

# United Educators Association for Affordable Housing

## UEAAH



### QUICK FACTS

#### WHAT WE DO

- We advocate and prepare policy proposals in favor of affordable housing options for all K-12 public school teachers across the nation.

#### OUR GOAL

- In addition to teacher advocacy and promoting awareness, our goal is the creation of a federally funded Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) to support all K-12 public school teachers across the nation.

### Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) Program Description

The BAH program provides members of the military, who are assigned to permanent duty within the United States and for whom government housing is not available, a monthly allowance for housing based on the member's rank, dependency status, and permanent duty station zip code. The Department of Defense (DoD) designed the BAH program to "enable members to afford suitable rental housing near their duty location."\* The DoD has categorized sets of zip codes into 300 different "Military Housing Areas," or MHAs,

around the country, and it employs a contractor to determine the median rent and the average cost of utilities for each MHA every year. It then uses this price data to calculate a different BAH rate for each of the 27 military rank pay grades for members with and without dependents.

UEAAH is currently partnering with UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy to design a state-level pilot program that uses the BAH framework to expand access to housing for K-12 public school teachers in California's high-cost coastal metros.

\*Source: The Defense Travel Management Office's "BAH Primer" (January 2016).