

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Orlando Housing Authority (OHA) and its housing assistance programs. There are three primary programs administered by the Orlando Housing Authority:

- 1) The Low-rent public housing, located in eleven sites throughout the City of Orlando and Orange County;
- 2) The Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, providing a rental subsidy to private landlords;
- 3) An HOPE VI Homeownership Assistance Program for persons who qualify, i.e., working two consecutive years AND have sufficient income; elderly and/or disabled household do not have to be working but must meet income requirements.

The waiting list for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program is currently CLOSED; no applications are being taken for the Section 8 waiting list. When the section 8 waiting list is opened, an announcement will be placed in the local newspaper. If you already receive assistance through the Section 8 Program, request that your program administrator transfer/port your Voucher to the Orlando Housing Authority.

The low-rent public housing waiting list is OPEN. Applications are taken every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The Admissions Office is located at 306 Reeves Court, Orlando, Florida. To apply for public housing, bring a valid identification card with a photograph with you: Driver's License, Passport, State Identification AND your Social Security card. A photocopy of the Social Security Card is not acceptable. Bring the actual card, not just the number.

Applicants may fill out the application on line; we will not place the applicants name on the waiting list until he or she comes into our office to sign it and present current/valid identification. All applicants, even those from out-of-State, MUST come to Orlando to sign their applications. We have had problems with "on-line" and "mail-in" applicants: they often did not come to their appointments when their names got to the top of the waiting list or the information they provided was inaccurate. Having to hold those units caused the following problems: increased the number of days our public housing units remained vacant, encouraged vandalism, increased the number of days it took for us to get those units occupied, etc. For these and other reasons, all applicants must come into the office to sign their applications before we place their names on the waiting list.

If you have questions or need additional information about the Orlando Housing Authority and its programs, contact us at 407-894-1500 extension 3000.

Sincerely,
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Executive Director