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**Denver Housing Authority Announces 2022 Lottery Opening for Housing Choice Voucher, Section 8 Program***Affordable housing lottery open for online applications only September 16 and 17*

**Denver, Colo., September 2, 2021 –** [Denver Housing Authority](http://www.denverhousing.org/) (DHA) is opening its 2022 [Housing Choice Voucher, Section 8 Lottery](http://www.denverhousing.org/LWU/section8/Pages/Section8FAQ.aspx) on Sept. 16 and 17. Housing Choice Voucher, formerly known as Section 8, is a housing subsidy program that is funded by the federal government to assist very low to low income families live within the community. The subsidy pays a portion of the owners rent in order to make housing affordable. Online entries only will be accepted on Thursday, September 16, 2021 (beginning at 12:01 a.m.) through Friday, September 17, 2021 (ending at 11:59 p.m.).

“The Housing Choice Lottery is open to those 18 years and older, U.S. citizens and eligible immigrants and those who have and have legal capacity to enter into a lease under state and local law,” said David Nisivoccia, chief executive officer of Denver Housing Authority. “This once per year lottery begins the application process for people who are interested in and eligible for affordable housing in Denver. We expect to receive 22,000 applications this year, showing the continued need for affordable housing options in Denver.”

The following guidelines and important information apply to interested individuals and families:

1. DHA will deny any applicants or any member of applicant’s household who is subject to a lifetime registration requirement under a state sex offender registration program OR has been convicted of manufacturing or producing methamphetamine in a public housing development or in a Section 8 assisted property.
2. Criminal Background checks will be conducted on all individuals who are 18 years and older.
3. Participants will be required to enter the Social Security Number for the Head of Household and Co-Head/Spouse.
4. Only one computer entry can be submitted per household. If you submit more than one entry, you will be disqualified. Multiple entries will be voided.
5. Lottery entry is not transferable.
6. Lottery entries must be complete. Incomplete entries will be voided.
7. Please print the Lottery Number Confirmation Page for your records.
8. Report any change of address in writing to: DHA’s Front Door Occupancy and Admissions Department, 1401 Mariposa Street, Denver, CO  80204. Include name, social security number, and correct address in this notification.
9. Do not pay anyoneto participate in the Housing Choice Lottery.

Lottery entries must be submitted online using any computer, tablet, or smart phone that has Internet access by going to DHA’s website at [www.denverhousing.org](http://www.denverhousing.org/). For those who need access to a computer, DHA offers two Opportunity Centers, open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. located at Westwood Homes at 855 South Irving Street and North Lincoln Homes at 1401 Mariposa

Street. DHA’s Osage Street office will not be open for lottery entries. [Denver Public Library](http://denverlibrary.org/locations_hours/index.html) (DPL) also offers access to computers. Visit the Denver Public Library website for locations and hours of operation or call (720) 865-1111. There is a fee of ten cents at DPL for printing the DHA lottery confirmation page.

Additional information to know about the lottery once all entries have been received is as follows:

* All accepted lottery entries will be held in a pool.
* Drawings for 2022 may be conducted at any time after lottery closing for DHA’s Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)/Section 8 Program and will continue through registration for the 2023 lottery, tentatively scheduled for September 15-16, 2022.
* Individuals who have their number drawn will be eligible to apply for the HCV/Section 8 Program.
* Lottery numbers drawn will be posted at DHA’s sites and at [www.denverhousing.org](http://www.denverhousing.org)
* Directions for applying for DHA's HCV/Section 8 Program will be mailed to lottery recipients with formal written notification that their entry has been drawn.
* 2021 lottery entries that have not been drawn will be purged on September 30, 2021.

DHA provides equal housing opportunity. DHA does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, sexual orientation, familial status or national origin in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities. If you have a disability and need a reasonable accommodation, please contact DHA 504 Coordinator, 1035 Osage St., Denver, Colorado 80204, Phone (720) 932-3144, Fax (720) 932-3009, TDD/TTY Dial 711.

For more information, visit [www.denverhousing.org](http://www.denverhousing.org).

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**About Denver Housing Authority (DHA)**

Denver Housing Authority is a quasi-municipal corporation with a portfolio of over 12,000 units and housing choice vouchers, providing affordable housing to more than 26,000 very low-, low- and middle-income individuals. DHA has transformed public housing in Denver creating vibrant, revitalized, sustainable, transit oriented, and mixed-income community of choice. DHA’s vision reflects the goal that every individual or family shall have access to quality and affordable housing, in communities offering empowerment, economic opportunity, and a vibrant living environment. Denver Housing Authority's mission is to serve the residents of Denver by developing, owning, and operating safe, decent and affordable housing in a manner that promotes thriving communities. DHA has been creating vibrant communities and sustainable neighborhoods since 1938. For more information, visit [www.denverhousing.org](http://www.denverhousing.org).

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