

MIAMI-DADE HOUSING AGENCY**Capacity Statement - Section 8 Homeownership Program**

Miami-Dade Housing Agency (MDHA) possesses the capacity, experience and expertise to successfully formulate and implement a Section 8 Homeownership Program to enable Section 8 participants to purchase a home. MDHA's Section 8 Homeownership Program was approved by the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners (BCC) in December 2001 and is currently being administered jointly by the Private Rental Housing Division and the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED). More than 140 families have purchased homes since the inception of the program.

MDHA has operated Section 8 housing for Miami-Dade County since 1975, administering one of the largest Section 8 programs in the nation. The Section 8 program is comprised of more than 14,000 Housing Choice Vouchers, 2,500 Moderate Rehabilitation project based units, and nearly 1,300 Section 8 Substantial Rehabilitation and New Construction units. Additionally, MDHA administers programs targeted for populations with special needs. The agency administers over 900 units under the Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Program and Stewart B. McKinney Act Shelter Plus Care Program, targeting assistance to disabled homeless individuals with mental illness, substance abuse, and/or HIV/AIDS.