

199 Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List Brunswick NC US

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Brunswick County opens Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List March 11-25, 2024

MEDIA RELEASE

BOLIVIA, N.C. – The Brunswick County Public Housing Agency will open the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List on Monday, March 11 through Monday, March 25, 2024. For the first time, Brunswick County will use an online lottery system to register and select individuals for the waiting list to avoid long lines and provide equal opportunity for all applicants.

This federal program assists very low-income households to afford decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing in the private rental market. Since this housing assistance is tenant-based, families choose their housing. Participants in the HCVP pay approximately 30% of their gross income to their landlords and Brunswick County Public Housing Authority (BCPHA) pays the balance directly to the landlord.

To be eligible for the lottery and program, households must meet the following criteria:

- Must not exceed current very low-income limits.
- Household members 18 years old and over must clear a criminal background check. Any drug-related or violent criminal activity in the past three years could lead to ineligibility.
- Must not owe a debt to BCPHA or any other housing authority.
- Must not have any previous terminations within the past three years from any HUD-assisted housing such as Section 8 or Public Housing.

How the Lottery Works

After the lottery closes, a random computer draw will select 250 entries and place them on the waiting list. Brunswick County will send letters to all the selected entrants advising them that their names were placed on the waiting list. Individuals not selected from the lottery draw are welcome to enter future lotteries for the program.

The date and order that entries are submitted does not affect an individual's chance of selection to the waiting list. Duplicate entries are eliminated, so no one has more than one chance of being selected. Each household member aged 18 or older may submit an entry.

Placement on the waiting list does not guarantee that the individual/household will receive a voucher. As vouchers become available, names are taken from the top of the waiting list and interviews are scheduled to determine if the applicant is eligible for the program. Once qualified, those households will receive a voucher.