

## WAITING LIST OPENING FOR City of South Tucson's Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Programs

Welcome to the official South Tucson Housing Authority (STHA) Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) waiting lists.

The South Tucson Housing Authority will be accepting Waiting List Pre-Applications for the City of South Tucson's Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Programs from August 1, 2023 - August 25, 2023. All waiting list pre-applications received through August 25<sup>th</sup>, will go through a lottery process and will be randomly selected and placed on the waiting list based on the lottery selection. The waiting list application portal will close on August 25, 2023.

## Overview:

- Waiting list pre-applications will be available online on August 1, 2023 at: <u>https://www.southtucsonaz.gov/stha</u>
- Assistance will be provided to anyone who requests it. Alternate formats of the waiting list pre-application, such as paper applications, applications in Spanish, interpreting services, or other needs are available. (See Page 4 for information on how to submit a request).
- There are two waiting lists available for pre-application:
  - Public Housing includes apartments and single-family units. (See Page 5 for locations).
  - Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Program
- There is no need to rush to submit a waiting list pre-application because the primary way to apply will be online. Pre-applications will be submitted online and the lottery selection will take place after August 25, 2023.
- **Be Aware of Scams!** For the waiting list application, the STHA will **NOT** ask you for social security numbers, or any form of payment (credit card number, cash, bank transfer, etc.), or legal status to apply.
- Only one application may be submitted per household. Duplicate applications will be removed.
- Applicants can apply for both waiting lists.





## How to Apply Online

- Pre-applications will be accepted beginning at 9:00 a.m. MST on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, thru midnight on August 25, 2023.
- Complete the pre-application online: <u>https://www.southtucsonaz.gov/stha</u>
- All completed pre-applications will receive a Confirmation Number. Confirmation numbers **MUST** be saved. Applicants should both write it down and email it to oneself at the end of the pre-application.
- All applications received as of August 25, 2023, will go through the lottery process and will be randomly selected and placed on the waitlist based on the lottery selection. Anyone who applies will have equal access to housing based the selected local preference.

## **Onsite Locations for Assistance with Waiting List Pre-Application**

Housing Staff and other Service Providers will be available for assistance with the waiting list pre-application. Onsite assistance is available at the locations listed below during the days and hours listed.

<u>South Tucson Housing Authority</u> 1713 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85713 Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Locations with Computers/Internet Access

Computers with internet access will be available at Pima County Public Libraries at the locations below with days and hours listed.

<u>El Pueblo - Frank De La Cruz Library</u> 101 W. Irvington Road #12 • Tucson AZ 85714 • (520) 594-5250 Tues & Thurs: 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

<u>El Rio Library</u> 1390 W. Speedway Blvd. • Tucson AZ 85745 • (520) 594-5245 6 computers available Monday, Tues, Thurs: 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Friday: 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

<u>Joel Valdez Main Library</u> 101 N. Stone Ave. • Tucson AZ 85701. • (520) 594-5500 Mon. – Thurs: 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.





<u>Quincie-Douglas Library</u> 1585 E. 36th St. • Tucson AZ 85713 • (520) 594-5335 Mon. – Thurs: 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Friday – 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

<u>Richard Elías – Mission Library</u> 3770 S. Mission Rd. • Tucson AZ 85713 • (520) 594-5325 Mon. – Thurs: 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Friday – 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

<u>Santa Rosa Library</u> 1075 S. 10th Ave. • Tucson AZ 85701 • (520) 594-5260 Mon. – Fri: 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

<u>Sam Lena Library</u> 1607 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. • Tucson AZ 85713 • (520) 594-5265 Tues – Thurs: 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Friday – Sat: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

<u>Valencia Library</u> 202 W. Valencia Rd. • Tucson AZ 85706 • (520) 594-5390 Mon. – Thurs: 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Friday – Sat: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## More locations may become available, please check the STHA Website for additional locations: <u>https://www.southtucsonaz.gov/stha</u>

For questions, please use email, <u>stha@southtucson.org</u>, or leave a message at 520-623-8481. All calls will be returned within 24 hours of message received. If Deaf or Hard of Hearing, please contact AzRelay 7-1-1. More information can be found at South Tucson Housing Authority's webpage at: <u>https://www.southtucsonaz.gov/stha</u>





## Additional Assistance and General Information

The South Tucson Housing Authority is committed to making its programs and services accessible. Additional application options include paper applications in English and Spanish, translation and/or interpreting services for persons speaking other languages, and other needs are also available. The South Tucson Housing Authority is prepared to respond to all requests for assistance and/or reasonable accommodations that are requested. To obtain assistance contact us in any of the methods listed below.

Request assistance if any of the following applies:

- You are unable complete the online pre-application.
- You require translation or interpreting services.
- You require an accommodation for an alternate pre-application format (paper application, paper application in a different language).

## To Request Assistance

Contact the South Tucson Housing Authority:

- Email: stha@southtucson.org
- Message Line: **520-623-8481**
- Deaf or Hard of Hearing: AzRelay 7-1-1

STHA staff will respond to all requests within 5 business days. The lottery will occur after all requests are completed.





## **Frequently Asked Questions**

## What is a waitlist lottery? How does it work?

The South Tucson Housing Authority (STHA) will conduct an electronic lottery after August 25, 2023. Each application is assigned a number and a computer program randomly selects the lottery winners and applicants will be placed in the order their number is selected.

When the STHA conducts a lottery, all applications in the lottery pool have an equal chance of being selected. The timing of when application is submitted will not help or hurt your odds of being selected in a lottery.

Applicants selected in the lottery are added to the STHA waiting list. As funding is available, applicants will be selected from the waiting list and will have to complete a full application and go through the eligibility process. It is unknown how long it will be before an applicant is asked to complete the full application. If there are any changes to the applicant's address, email or phone number, the applicant must notify the STHA. Information on how to report changes will be provided to each applicant after pre-application is received.

## What are local preferences?

Public Housing Authoroties are permitted to establish local preferences, and to give priority to serving families that meet those criteria. The STHA local preferences for Public Housing and HCV Section 8 are listed below:

• Working Preference – 1 Point – Applicant Selected

In order to bring income-earning families into Public Housing and HCV Section 8, the STHA will establish preference for "working" families, where the head, spouse/co-head, or sole member is employed at least 20 hours per week. As required by HUD, families where the head and spouse, or sole member is a person aged 62 or older, or is a person with disabilities, will also be given the benefit of the working preference.

• Elderly person or family – 1 Point – Applicant Selected

An elderly person is 62 years of age. An elderly family is one in which the head, spouse/cohead or sole member is an elderly person.

## • Persons or families with Disabilities [24 CFR 5.403] - 1 Point-Applicant Selected

Under the public housing program, special rules apply to persons with disabilities and to any family whose head, spouse/co-head is a person with disabilities. For





technical definition of disabilities, see ACOP exhibit 3-1 located at the STHA website: <u>https://www.southtucsonaz.gov/stha</u>

#### • Victims of Domestic Violence – 2 Points – Applicant Selected

The STHA will offer a preference to families that include victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking that have been referred by a partnering service agency.

## What are the Locations of City of South Tucson-Owned Sites?

**South Tucson Housing Authority** – Total of 172 Units 1713 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85713

**El Señorial Apartments:** 50 units – 0 and 1 Bedroom - Elderly/Disabled units 420 E. 28<sup>th</sup> Street, South Tucson, AZ 85713

**Casa de Bernie Sedley Apartments:** 50 units – 1 Bedroom - Elderly/Disabled units 411 E. 29<sup>th</sup> Street, South Tucson, AZ 85713

#### El Progresso Family Units:

- 4 1 Bedroom units
- 10 2 Bedroom units
- 24 3 Bedroom units
- 12 4 Bedroom units

El Progresso Family Duplex Units: 22 Scattered Sites - 3 Bedroom units

# The City of South Tucson is committed to fully complying with all state, federal, and local laws involving non-discrimination and equal housing opportunity.

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