

	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) with Preference	Georgia Housing Voucher Program (GHVP)
Administered Through?	DCA Housing Choice Voucher Division	DBHDD Office of Supportive Housing
Eligible Age	Ages 18 +	
Income Restrictions	50% Area Median Income	
Can the household have no reported income?	Yes	
Apartment application required?	Yes	
Where can it be used?	149 counties. Excludes 10 counties covered by local Public Housing Authorities (PHA).	All 159 counties.
Can it move with me?	HCV can be ported out of the state or into local PHA areas. However, each porting request must be approved by local PHA.	Can move within Georgia. No out-of-state transfers.
Are there any utility supports?	If the unit does not max out the payment standard, HCV can provide a utility stipend check mailed to the home.	No ongoing utility supports are available after initial move-in.
Are there housing support services that visit the home?	Yes. The DBHDD Housing Support Program is available to all individuals utilizing the settlement preference but is not required.	Yes. The DBHDD Housing Support Program is required for GHVP households for the duration of time in the program.
Availability of DBHDD Behavioral Health services?	DBHDD community-based behavioral health services are available to individuals with Medicaid or without any insurance from the local Community Service Board (CSB).	
Property Inspection Requirements	Before move-in and then only every 2 years.	Before move-in and each year thereafter.
Property Incentives	Yes, for new landlords and those returning.	Yes, for each new unit.
Property Damage Protection	Up to \$2,000.	Up to \$1,000. Over \$1,000 requires request.
Customer Support Center	For help with HCV: <a href="https://dcaga.zendesk.com">DCAGA.ZenDesk.com</a>	For help with GHVP: <a href="https://ghvp.zendesk.com">GHVP.ZenDesk.com</a>
How do I refer a client?	<b>New Applicant:</b> DBHDD Supportive Housing Referral and HCV application.  <b>GHVP Conversion:</b> Request transition from DBHDD.	<b>New Applicant:</b> 1. DBHDD Supportive Housing Referral 2. Provide proof of denial for federal resource or demonstrated inability to utilize voucher.
What application materials need to be completed?	Preference Certification Form HCV Application	GHVP Application
Approval timeframe	7-10 Days	7 Days
Whose name is on the lease?	All Household members' names.	Head of Household name
Annual Recertification?	Required annually for both programs. Provide all income and household change documentation	
What are the grounds for termination from the program?	Includes lease violations, non-payment of rent, eviction, or failure to report various information, etc.	Discharge from the program can occur due to a participant's violation of program requirements or lease terms.
Can other adult family members live in the home?	Additional adult family members are allowable if household members are citizens or eligible non-citizens.	Spouses can live in the home but typically not other adult family members or adult children unless they are disabled.
How is household income calculated?	Income and benefits received by all household members. Assets are not included.	Income and/or SSI/SSDI disability benefits received by all household members.
Exclusionary criteria	Individuals on Sex Offender Registry. Violent criminal history.	Can serve individuals on SOR.