



**December 2007**

Dear Landlord:

Records indicate that you are currently renting an apartment to a family receiving rental-assistance payments from FEMA (as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita).

This letter is to inform you of some major changes that will affect these rental-subsidy payments. Most importantly, the Federal government is phasing out FEMA's rental-assistance program and replacing it with a program run by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The new program will be known as DHAP, short for Disaster Housing Assistance Program.

HUD will administer the DHAP program through an assigned Housing Authority – which will take over payment of all rental subsidies from FEMA and its existing contractor (CLC) beginning December 1, 2007.

**As a landlord housing families currently enrolled in the FEMA program, you are eligible to continue receiving rental-subsidy payments under the new DHAP program.**

The enclosed kit contains several items offering more details, including:

- **Fact Sheet** – A short document explaining the DHAP program.
- **Frequently Asked Questions** – A document answering commonly asked questions about DHAP.
- **Timeline** – A graphical flow chart showing key dates in the DHAP program.
- **DVD** – A video explaining how the DHAP program affects landlords.
- **Handbook** – A coil-bound manual offering detailed administrative information about DHAP.
- **Required Program Forms** – A collection of program-related forms that landlords will need to complete, including the DHAP Lease Addendum and the Disaster Rent Subsidy Contract.
- **Handout for Tenants** – An informational document that you can provide to your affected tenants so that they understand the DHAP program. *(Note that we will also be contacting all tenants directly to educate them about the DHAP program.)*

HUD and the Housing Authority intend to make the transition to DHAP as easy as possible for you. In the next week or so, it will be inviting you to an informational session so that you can have all of your questions answered.

In the meantime, you can call the assigned Housing Authority's DHAP Center at 866-497-6036 or visit us online at [www.dhapusa.org](http://www.dhapusa.org).

Sincerely,

DHAP USA STAFF