

Pahokee Housing Authority

Pahokee Housing Authority (PHA) will open its Housing Choice Section 8 (Mainstream) Voucher waitlist for eligible non-elderly families (age 18 to 62) with disabilities. Eligible families are to be composed of one or more non-elderly persons with disabilities, which may include additional members who are not non-elderly persons with disabilities. A family where the sole member is an emancipated minor is not eligible. PHA will be accepting up to twelve (12) referrals from Palm Beach County Continuum of Care to assist low-income families who meet the eligibility criteria for the Mainstream Voucher. The Section 8 HCV is a Federally-funded program, which provides housing/rental assistance to low-income families, so they may select housing of their choice.

When: The pre-applications will be available online on March 12, 2021 only, from 10:30 am until 1:00 pm.

Where: Interested families will have to go to pahokee.housingmanager.com to apply.

Selection: Due to the limited number of Mainstream Vouchers available at this time, only the 75 completed valid applications will be accepted. Order on the waitlist would be decided by date and time of the receipt of the pre-application and a completed application and the preference for which they may qualify. Only those who can provide verification of the Mainstream criteria are eligible to apply for a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher at this time. The waitlist for regular vouchers is closed and expected to remain closed until further notice.

Preference: Preference will be given to non-elderly disabled families who are currently experiencing homelessness, previously experienced homelessness and currently a client in supportive housing or rapid rehousing project, or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age or older and less than 62 years of age.

Reasonable Accommodation: Applications will be made available in an accessible format upon request from a person with disabilities or with limited English proficiency. Reasonable Accommodation for the disabled may be arranged by calling PHA at (561) 924-5565; TTY (561) 924-5984, or contact Jazmin Campos at (561) 449-1298 or by email at jcampos@pahokeehousing.org.

It is the policy of Pahokee Housing Authority to comply fully with all Federal, State, and local nondiscrimination laws and with the rules and regulations governing Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity housing. PHA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Housing Choice (Section 8) Mainstream Voucher Program. In order to process your application, it is necessary that you provide the Housing Authority with pertinent information to determine whether or not you are eligible for the Mainstream Voucher Program.

Below is a list of documents you are required to bring during your first scheduled appointment, to help determine your eligibility.

- First you must provide proof of disability (SSA Statement; benefit letter; etc.); proof of homelessness or previous homelessness (certification from an agency such as; local homeless shelter; PBSO, etc.)

IDENTIFICATION (For all family members):

BIRTH CERTIFICATE(S)
SOCIAL SECURITY CARD(S)
PICTURE ID (All Over 18 years and older)
GREEN CARD (if applicable)
MARRIAGE LICENSE/DIVORCE (if applicable)

INCOME:

(ALL THAT APPLIES TO YOUR FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD)

1. WAGES – check stubs (last six (6) if paid bi-weekly/eight (8) weekly)
2. UNEMPLOYMENT
3. CASH ASSISTANCE / AFDC (TANF)
4. FOOD STAMPS (GENERAL ASSISTANCE)
5. CHILD SUPPORT
6. ALIMONY
7. SOCIAL SECURITY
8. SSI
9. DISABILITY
10. WORKMANS COMPENSATION
11. RETIREMENT
12. BANK STATEMENTS AND/OR STATEMENT OF OTHER INVESTMENTS, ASSETS, ETC.
13. ANY OTHER SOURCE OF INCOME

❖ **All supporting documents supporting income must be within the last 60 days.**

OTHER:

****COPY OF DEPOSITION IF ANYONE IN THE HOUSEHOLD HAS EVER BEEN ARRESTED****

Thank you in advance for allowing us the opportunity to serve you. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above number.

Regards,

(Section 8) HCV Coordinator

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Mainstream Program Definitions.

Eligible family: A family composed of one or more non-elderly person with disabilities, which may include additional members who are not non-elderly persons with disabilities. A family where the sole member is an emancipated minor is not an eligible family.

The terms "disability" and "person with disabilities" are used in two contexts - for civil rights protections, and for program eligibility purposes. Each use has specific definitions. When used in the context of application of Federal civil rights laws and requirements, including the prohibition against discrimination, the civil rights related definitions apply. When used in the context of eligibility under this NOFA, the program eligibility definitions apply.

Non-elderly person with disabilities (for purposes of determining eligibility): A person 18 years of age or older and less than 62 years of age, and who:

- ❖ Has a disability, as defined in 42 U.S.C. 423;
- ❖ Is determined, pursuant to HUD regulations, to have a physical, mental, or emotional impairment that:
 - Substantially impedes his or her ability to live independently, and
 - Is of such a nature that the ability to live independently could be improved by more suitable housing conditions; or
 - Has a developmental disability as defined in 42 U.S.C. 6001.

Person with disabilities (for purposes of civil rights): see 24 CFR § 8.3; as amended by the ADA Amendments Act of 2008; 24 CFR § 100.201; 28 CFR §§ 35.104, 108).

Continuum of Care (CoC) means the group organized to carry out the responsibilities required under the CoC Program interim rule and that is composed of representatives of organizations, including nonprofit homeless providers, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, governments, businesses, advocates, public housing agencies, school districts, social service providers, mental health agencies, hospitals, universities, affordable housing developers, law enforcement, organizations that serve homeless and formerly homeless veterans, and homeless and formerly homeless persons to the extent these groups are represented within the geographic area and are available to participate.

Rapid rehousing means time-limited housing assistance in which supportive services are provided to assist homeless persons rapidly connect to and maintain permanent housing.

The following definitions are provided as a guide for the purposes of this NOFA

Institutional or other segregated settings include, but are not limited to: (1) congregate settings populated exclusively or primarily with individuals with disabilities; (2) congregate settings characterized by regimentation in daily activities, lack of privacy or autonomy, policies limiting visitors, or limits on individuals' ability to engage freely in community activities and to manage their own activities of daily living; or (3) settings that provide for daytime activities primarily with other individuals with disabilities.

At serious risk of institutionalization: Includes an individual with a disability who as a result of a public entity's failure to provide community services or its cut to such services will likely cause a decline in health, safety, or welfare that would lead to the individual's eventual placement in an institution. This includes individuals experiencing lack of access to supportive services for independent living, long waiting lists for or lack of access to housing combined

with community-based services, individuals currently living under poor housing conditions or homeless with barriers to geographic mobility, and/or currently living alone but requiring supportive services for independent living. A person cannot be considered at serious risk of institutionalization unless the person has a disability. An individual may be designated as at serious risk of institutionalization either by a health and human services agency, by a community-based organization, or by self-identification.

Persons currently experiencing homelessness means:

(1) An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

- An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
- An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately-operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or
- An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution;

(2) An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:

- The primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;
- No subsequent residence has been identified; and
- The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, needed to obtain other permanent housing;

(3) Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:

- Are defined as homeless under section 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a), section 637 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832), section 41403 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2), section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)), section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012), section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)), or section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a);
- Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance;
- Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 60-day period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance; and
- Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities; chronic physical health or mental health conditions; substance addiction; histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse (including neglect); the

presence of a child or youth with a disability; or two or more barriers to employment, which include the lack of a high school degree or General Education Development (GED), illiteracy, low English proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment; or

(4) Any individual or family who:

- Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual 's or family 's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence;
- Has no other residence; and
- Lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, and faith-based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing.

At risk of experiencing homeless: An individual or family who:

(i) Does not have sufficient resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of the "Homeless" definition in this section; and

(ii) Meets one of the following conditions:

- Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance;
- Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;
- Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days of the date of application for assistance;
- Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals;
- Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons, or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 people per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau;
- Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or
- Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness.

Permanent supportive housing means permanent housing in which voluntary supportive services are provided to assist homeless persons with a disability to live independently.