**Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher Security Deposit Program**

For a limited time MaineHousing is pleased to offer assistance with security deposits for new participants to the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

• MaineHousing will pay the amount of Security Deposit the landlord lists on the Request for Tenancy approval. (Not to exceed 1 month of the contract rent)

• A family must rent a unit in MaineHousing’s jurisdiction to be eligible.

• Families porting out of MaineHousing’s jurisdiction will not qualify for the Security Deposit Program.

• To request the funds the landlord should complete and sign the “Request and Acknowledgement of Security Deposit” form with the completed landlord packet. (the request form is included in your briefing packet)

• The Security Deposit funds will be paid directly to the landlord with the first month’s rent paid by MaineHousing

• Families are not required to repay the funds to MaineHousing and if they move out of a unit with no payment owed, the landlord is required by Maine law to return the security deposit within a reasonable time.