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Atlanta Housing Authority's Voucher Program Waiting List Opens March 15

Residents and workers within Atlanta city limits get top-of-list preference

ATLANTA –The Atlanta Housing Authority (AHA) will begin accepting pre-applications Wednesday, March 15, for its tenant-based Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) Waiting List and for the first time ever, city of Atlanta residents will receive residency preference.

AHA's HCVP Waiting List will open at 9:00 a.m. EST Wednesday, March 15, 2017, and close at 5:00 p.m., EST Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

“AHA recognizes the growing need for housing for Atlanta’s working families as well as the elderly and people with qualifying disabilities,” says Reneé Bentley, senior vice president of Partnerships & People Investments at The Atlanta Housing Authority. “Given that Atlantans have expressed the need for housing close to home and by opening the waiting list with a city of Atlanta residency preference, we may potentially support 30,000 low-income households, who work and live in Atlanta proper, in finding housing that suits their needs.”

The Process

If you are 18 years of age or older or an emancipated minor, as defined by Georgia law when the Waiting List opens on March 15, you are eligible to submit a pre-application online at www.ahawaitlist.org. For those who require special assistance in completing a pre-application because of a disability, need for language translation services or other communication formats in order to complete the application, assistance will be available during the opening period at

the AHA Waiting List Hotline - (855) 242-7701 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15 through Tuesday, March 21. Pre-applications will not be available nor can they be submitted in paper form or in-person at any AHA locations. Only one application per person will be accepted.

Interested individuals who do not have Internet access may submit their pre-application online at one of the Internet access sites listed on www.ahawaitlist.org or at any of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library locations.

Those who submit an online application will not automatically become part of the Waiting List. Instead, a computerized, random selection process will select 30,000 registrants to establish the official waiting list.

Residency Preference

To qualify for the tenant-based HCVP waiting list residency preference, a registrant must either reside, work, or have been notified in writing that he or she has been hired to work within the official city limits of the city of Atlanta. This allows AHA to select registrants who meet the residency preference and provide them first opportunity to be an applicant on the HCVP Waiting List. After the HCVP Waiting List is established, applicants meeting the residency preference will receive preference in the selection process.

For more details and information about AHA's tenant-based HCVP Waiting List, please visit www.AHAWaitlist.org.

About Atlanta Housing Authority

The Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta, Georgia (AHA) is the largest housing authority in Georgia and one of the largest in the nation. AHA provides and facilitates affordable housing resources for nearly 22,000 low-income households comprised of approximately 50,000 people.

The affordable housing resources available at AHA include AHA-owned residential communities; Mixed Communities for AHA-sponsored mixed-income housing; Housing Choice Voucher Program for tenant-based vouchers; HomeFlex for project-based rental assistance; Haven for supportive housing arrangements; and Down Payment Assistance for homeownership opportunities. AHA's programs are funded and regulated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD").

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