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## HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC NOTICE

### Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) Tenant-Based Waiting List

The Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) is announcing the opening of the HCVP tenant-based waiting list. **The waiting list will open at 9am on October 2, 2023, and close at 11:59pm on October 13, 2023. HABC will be accepting Preliminary Applications online only.**

The Housing Choice Voucher Program is a federally funded, rental assistance program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities to afford decent, safe and sanitary housing in the private market.

Once the waiting list opens, preliminary applications must be submitted online only. The website address will be advertised prior to opening the waiting list and throughout the open period. The online application will be available in multiple languages. Applicants who do not speak English can request translation services using the number below. Additionally, applicants with disabilities or others who need additional assistance with completing a preliminary application may contact a call center representative at the following number: **1-(888)-302-4303**.

Submission of a complete pre-application is necessary to be considered for placement on the waiting list. Applicant position on the waiting list is based on a computerized random sort of applications received between **9am on October 2, 2023, and 11:59pm October 13, 2023**, and consideration of admission preferences.

Following the closure of the preliminary application period, HABC will:

- Randomly select 25,000 applicants for placement on the waiting list.
- Notify the 25,000 applicants who were randomly selected of their placement on the waiting list.
- Notify all other applicants that they were not selected for placement on the waiting list.

As vouchers become available, persons next on the waiting list will be contacted to complete a full eligibility application and screening. Eligibility for the Housing Choice Voucher Program is determined based on HABC's screening criteria, including but not limited to: income screening, citizenship/eligible

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immigration status screening and criminal background screening. Eligible families must have gross annual incomes that do not exceed 50% of the area median income for Baltimore City and must have eligible citizenship or immigration status.

To assist applicants with the pre-application process, HABC has prepared a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) which are available on HABC's website <https://www.habc.org/TBWaitingList2023>.

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