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## Loudoun to Open Housing Choice Voucher Program Waitlist; Will Accept Preliminary Applications

Loudoun County is scheduled to open the waitlist for the county's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, October 5, 2023, with the release of the preliminary application, which will be available at <u>loudoun.gov/housingchoice</u>. The HCV Program is a rental subsidy program funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The program pays a portion of participants' monthly rent, based on household income.

### Waitlist Eligibility

The Loudoun County Department of Housing and Community Development considers three factors when determining applicant eligibility for the waitlist: the date and time the preliminary application is received, qualification for one or all of the local waitlist preferences (listed below), and household income. Household income must be at or below 50% of the Area Median Income for an applicant to be eligible. Current income guidelines are available at <u>loudoun.gov/ami</u>.

The local waitlist preferences are listed below in priority order:

- 1. Applicants with a disability, older adults (over 62 and head of household), families or homeless persons who meet all other qualifications for the HCV Program and who live or work in Loudoun County.
- 2. All applicants (families, individuals with a disability, and older adults) who meet all other qualifications for the HCV Program and who live or work in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- 3. All other eligible applicants (families, individuals with a disability, and older adults) who are residents of the United States.
- 4. Single applicants, who are not disabled, and who live or work in Loudoun County or elsewhere in Virginia or the United States and who otherwise meet all other qualifications for the HCV Program.

#### **Vouchers are Limited**

This opportunity is the first time in over a decade that Loudoun County has opened the waitlist. There are a limited number of vouchers available. Loudoun County will close the waitlist and stop accepting preliminary applications once it has been determined that applicants at the bottom of the list will have to wait at least three years before receiving a subsidy, which is estimated to be 300 preliminary applications. To learn more how this rental assistance program is administered, review the HCV Administrative Plan online at <u>loudoun.gov/housingchoice</u>.

#### How to Apply

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Residents interested in participating in the HCV Program must begin by completing a preliminary application for the waitlist. Detailed information on how to complete and submit the preliminary application is online at <u>loudoun.gov/housingchoice</u>.

Anyone who requires a reasonable accommodation for any type of disability or needs language assistance in order to participate in this preliminary application process, may call 703-771-5718/TTY-711.

#### **For More Information**

For more information about the preliminary application process, call 703-771-5718, email <u>hcv@loudoun.gov</u> or visit <u>loudoun.gov/housingchoice</u>.

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