

NRHA

NEVADA RURAL HOUSING AUTHORITY



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HISTORY

Nevada Rural Housing Authority was established as a state government agency in 1972. In 1995 NRHA became a private entity that is governed by a Board of Commissioners appointed by the Nevada League of Cities and the Nevada Association of Counties. New legislation, AB 372 passed in 2005, clarifies the jurisdiction and NRHA's abilities to provide affordable housing services and be more responsive to the needs of the low and moderate-income people of rural Nevada.
The legislation can be found directly at <http://leg.state.nv.us/73rd/reports/history.cfm?ID=1990> or via the legislative web site at <http://leg.state.nv.us>.

PROGRAMS

- ◆ Section 8 Rental Assistance (1973) - NRHA is the primary provider of rental assistance in the 15 Nevada rural counties. The agency currently administers over 1,500 HUD Section 8 rental assistance vouchers to low-income families, the elderly and the disabled.
- ◆ Housing Assistance Program (HAP)(1978) - NRHA administers project based rental assistance for 130 rental units through HUD HAP contracts.
- ◆ Rural Development Rental Assistance (1979) - NRHA administers project based RD rental assistance for 122 units in 5 rural apartment complexes.
- ◆ Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)(1999) - TBRA has assisted over 200 elderly or disabled rural households since its inception.
- ◆ Section 523 Self-Help Program (1999-2004) - Assisted 11 families, through homebuyer counseling, down payment assistance, and construction management, in becoming homeowners
- ◆ HUD Housing Service Coordinator Program (2005) - NRHA provides supportive services for the residents of Southgate Apartments, a subsidized senior complex.
- ◆ Security Deposit Program (2005) - In Lyon, Carson City, Churchill, and Douglas Counties, NRHA assists low-income families by assisting renters with security deposits.
- ◆ Housing Quality Inspection (HQS)- NRHA provides HQS inspections for all 1,500 Section 8 units, own 7 apartment complexes, and has contracts with the Reno Housing Authority and Nevada Mental Health to provide required HQS inspections.
- ◆ NRHA has developed, owns and manages, over 250 units in 7 housing developments located in Carson City, Yerington, Fallon, Wells, and Winnemucca.
- ◆ The Computer Learning Center has been successfully hosted by NRHA out of its Southgate Apartment complex since 2001.
- ◆ Rural Housing Needs Assessment -In response to growing housing need across the fifteen rural counties, the Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA) commissioned a report in June 2004. Completed in March of 2005 the needs assessment provides up-to-date information on the changing demographics, housing trends, and service gaps across the state.
The Rural Housing Needs Assessment can be found on the NRHA Website: www.nvrural.org.