

Public Housing Locations



30 2&3
Bedroom Units –
Kenston Schools
Chagrin Falls



38 2, 3 & 4
Bedroom Units –
Newbury Schools
Newbury



49 2 & 3
Bedroom Units –
Cardinal Schools
Middlefield



75 Single
Bedroom Units –
Chardon Schools
Chardon



50 Single
Bedroom Units –
Chardon Schools
Chardon

Housing Choice Voucher Program

GMHA also administers the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance program. Through this program, GMHA can assist up to 171 qualified low-income families with their rent and utility costs. Housing is obtained through privately owned properties. GMHA maintains a separate waiting list of applicants seeking the Section 8 HCV program assistance.

For more information on this program, please visit our website:
www.geaugamha.org.

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Helping to provide individuals, families and the disabled with quality, safe and affordable housing.



The Geauga Metropolitan Housing Authority is committed to providing quality, affordable housing that is decent and safe, to eligible families in this community. We strive to make the best use of all available resources so that our residents may live in an environment that is clean, well maintained and attractive. . .

We endeavor to instill pride and a desire for an enhanced quality of life for our residents and their families. We are committed to serving our residents and this entire community in a manner that demonstrates professional courtesy, respect and caring.

Public Housing Program Information

Our History

The Geauga Metropolitan Housing Authority (GMHA) was created in 1969 by what was then known as the State of Ohio Board of Housing. Consequently, GMHA's Charter was formed with subsequent powers being derived directly from the Ohio Revised Code. Even with the Charter completed, it wasn't until 1981 that the agency received its first grant funding for 106 housing units from the U.S. Department of HUD. Over the years, GMHA has expanded to a total of 243 public housing units within Geauga County where it maintains 100% occupancy. Additionally, GMHA maintains an extensive waiting list of applicants.

Who can apply for Public Housing?

Anyone can apply for Public Housing. Your application will be reviewed to make sure your income qualifies, and a credit and criminal check will also be completed on each adult applying for assistance.

How do I apply?

Applications are accepted at our offices through the mail drop box anytime. Applications may also be downloaded from our website, www.geaugamha.org and mailed or emailed in. **Applicants need to bring their photo ID and Social Security card with them at the time of application, or include them with their application.**

How do I qualify?

Your gross annual income must fall below the income limits for your family size.

Your credit report should not show any outstanding housing expenses.*

Your criminal report should not reveal activity within the past five years.*

*Any applicant that may be deemed ineligible on these grounds has the opportunity to request an Informal Hearing to discuss the findings in order to have their application reinstated.

What are the income requirements?

Income Limits (effective April 2021)

| Number of Persons in Family | Gross Annual Income Limit |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 44,050 |
| 2 | 50,350 |
| 3 | 56,650 |
| 4 | 62,900 |
| 5 | 67,950 |
| 6 | 73,000 |
| 7 | 78,000 |
| 8 | 83,050 |

As you can see by the above chart, income limits are much higher than many people expect.

How much will I pay in rent?

Public Housing security deposits and rents are based on the income of the household. The Housing Authority looks at all the income for the family, subtracts any allowable deductions, and calculates the rent based on a percentage of the adjusted income. For our family units, there is also a utility allowance that is deducted giving additional assistance in providing affordable rents.

How long can I stay in Public Housing?

There currently are no time limits as to how long a family can reside in Public Housing, providing there are no lease violations.

Should you desire to move-out, all we ask is that you give us thirty days notice. This allows the Housing Authority time to find another family wanting assistance, and it can reduce potential charges to your account.

Why Public Housing?

Public Housing can provide a wonderful opportunity for individuals and families to pay affordable rents while they go to school, look for employment or even save for a home of their own.

There are many wonderful people in Public Housing that just need a little help to move on to the next stage of their life. We are proud to be able to assist them by being a rung on their ladder to success.

We hope you will consider the Geauga Metropolitan Housing Authority for your housing needs as you seek to move on to the next stage of *your* life.

For more information:

You may contact GMHA at 440-286-7413, ext. 100. Our office hours are Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and closed to the public on Friday. We are closed for all Federal holidays and from noon to 1 p.m. Monday – Thursday.

We look forward to talking with you!

