

DERRY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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- DHRA administers 107 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers; the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development provides Administrative Fees to pay for the operation of the program.
- DHRA owns 17 Peabody Rd. and 1 & 3 Peabody Rd. Annex – each building has 4, one bedroom apartments that are rented to low income/elderly/disabled residents.
- DHRA owns 12 Peabody Rd. and until 12/18/19, the building was leased to Vintage Grace, a 501c3 non-profit organization. Vintage Grace has since gone out of business and they have relinquished the property back to the DHRA. It is DHRA's intent to sell the building. The building is currently under contract, which is pending HUD's approval.
- DHRA's waiting list for Section 8 assistance has 274 applicants (173 Derry residents), who will wait approximately 4 years for assistance.
- DHRA gives waiting list preference to Derry residents, honorably discharged veterans and victims of domestic violence.
- DHRA puts approximately \$800,000 annually into local economy through Housing Assistance Payments to landlords on behalf of its clients.
- DHRA conducts Housing Quality Standards inspections on every unit leased to a Section 8 resident on an annual basis.
- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has given the DHRA its highest rating- "High Performer" – on its Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) for several consecutive years. SEMAP is the government's "report card" on the efficiency and effectiveness of a housing authority's program operations.
- Challenge for every year is the same – funding. Because of Congressional appropriations, the DHRA receives only 70-80 percent of what it is eligible for in Section 8 Administrative Fees annually which makes budgeting difficult every year.