

PRESS RELEASE

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SAVANNAH TO OPEN HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (SECTION 8) WAITING LIST

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Savannah, GA – The Housing Authority of Savannah (HAS) is pleased to announce the opening of its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program waiting list. “Affordable housing is a foundation for thriving families and strong communities,” says HAS Executive Director Evette Hester, who has been at the helm of the agency since December. “This is just the beginning of our efforts to expand housing opportunities and ensure that every resident has a fair chance.”

The Housing Choice Voucher Program, commonly known as Section 8, provides rental assistance to eligible low-income individuals and families, allowing them to rent safe, decent, and affordable housing in the private market. Qualifying households contribute a portion of their income toward rent, and the remaining amount is paid directly to the landlord by the Housing Authority.

“Opening the Housing Choice Voucher waiting list is more than just a program update—it’s a step toward providing stability and opportunity for families across our city,” said Ms. Hester. “We are committed to ensuring the application process is accessible, fair, and transparent to all eligible residents.”

HAS will select the first 1,500 applicants for placement on the wait-list, based on date and time of application submission in the online portal. To qualify, applicants’ income may not exceed 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

The Section 8 waiting list will be open for a limited time from Monday, July 7, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. until Friday, July 11, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. Applications will be accepted exclusively online at portals.savannahpha.com.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS:

Applicants requiring reasonable accommodations because of a disability, language translation, or communication in an alternative format may call the Housing Authority of Savannah at (912) 235-5800 ext. 107, 108, or 109 during regular business hours prior to the closing of the waiting

list. Persons with hearing or speech disabilities using TDD or TTY technology may call Georgia Relay Services at 711 for assistance or 1-800-545-1833, ext. 313.

The Housing Authority of Savannah, Georgia ensures Equal Housing Opportunity for all, and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, or familial status.

For more information on the application process or to access resources, please visit www.savannahpha.com or contact our office at (912) 235-5800.

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Since 1937, the Housing Authority of Savannah has provided quality, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income individuals and families. Through innovative programs and partnerships, HAS continues to promote housing stability and self-sufficiency throughout the Chatham County community.

HAS's mission is to effectively and efficiently address the housing needs of Savannah's low income population while focusing on the educational, job training and economic self-sufficiency needs of the residents of public housing neighborhoods and the Housing Choice Voucher Program. More information about HAS and its programs is available online at www.savannahpha.com.