



# BOONE COUNTY *Kentucky*

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## **BOONE COUNTY RECOGNIZED AS VOUCHER PROGRAM OF THE YEAR** *Human Services Assisted Housing Division is receives state recognition*

*BOONE COUNTY, KY* — The Boone County Assisted Housing Department recently was recognized by the state for having the Section 8 Voucher Program of the Year. The Louisville HUD Office annually recognizes superior program administration by presenting an award for Housing Choice Voucher Agency of the Year. Forty-four public housing authorities are in competition for the Housing Choice Voucher award. To be considered for the agency of the year award, the competing organizations must excel at property, financial, and occupancy rate management.

Director Carolyn Eilers said, "A goal of this agency is not only to help our community in providing rental assistance, but also help families achieve homeownership; and since 2004, we have had over 14 families purchase homes."

Don Clem, HUD Louisville Office Public Housing Director, said "This agency has worked hard to make homeownership a possibility for low-income families by partnering with local banks and non-profit agencies throughout the community."

The Boone County Section 8 Agency provides housing assistance for approximately 1000 families. Since 2004, they have been a high performer in SEMAP, which is one of the rating systems HUD uses in evaluating efficiency.

"The voucher program is an excellent way to serve families in need of affordable housing," said Gary W. Moore, Boone County Judge/Executive. "We want provide eligible households with an opportunity to take advantage of this valuable resource."

More information about HUD and its programs is available on the Internet at [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov) and [espanol.hud.gov](http://espanol.hud.gov).

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