

# HOUSING CHOICE Voucher program

#### What's New at DHA?



October 20, 2020

\*Presentation is being recorded\*



#### Our Agenda for the next hour

- 1. DHA Overview
- 2. Online Request for Tenancy Approval (RFTA) Submission
- 3. Virtual Housing Quality Standards (HQS) Inspections
- 4. Virtual Customer Service Chat
- 5. Requesting a Rental Adjustment
- 6. Q & A



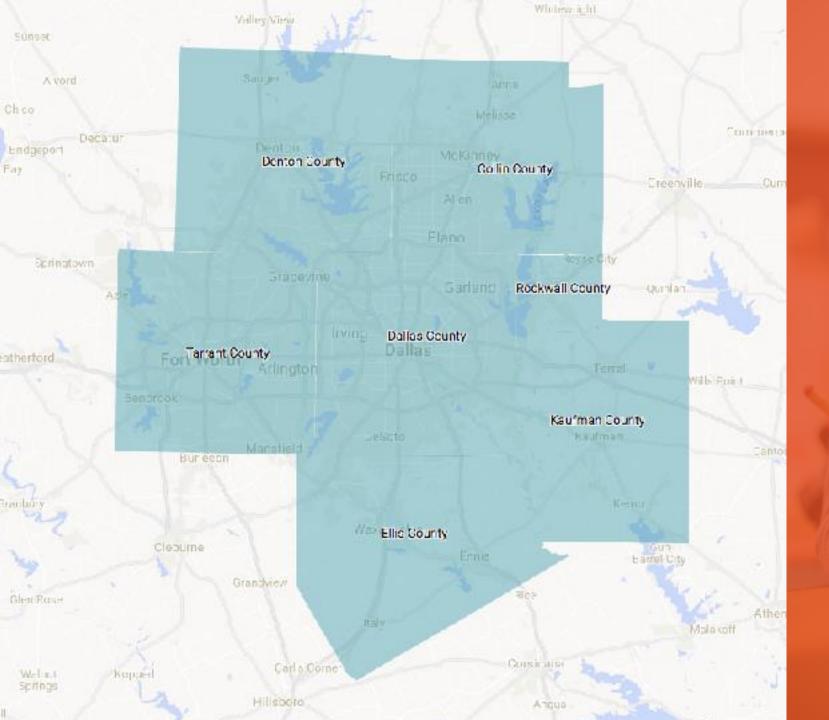
# ABOUT DHA

DHA provides quality, affordable housing to lowincome families and individuals through the effective and efficient administration of housing assistance programs across North Texas. The agency aims to create opportunities for program participants to achieve self-sufficiency and economic independence.



# OUR REACH

DHA provides housing opportunities to 60,000 people through public housing developments and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) programs. It is the 10th largest public housing agency in the nation and manages the 6th largest Housing Choice Voucher program.



#### AREA OF OPERATION

Clients may lease a unit anywhere within the city of Dallas and the 7 county jurisdiction of DHA.



# OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide affordable quality housing and access to supportive resources across North Texas.

We create housing solutions in healthy, inclusive communities that offer economic, educational and social growth opportunities. Our business partners and neighbors are an essential part of this mission.

Our dedicated, caring team of professionals is driven to deliver on behalf of our clients and partners.



# OUR VISION

#### WE BELIEVE...

Everyone deserves a place to call home.

Communities are stronger when everyone has a chance to thrive. Affordable housing is an important part of the solution to reduce poverty.

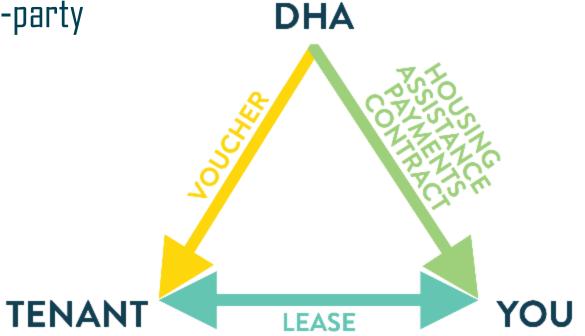
Our vision is to be a catalyst for positive change, creating a brighter future by:

// providing pathways for people to enhance their quality of life
// developing more inclusive, sustainable housing solutions
// energizing communities and partners to join us on our mission

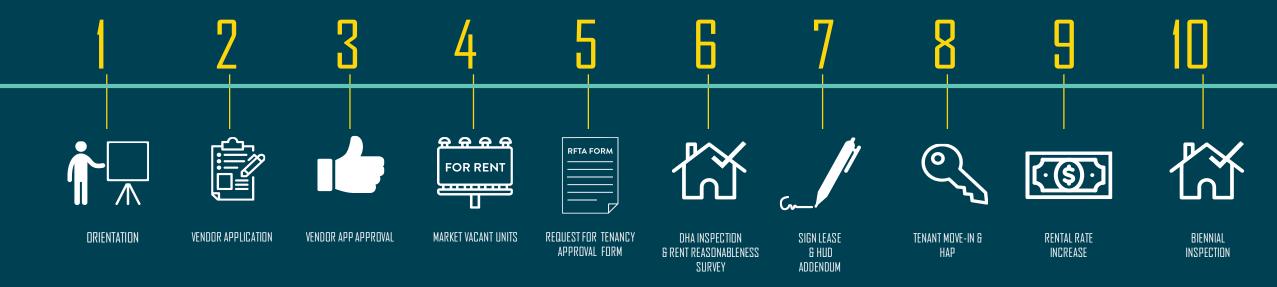


#### HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

## In the HCV program there are three bi-party contract relationships.







## **RFTA PACKET**

- Acknowledgment of Rent Responsibility OR Landlord Certification
- Request for Tenancy Approval form signed by Landlord
- Certification of Additional Amenities
- Lead-Based Paint Disclosure
- IRS W-9 form for Owner/Agent
- Vendor Number Verification
- Direct Deposit Sign-Up and Change Form
- Notice to Vacate (If Current Participant)
- A Property Owner's Guide to HCV Lease-Up
- Client's Housing Choice Voucher
- Housing Choice Voucher Client Affordability Worksheet



## **RFTA PACKET**

- Proof of TAX ID for both the owner(s) and Agent ( if applicable) :
  - Social Security Card or
  - IRS letter (with EIN#) or
  - Most recent tax return (signed)
- Copy of valid government photo ID
- Proposed lease agreement (excluding dates & signatures)
- Proof of ownership (Filed and recorded deed or county appraisal website print out)
- Management agreement between the owner and the manager, if applicable
- Original voucher



#### RETURN RFTA PACKET TO LANDLORD SERVICES

- Email completed packets to <u>DHA-RFTA@dhantx.com</u>
- Prior to COVID-19- RFTA Packets were accepted in-person only
- Units requiring client to pay more than 40% of their adjusted monthly income will not be accepted.
- Incomplete packages may not be accepted; however, DHA will make every effort to accept items electronically.



#### RETURN RFTA PACKET TO LANDLORD SERVICES



DHA will notify both tenant and owner of the tenant and DHA portion of rent .

While your requested rent may be reasonable, DHA is not permitted to contract for units where the client would be responsible to pay more than 40% of their adjusted monthly income



#### RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

With our Bob.AI artificial intelligence platform, you can list your available units and communicate directly with voucher holders to schedule a showing.

#### Rental Leads (192) o



Invite your PHA

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Leads #	Location or POI	Opportunity valid till	Number of bedrooms	Status	Action	
2494	Dallas, TX	12/30/2020	1	Working on scheduling	Generate RFTA	
6127	Dallas, TX	12/30/2020	2	Working on Scheduling	Generate RFTA	
6126	Dallas, TX	12/30/2020	2	Working on Scheduling	Generate RFTA	
6108	Dallas, TX	11/30/2020	2	Working on Scheduling	Generate RFTA	
6090	Dallas, TX	10/21/2020	2	Working on Scheduling	Generate RFTA	
6086	Dallas, TX	10/14/2020	2	Working on Scheduling	Generate RFTA	
5928	Dallas, TX	10/20/2020	1	Working on Scheduling	Generate RFTA	
5927	Dallas, TX	10/19/2020	1	Working on Scheduling	Generate RFTA	
2502	Dallas, TX	11/9/2020	3	Working on Scheduling	Generate RF1A	

### Validate Affordability & Rent Comparability in real time

Once you have entered the rent amount requested and disclosed utility and appliance information, the AI system will automatically validate the family's affordability (based on income) and run the rent comparability study.



#### **Utilities and Appliances**

	Specify fuel type	Paid by
Heating	Natural Gas 🗸	Owner Client
Cooking	Natural Gas 🗸	Owner Client
Water Heating	Natural Gas 🗸	Owner Client
Other Electric		Owner Client
Water		Owner Client
Sewer		Owner Client
Trash Collection		Owner Client
Air Conditioning		Owner Client
		Provided by
Refrigerator		Owner Client
Range/Microwave		Owner Client
	Schedule Showing	

#### **Complete & Submit RFTA Electronically**





#### Request for Tenancy Approval Housing Choice Voucher Program

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing

OMB Approval No. 2577-0169 exp. 7/31/2022

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .08 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect information required to information this form by Section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f). Collection of the data on the family's selected unit is mandatory. The information is used to determine if the unit is eligible for rental assistance. HUD may disclose this information to Federal, State, and local agencies when relevant civil, criminal, or regulatory investigations and prosecutions. It will not be otherwise disclosed or released ourside of HUD, except as permitted or required by law. Failure to provide any of the information may result in delay or rejection of family voucher assistance.

Name of Public Housing Agency (PH TEST Housing Authority - TESTP	1000						-	IN PLACE DALLAS TEX		er, city, State & zip code) 75001
Requested Beginning Date of Lease	4.	Number of Bedrooms 2	5	Year Constructed	6.	Proposed Rent 1000	7.	Security Deposit Amt.	8	Date Unit Available for Inspection



## INSPECTION

- The inspection process is conducted by DHA's HQS department.
- Please refer any questions to HQS Dispatch via hqsdispatch@dhantx.com.
- Remember to walk through your property before the scheduled inspection.



### TIPS FOR PASSING INSPECTION

- All utilities are turned on and all appliances are in place and working appropriately, unless the tenant is supplying the stove and or refrigerator
- The site, building and unit are clean, safe, and sanitary
- Be sure and verify Texas Property Code for rental property requirements for door viewers and keyless deadbolts
- The unit is ready for occupancy
- Adult must be present to allow access to the unit

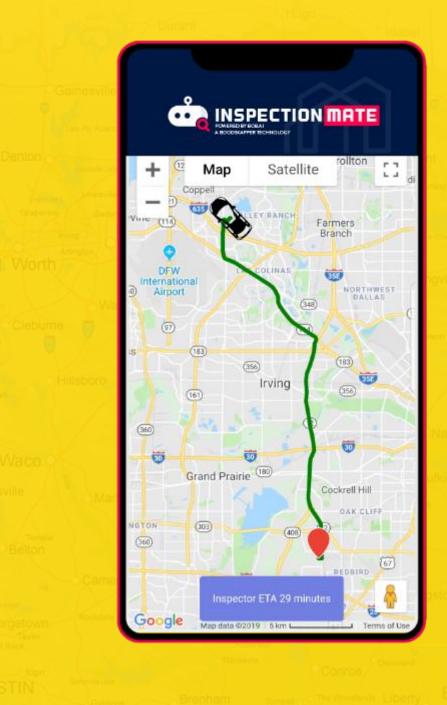
# **INSPECTION MATE**

Get live status updates, appointment reminders, and instant pass/fail notifications using our artificial intelligence platform.



https://www.bob.ai/





## HOW TO USE INSPECTIONMATE

- 1. Go to the App Store on your mobile device
- 2. Download the Bob.AI app
- 3. Create an account using the email address associated with your DHA vendor account

#### [SHOW DEMO ON HOW TO DO THIS]



## STAY SAFE WITH VIRTUAL INSPECTIONS

Available apps:

- Google Duo for Android
- FaceTime for Apple iPhone

#### Required tools:

- outlet tester
- temperature gun
- working flashlight



## INITIAL PRE-CONTRACT INSPECTION



- 1-2 business days after the unit is ready
- No Access = Inconclusive
- Inspector contacts the landlords for single family units (please ensure that the number provided is a good contact number)
- Multifamily unit inspections are arranged with the property manager



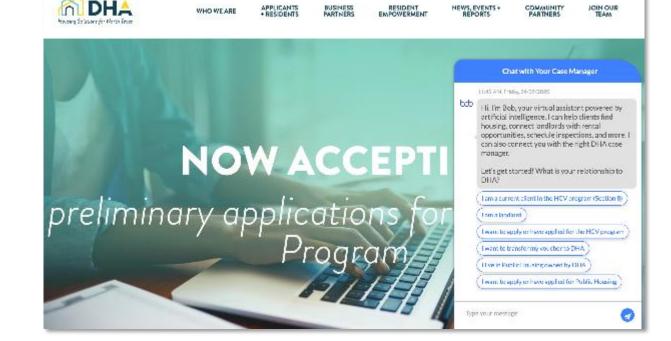
### IF INSPECTION FAILS

- To request re-inspection of failed/inconclusive units, call or email the inspector within 15 days of the initial inspection.
- Inspections are cancelled after 15 days with no call or email request to re-inspect.



#### GET HELP EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

- Our teams are working remotely, and we've moved to a 100% digital process.
- As valued business partner of DHA, you get access to our virtual customer service platform that can help you throughout the process of working with us.
- Visit bob.ai or download the bob.ai app on your mobile device to get started.
- Bob.ai will also help you market your units and schedule inspections.







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## How to Request a Rental Adjustment?



- <u>https://dhantx.com/forms/request-for-</u> <u>rental-adjustment/</u>
- DHA is required to provide the family with 30days notice if their portion of the rent will increase.

#### **Request for Rental Adjustment**

Complete this form ONLY if you are a landlord requesting a rental adjustment and/or utility change. Please submit the completed form to DHA at least 60-90 days prior to the end of the lease term or in accordance with your lease agreement. If approved, DHA will inform you of the effective date, to ensure that DHA provides the tenant with 30-day notice of an increase to their portion of the rent.

Request for Rental Rat	te Adjustment
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Has the tenant been provided with a 60-90-day notice of rent increase and/or utility responsibility change?

O Yes O No

If no, please delay your request for an increase until you have provided the tenant with required notice.

What date was the tenant notified?	What is the effective date of the rental increase?
MM/DD/YY	MM/DD/YY
	$\ensuremath{Please}$ use the date that was provided in the notice to the tenant.
Owner Information:	
Owner First Name*	Last Name*
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O Owner O Agent O Manager	



#### Interested in another workshop?

What are you interested in learning more about?

What would motivate you to increase the number of families assisted through the Voucher Program?

Have our improvements made a difference in your operation?

If not, what more can we do?



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We're here to help you along the way! Contact our Landlord Services Team at LLservices@dhantx.com