

VINALHAVEN HOUSING INITIATIVE BASELINE TENANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Household Income

Applicants must meet Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA)'s household income limit to be eligible for VHI housing and must submit income certifications demonstrating eligibility. Applicants are eligible for VHI housing if their household income is at or below 120% of Knox County's Area Median Income (AMI).*

**The Department of Housing and Urban Development annually updates the AMI for Knox County. AMI varies based on household size. As a reference point, for the islands in Knox County in 2026, household income at 120% of the AMI equaled \$82,680 for a one-person household, \$94,440 for a two-person household, \$106,200 for a three-person household, and \$117,960 for a four-person household.*

https://www.mainehousing.org/docs/default-source/asset-management/rent-income-charts/islands-rent---income-charts/2026-island-program-income-limits.pdf?sfvrsn=49f79a15_3

2. Financial Viability

- Rent for the unit is not more than 30% of the Household's monthly income
- Applicant must consent to a credit check

3. Unit Compatibility

- Applicant must be at least 18 years of age
- Applicant meets the household size requirements based on unit type:
 - One-Bedroom Units: Maximum two (2) persons
 - Two-Bedroom Units: Minimum two (2), maximum four (4) persons
 - Three-Bedroom Units: Minimum three (3), maximum six (6) persons
- The unit will be the applicant's sole residence

VHI's Tenant Selection Policy outlines the procedures and considerations for tenant selections for available VHI housing units. For more information, see the Policy at the following link:
[\[https://www.vinalhavenhousing.org/copy-of-application-form-2\]](https://www.vinalhavenhousing.org/copy-of-application-form-2)