



AHCVP 2023 HCV Waitlist Opening

Arlington County Housing Commission

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AHCVP Background

- ▶ AHCVP (Arlington Housing Choice Voucher Program), a component of Arlington County Government's Housing Assistance Bureau (within the Department of Human Services' Economic Independence Division), is tasked with administering Arlington County's voucher-based housing assistance programs.
- ▶ The core program AHCVP administers is our Housing Choice Voucher (formerly Section 8) Program – HCVP for short.
- ▶ Excluding our Special Purpose Vouchers (Mainstream, VASH, etc.), Arlington County's HCVP administers roughly 1554 vouchers, serving a diverse cross-section of households in every corner of Arlington County.



HCV Program Waitlist Background

- ▶ AHCVP maintains, as required by HUD, an HCV Program Waitlist.
- ▶ As vouchers become available through program participant relocation, graduation, termination, and death, households on the waitlist are evaluated for continuing eligibility and provided the newly available voucher.
- ▶ The HCV Waitlist is opened for application intermittently as necessary to maintain a sufficient pool of eligible households.
- ▶ The last time AHCVP opened its HCV Program Waitlist was in 2012. Since that time, AHCVP has nearly depleted its HCV Program Waitlist and needs to replenish it for continued compliance and efficacy.
- ▶ More recently, in 2021, AHCVP successfully opened its (at the time) new Mainstream Voucher Program Waitlist – a one day event incorporating staff TA, and electronic and physical applications.



How the HCV Program Fits In

Permanent
Supportive
Housing

Housing
Grants
Program

HCV Program

Mainstream Voucher Program

HUD – VASH

Emergency Housing Vouchers

Family Unification

HOPWA

Income Eligibility

75% of program participants must be “Extremely Low Income” – the other 25% must be “Very Low Income.”

Income Limits			
Extremely Low Income			
Family Size	Income Limit	Family Size	Income Limit
1	\$31,650	4	\$45,200
2	\$36,200	5	\$48,850
3	\$40,700	6	\$52,450
Very Low Income			
Family Size	Income Limit	Family Size	Income Limit
1	\$52,750	4	\$75,350
2	\$60,300	5	\$81,400
3	\$67,850	6	\$87,450



HUD Requirements regarding Waitlist Openings (Summarized)

- ▶ We must proactively notify the public of the Opening, ensure the notification contains all relevant information to empower eligible members of the public to apply and inquire, and ensure the notification affirmatively furthers fair housing.
- ▶ We must conduct affirmative outreach and marketing to ensure an equitable process.
- ▶ We must ensure equitable distribution of marketing, outreach, and TA across geography and communities.
- ▶ We must structure the Waitlist Opening and Application Process in a manner to ensure language, disability, age, and family composition accessibility.
- ▶ We must comply with reasonable accommodation requirements.



Preferences

The five preferences used in weighting the lottery will be:

1. Live or work in Arlington County
2. Homeless
3. Victims of Domestic Violence
4. Disabled households that qualify for Permanent Supportive Housing.
5. Individual(s) with disabilities that would qualify under the Olmstead Act.



Project Summary and Status

- Created Internal Project Plan – secured approval from DHS and County leadership.
- Organized Advisory Committee consisting of DHS contacts – met monthly since April.
- Created Marketing Plan and secured contacts at County facilities for flyer distribution.
 - Marketing plan targets local businesses, affordable housing providers, service providers and nonprofits, and community facilities, Nursing Homes and Rehabilitation facilities.
- Drafted marketing flyer, application tutorial, and FAQ.
- Currently organizing Lived Experience Working Sessions with Program Participants.
- Currently developing draft webpage and press release.
- Planning for the opening to occur in early Fall for roughly 1 week.
- Will retain 5,000 applicants on the Waitlist after conducting the lottery.



Questions or Comments?



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Resources

- ▶ AHCVP Website:
<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Housing/Get-Help/Rental-Services/ACHCV-Program>
- ▶ HUD PIH Waiting List and Tenant Selection Public Housing Occupancy Guidebook:
https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PHOG_Waiting_List_Chapter.pdf