

Section 8 Waiting List Opening – Marketing and Outreach Announcement

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) announces the opening of its Housing Choice Voucher program wait-list on Monday, May 2, 2022. The program provides funds through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to pay a portion of monthly rent for qualifying families in TDHCA's jurisdiction.

TDHCA will accept online pre-applications for the waiting list beginning at 8:00 a.m., Central Time, Monday, May 2, 2022, to 5:00 p.m., Central Time, Monday, May 16, 2022. Of the applications received, TDHCA will use a lottery system to randomly select 500 applicants for placement on the wait-list. Everyone has the same chance of being chosen whether they apply on the first day or the last day. The lottery number will also determine the applicant's place on the waiting list. There is no eligibility screening as part of the pre-application process. TDHCA's voucher program operates only in a 34-county area. A list of the 34-county area can be found at <https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/section-8/docs/ServiceAreas.pdf>.

To apply online during the open period, complete a pre-application at: <https://www.waitlistcheck.com/application/form.php?ID=3087-TX901>. All applications must be received through the online application tool. **No mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or emailed applications will be accepted.**

Individuals with a disability that prevents them from applying online may call 800-237-6500 to make special arrangements so that staff can help them complete the application in time to be included in the lottery process. All such requests must be made by 5:00 p.m., Central Time, on Monday, May 16, 2022.

Questions can be directed to 800-237-6500.

Applicants who do not have access to the internet can look to local resources such as a computer at their local library.

Applicants must be considered very low income, which means that their gross annual income must be at or below 50% of the area median income (AMI). However, 75% of the households TDHCA will serve must be extremely low income which means that their gross annual income must be at or below 30% of the AMI. Maximum income limits for household size for each of the 34 county areas served can be found at <https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/section-8/docs/S8-AMI-CountyChart.pdf>

500 applicants will be placed on the waiting list by random lottery. If you don't receive an acknowledgement from the system that your application has been successfully submitted, your application will not be assigned a lottery number. Placement on the waiting list does not mean that an applicant is in fact eligible for assistance.

More information can be found at <https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/section-8/announcements.htm>.