

# Sector Columbia River Housing Entitlement Information

The below table outlines military housing entitlements and average utility costs based upon grade and family situation. In other words, the housing listed below is what the government is required to supply for you or provide an allowance to rent on your own.

| Grade With Dependents       | Grade Without Dependents | Housing                                | Utilities |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------|
|                             | E1-E5                    | 1 Bedroom Apartment                    | \$183.00  |
| E1 –E4                      | E-6, E7, CWO1,O1 and O2  | 2 Bedroom Apartment                    | \$217.00  |
| E-5, O1 and O2              | E-8,E9,CWO2,CWO3,O2E,O3  | 2 Bedroom Townhouse/Duplex             | \$238.00  |
| E-6-E8,CWO1,CWO2,O1E,O2E,O3 | CWO4,CWO5,O3E,O4, O5     | 3 Bedroom Townhouse/Duplex             | \$292.00  |
| E-9,CWO3-CWO5,O3E, O4       | O6, O7                   | 3 Bedroom single family detached house | \$331.00  |
| O5-O7                       |                          | 4 Bedroom single family detached house | \$360.00  |

## Owned Housing:

Sector Columbia River has 175 government houses/townhouses that serve all Astoria/Warrenton/Cape Disappointment units, Station Tillamook, and Station Gray's Harbor. E-6 and below personnel get priority assignment into government housing. Due to limited houses, officers will be given a release from housing. All members need a release from housing to live on the economy.

## Leased Housing:

Sector Columbia River leases 22 residences primarily for unaccompanied personnel in the Astoria and Portland areas. These leases are for some E-4 and below personnel attached to cutters. All rent and utilities are included.

## BAH and the Out of Pocket Expenses:

The purpose of the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) program is to provide fair housing allowances to service members. Members receive a housing allowance when government quarters are not available. BAH reflects current rental and utilities market costs, not mortgage loans. The Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Act established that a member cost-share (out-of-pocket expense) housing expenses. By law, **members should expect to pay 5% of housing expenses**. Members' actual housing and utility choices will determine how much they will have to pay out of pocket for their housing. This means that BAH is based up on rental and utility market conditions and members should expect BAH to cover approximately 95% of their rent + utilities. Members pay the other 5%. There are many junior unaccompanied members in the area which provide an opportunity to reduce costs with a roommate.

## BAH Housing Links:

The BAH-Primer is the military compensation policy for Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH)

<https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Docs/perdiem/BAH-Primer.pdf>

BAH Frequently Asked Questions can be found at

<https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/faqbah.cfm>

BAH Calculator can be found at

<https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bahCalc.cfm>

## Local Resources:

Homes for rent are hard to find near the coastal units. For those that will be renting housing, start your search early. Coast Guard members in the area may know of a rental coming available, reach out to your sponsor and ask. A few other resources that may assist in the Astoria area: <https://www.northcoastrental.com/>, <http://www.sowinsrealtor.com/properties-for-rent.php>, <http://cpsmanagement.com/> and <http://www.beachproperty1.com/>. The Housing staff also maintains available listings, please call.

**Additional info:** Additional info for housing, work orders, etc. can be found on our public web site:

<https://www.pacificarea.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/District-13/Units/Sector-Columbia-River/>

For additional questions, contact one of our housing staff: [D13-SMB-SecColRvr-HousingWorkOrders@uscg.mil](mailto:D13-SMB-SecColRvr-HousingWorkOrders@uscg.mil) or (503) 325-0205

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Resident Signature/Date

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Coast Guard Housing Agent Signature/Date