



RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION (RAD)

What is RAD?

The Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) is a voluntary program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that seeks to preserve public housing by providing Public Housing Agencies with various opportunities, including access to more stable funding. RAD Conversion allows a PHA to convert from receiving funding under HUD's Low Income Public Housing Program to HUD's Project Based Section 8 platform, which has historically received more stable funding through Congress, with a long-term contract that, by law, must be renewed. This ensures the housing will be preserved and will remain permanently affordable to low-income households.

Here are some important facts about Housing Connects proposed RAD Conversion:

- RAD will allow Housing Connect to convert properties from conventional Public Housing, with traditional Capital Fund subsidies and Operating Fund subsidies, to Project-Based Section 8 with a long-term contract with HUD.
- Housing Connect has applied for a RAD Conversion for 9 Family Housing Communities and 2 Elderly and Non-Elderly Disabled Communities. This amounts to 485 total housing units.
- Housing Connect is pursuing RAD Conversion as a way to help preserve and maintain affordable housing in a climate of funding instability. RAD locks in a previous year's level of public housing subsidies with an expectation of annual increases for inflation.
- After the RAD Conversion Housing Connect will continue to own, manage and maintain the properties in the same way. RAD maintains the public stewardship of the converted properties through clear rules on ownership and use.
- Housing Connect will maintain our high standards so all residents can enjoy their homes.
- Residents in good standing will not have to move or relocate under Housing Connects RAD plans.
- Residents will continue to pay 30% of their adjusted income towards their rent, and they maintain the same basic rights as they possess in the public housing program.
- Following a conversion under RAD, residents will still have the right to operate a resident organization (Resident Council), with financial support from the PHA.

For more information on RAD please visit <https://www.hud.gov/RAD>