



For Immediate Release

Public Notice: Housing Authority of New Orleans Housing Choice Voucher Program Waiting List Opening for Specific Homeless and At Risk of Becoming Homeless Individuals and Families

July 14, 2020—The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) announces that waiting lists for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and are referred by UNITY of Greater New Orleans jointly with the City of New Orleans, UNITY of Greater New Orleans, or by the New Orleans Family Justice Center. *Please note that only pre-applications from families who are referred jointly by UNITY of Greater New Orleans and the City of New Orleans, UNITY of Greater New Orleans, or the New Orleans Family Justice Center will be accepted.* Furthermore, submission of a pre-application does not guarantee placement on this waiting list and placement on this waiting list does not guarantee eligibility or an offer of housing. The Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List will open for individuals and families who are eligible to apply for these local preferences on July 15, 2020 and will remain open until further notice.

Who is Eligible?

- **The individual or family must be homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and referred by a partnering homeless service provider as outlined below:**
 - Referred jointly by the City of New Orleans and UNITY of Greater New Orleans and are:
 - Individuals and families who the City of New Orleans identified and provided temporary housing in hotels as part of its emergency response to the COVID-19 health crisis;
 - Unsheltered individuals and families who have been determined to be at risk during the pandemic;
 - Individuals and families currently living in temporary shelters within Orleans Parish or within shelters of another parish, but who are working in or have been hired to work in Orleans Parish.
 - Referred by UNITY of Greater New Orleans and are chronically homeless or homeless families.
 - Referred by UNITY of Greater New Orleans and are Moving On from Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Rehousing programs.
 - Referred by the New Orleans Family Justice Center and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault and are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless

- Eligibility is based on household income, citizenship, and the ability of the family to meet screening requirements.
- HANO does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, familial status or disability.

How to Apply

1. **HANO must receive a referral from UNITY of Greater New Orleans in conjunction with the City of New Orleans, if applicable, or from the New Orleans Family Justice Center.**
2. **The referral from UNITY of Greater New Orleans or the New Orleans Family Justice Center will include a pre-application with basic household information.**

Important: If you are an individual with disabilities and need assistance with this process please, contact HANO's Admissions Department at (504) 670-3284 to make any necessary arrangements. You can also call HANO if you have any questions regarding this process or if you do not speak English and need translation assistance.

Placement on the Waiting List

- Upon referral from UNITY of Greater New Orleans or the New Orleans Family Justice Center, the referred individual or family will be placed on HANO's Housing Choice Voucher Program waiting list.
- Applicants will be placed on the list based off of date and time that the referral and pre-application are received.
- Once you are placed on the waiting list, waiting time is determined by applicant order on the waiting list and eligibility for local admission preferences.

To request a reasonable accommodation, contact the Client Services Department at (504) 670-3434. To utilize HANO's TTY/TRS number, dial (504) 670-3377.