

Communities are stronger when everyone has access to safe, affordable housing.

But housing access is limited if tenants can't find rentals that accept housing vouchers. For these Lincolniters, the hard reality is that they are often



FACTS



Lincoln is facing a severe shortage of affordable housing.

Housing is unaffordable for 45% of Lincolniters who rent at all income levels. Plus, 21,165 Lincoln households are cost-burdened by their housing, while 86% of extremely low-income families spend more than one-third of their income on rent. Lincoln must address these issues before they become worse.



The Housing Voucher Program could be more effective.

Often, tenants are unable to use housing vouchers to pay for rent – many landlords won't accept them as payment. At least 20% of local renters with vouchers aren't able to use them. This most affects those with disabilities, single female heads of household, families with children, and racial minority groups. These groups make up the majority who receive rental assistance or supplemental sources of income. Lincoln can enact protections to ensure we use every housing assistance tool to the fullest extent – and to ensure that everyone has a decent, safe home.



Source of income protections prevent eviction and homelessness.

Source of income protections increase the likelihood that those with housing vouchers are able to use them. These protections require landlords to accept any legal source of income, including housing vouchers. Recipients are 12% more likely to successfully use their voucher in a city, county or state with source of income protections than in places without such laws. Sixteen states and 87 counties and cities across the United States have adopted similar protections.



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