waited so long to get. With rental vacancies in Washoe County hovering at only about 3%, low-income residents have a more difficult time securing safe, quality housing than most.

"Landlords who are part of our Housing Choice Voucher Program are guaranteed rent stability and direct deposit, but more than that, they play a big part in providing a stable foundation for families, older Nevadans and veterans," said Heidi McKendree, Interim Executive Director of the Reno Housing Authority. "They help the entire community prosper."

**WHAT: New Landlord Informational Meetings, open to all landlords and property managers**

**WHEN: Wed., June 29, last Wednesday of every month, 1:30 p.m.**

**WHERE: Virtual, email [jnewfelt@renoha.org](mailto:jnewfelt@renoha.org) for link**

The RHA provides monetary lease signing bonuses to landlords and property managers who accept specialty vouchers, and other incentives for all voucher programs.

Of the more than 4,200 local individuals and families served by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's HCV program, more than a third are children and 41% are elderly or disabled. The HCV waiting list has more than 4,000 individuals and families on it.

"We have a great need right now for landlords to partner with us, to help provide safe, quality housing for our fellow Nevadans," McKendree said.

Landlords or property managers wanting more information are encouraged to call the Reno Housing Authority at 329.3630 or visit [RenoHA.org](http://RenoHA.org).

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*Predominantly federally funded, the Reno Housing Authority provides affordable housing for qualifying residents of Washoe County. We help ensure nearly 9,000 Nevadans have a safe, secure place to call home through Housing Choice Vouchers, public housing and affordable market-rate properties. We've helped people afford to live in northern Nevada for 79 years.*

