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Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) waiting list lottery to open June 23

The Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee will open the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) waiting list lottery at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23. Qualified persons will be able to submit applications for the waiting list lottery until 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 25. Applications and eligibility guidelines can be found at waitlist.hacm.org.

Alderman Khalif J. Rainey wants eligible individuals to add their name to the lottery list. “The Housing Choice Voucher program is a great opportunity for residents who need housing support, and this is particularly timely given the amount of people who have been financially impacted because of COVID-19,” said Alderman Rainey. “I urge residents to review the qualifications and be prepared to apply for the wait list lottery during the June 23 to June 25 window.”

Housing Choice Vouchers are a form of Section 8 Rent Assistance, which is funded by the federal government and administered locally by the Housing Authority to provide very low income families with help in paying their rent for housing in private market units that have been inspected and met the program’s housing quality standards.

After the wait list pre-application closes on June 25 at 6 p.m., a random lottery will be held to select the 3,000 households that will be added to the Housing Choice Voucher wait list. The 3,000 number was chosen to allow qualified applicants a reasonable expectation that they will be offered a Housing Choice Voucher within 2-3 years. Selected households will be notified after July 31, 2020 with information on next steps.

Applicants will be selected through the random lottery and there is no advantage to submitting a registration on the first day. All households will have the same chance of being selected through the lottery regardless of when they apply during the registration period.