



50 Years Serving Pinellas County

Pinellas County Housing Authority



Formed in 1965, the Pinellas County Housing Authority (PCHA) is an independent agency, operating under the authority of Florida Statutes Chapter 421. PCHA is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida.

We are dedicated to creating, providing and increasing high quality housing opportunities in Pinellas County through effective and responsive management and responsible stewardship of public and private funds. Our ability to cultivate strategic partnerships and develop innovative programs allows us to bring together services and resources to assist our families in working toward self-sufficiency.

As the largest housing authority in Pinellas County, we currently provide housing and rental assistance to approximately 8,500 individuals through agency-owned affordable housing, public housing, assisted living and the administration of the Housing Choice Voucher program. Our area of operation for the public housing and housing voucher program includes all unincorporated and incorporated areas of Pinellas County with the exception of the Cities of Clearwater, Dunedin, St. Petersburg and Tarpon Springs.



First ground breaking, 1969

In early 2015, PCHA completed Landings at Cross Bayou; a 184-unit Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) project, and the first RAD to be closed in the State of Florida. Completely renovated beginning in 2014, in partnership with Norstar Development USA, Bessolo Design Group, Brooks and Freund, and the help of state and local agencies, the complex was taken down to only the exterior walls and rebuilt from the inside out.



Landings at Cross Bayou
Ribbon Cutting, 2015

PCHA's mission is to provide safe, quality housing for persons in need and to cultivate healthy, vibrant neighborhoods for Pinellas County.



"Pinellas County Housing Authority has become a model HA; all housing authorities can benefit from exposure to the programs and excellence demonstrated by them."

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PCHA Owned Properties

Affordable Housing

Palm Lake Village Apartments
Crystal Lake Manor Apartments
Redwood Apartments

Public Housing

Rainbow Village Apartments
Lakeside Terrace Apartments

Assisted Living

Magnolia Gardens Assisted-Living Facility

Project-Based Housing

Norton Apartments
Landings at Cross Bayou
Pinellas Heights Apartments

The Housing Choice Voucher Program is the largest and most popular form of housing assistance. This program allows Public Housing Agencies to assist very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments.

In 2014, PCHA assisted on average 2950 families monthly including 1190 disabled families, 773 elderly families and 3187 children, paying approximately \$24 million dollars to local landlords. Since the demand for housing assistance often exceeds the limited resources available to HUD and the local housing agencies, long waiting periods are common, PCHA has established local preferences for selecting applicants from its waiting list. PCHA gives a preference to a family who is (1) Victims of natural disaster or displaced by government action, (2) Youth aging out of foster care in Pinellas County, (3) Veterans, these preferences have been established to reflect the housing needs and priorities in this community, (4) Homeless Families Completing Self-Sufficiency Program and (5) Residency Preference for families who live, work, or have been hired to work in the jurisdiction of the PCHA.

PCHA also has one of the largest VASH Programs in the state of Florida. The VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) program provides affordable rent to veterans and offers them case management and supportive services. In 2014, PCHA was able to offer 384 VASH vouchers to assist our veterans in Pinellas County.

