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PHA Develops Section 8 Incentives: The Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara, CA crafts a list of incentives to persuade reluctant landlords to accept Section 8 housing vouchers. The public housing authority provides a vacancy loss payment for landlords renting an apartment to a section8 tenant that was inhabited by a Section 8 tenant. A signing bonus of \$500 is paid to a new landlord accepting a Section 8 voucher if the landlord has not leased to a voucher holder since January 2015. The authority also pays a \$100 referral bonus to an individual referring the agency to a new landlord who successfully accepts a Housing Assistance Payment contract by leasing to a participant on HACSB's Section 8 waiting list. Previous incentives remaining available to landlords include (1) Damage Protection Reimbursement of up to \$2,000 for unpaid unit damages, (2) owner requested inspections initiated by health and safety concerns, (3) online portal providing landlords and managers with access to HAP records, (4) security deposit loans, and (5) Family Service Agency Supportive Services Referrals.

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