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Brown County Housing Authority Successfully Combats Fraud

(Green Bay, WI)– Since 2007, the Brown County Housing Authority (BCHA) has actively pursued monetary recovery from participants who were found to have committed fraud while on the Housing Choice Voucher program. Such participants were terminated for reasons such as: moving without notice, failure to comply with income requirements, failure to report household members or involvement with criminal activity, among other reasons. On average the BCHA takes almost 50 fraud cases to small claims court per year, with over 570 cases taken to court since 2007. The average small claims judgment is \$3500, with the BCHA recovering over \$850,000 since 2007. Once a small-claims judgment has been entered, former Housing Choice Voucher program participants are barred nationwide from re-entering the program until the judgment is satisfied.

For more serious cases, the Brown County Housing Authority will refer these to the District Attorney's office. The BCHA has successfully referred 30 cases to the DA.

The Housing Choice Voucher program is a federal program, managed by local Public Housing Authorities, which assists very low income families, the elderly and disabled to afford decent, safe and sanitary housing. The participant is free to choose any housing unit that meets the program's requirements.