

The McHenry County Housing Authority has a contract with the Department of Housing and Urban Development which enables 947 elderly and limited income families and individuals to receive rental assistance.

All units are inspected by Housing Authority staff to assure that they are decent, safe and sanitary and meet federal housing quality standards. The Housing Authority enters into a one year contract with the landlord stating that the Housing Authority will make rental assistance payments on behalf of the tenant family, and that the landlord will maintain the rental unit.

Households must meet income guidelines set by the federal government. All income is included (wages, social security, public aid, interest on savings) and is verified in writing. Tenants pay a percentage of total household income toward rent, including utilities. The Housing Authority pays the remainder of the rent directly to the landlord.