

## Section 8 Project-Based Vouchers

In an effort to create additional housing opportunities for low and moderate income families and to leverage private resources in the community, Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency will implement a Section 8 Project-Based Voucher Program. A Project-Based Voucher Program supports the goal of de-concentrating poverty and expanding housing and economic opportunities. The Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency will utilize no more than 50 vouchers in the Project-Based Voucher Program.

The general locations for Project-Based Voucher usage will be in census tracts that have poverty concentrations of 20 percent or less. The Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency may make exceptions to the 20 percent standard for such locations DMMHA determines that the project based assistance will complement other local redevelopment activities designed to de-concentrate poverty and expand housing and economic opportunities.

The creation of a Project-Based Voucher Program is consistent with the Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency's goals and objectives. Utilizing project based vouchers is consistent with the goal of development of affordable housing by stimulating and encouraging the participation of the private sector in providing housing for low and moderate income households. The creation of a Project-Based Voucher Program meets the Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency goal of increasing assisted housing choices. Utilizing project-based vouchers in the above mentioned locations rather than tenant based vouchers will assure long term viability of affordable housing within Polk County, Iowa and will provide access to neighborhoods outside of high poverty areas. DMMHA's past experience in the Moderate Rehabilitation Program will assist in the implementation of an effective program.