

## **NYCHA TO ACCEPT REFERRALS FOR SECTION 8 ASSISTANCE FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT, PROSECUTORIAL AGENCIES, AND PUBLIC HOUSING FOR SPECIFIC EMERGENCY PREFERENCES**

On June 8, 2020, the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) will begin accepting referrals from prosecutorial and law enforcement agencies and NYCHA's Public Housing Operations Department for its Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) waitlist (also known as Section 8) for the specific emergency preferences listed below, and will process those applications if they meet all eligibility requirements as described in NYCHA's Administrative Plan. NYCHA's HCV waitlist remains closed to the general public. NYCHA will accept referrals for these specific emergency preferences from June 8, 2020 through June 8, 2030. The referrals will be placed on the NYCHA's HCV waitlist in order of any applicable preference and application date. Please see NYCHA's Administrative Plan (available online) for additional information.

### **Emergency Preferences\*:**

- Victim of Domestic Violence Referred by Prosecutorial or Law Enforcement Agency
- Intimidated Witness Referred by Prosecutorial or Law Enforcement Agency
- NYCHA public housing residents required to move or referred by NYCHA's Public Housing Operations Department because their unit is not habitable, they are at risk of displacement, or they are extremely under-occupied or extremely over-crowded in their current apartment.

### **What is the HCV Program?**

The HCV Program (also known as Section 8) provides rent subsidies for eligible low-income families to allow them to rent decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Eligible families will receive a voucher to begin their housing search. The voucher allows families to search for housing within a neighborhood of their choice and rent a unit from a landlord willing to participate in the program. The program allows families to pay a reasonable share of their income toward rent while the program, within specific limits, makes up the difference in the form of a subsidy.

### **Obtaining an HCV Application**

- NYCHA's HCV waitlist remains closed to the general public and non-emergency applicants.
- A prosecutorial or law enforcement agency can refer a Victim of Domestic Violence or an Intimidated Witness directly to NYCHA by submitting the required documentation. NYCHA will post guidance on its website.
- NYCHA's Public Housing Operations Department will refer cases to the Leased Housing Department for Public Housing residents required to move because their unit is not habitable, they are at risk of displacement, or they are extremely under-occupied or extremely over-crowded in their current apartment.

### **Questions?**

Please refer to the emergency referral Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

<https://on.nyc.gov/sec8emergencyreferralsfaq>