

St. Cloud HRA

Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Program

Waiting List Opening

The St. Cloud HRA will be accepting applications for the Housing Choice Voucher Program online starting on May 2, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. and ending May 6, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.

We anticipate we will receive far more applications for the Housing Choice Voucher Program than we will be able to house in a reasonable period of time. So in order to be fair and consistent with Federal Law, we plan to process the housing applications we receive using a lottery. The lottery means that after all of the applications are received, we will use a computer to randomly select 1000 of the applications to be placed on our Housing Choice Voucher waiting list.

How to Apply

- Applications will be accepted ONLINE ONLY at www.applystcloudhra.com.
- During the application period, you can access the online application through our website and enter an application at any time of day or night.
- We will accept only a single application from any one household, so submitting multiple applications will not increase your chances of receiving housing assistance. Only the last application you submit will be considered.
- All applications completed between May 2, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. and May 6, 2022 11:59 p.m. will be included in the lottery.
- Since we are selecting applications for inclusion on the waiting list by lottery, there is no advantage to applying on the first day. All applications received while the waiting list is open will have equal opportunity to be selected in the lottery.
- Applicants that are on other HRA waiting lists must apply for the Housing Choice Voucher waiting list to be included in the lottery.
- Keep record of your confirmation number after you submit your online application. Confirmation numbers of applications selected in the random lottery will be published on the HRA's website.
- If your application is not selected in the lottery, your application will not be placed on the waiting list at all. Your only opportunity for a Housing Choice Voucher with our agency will be to reapply when we open the waiting list again in the future.
- Applicants requesting a reasonable accommodation must submit their request in writing to the HRA by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2022 to be considered.

Important Notes

- 90% of applicants selected will need to meet HRA preference requirements, in which they live, work or are attending school full-time in the city limits of St. Cloud or the counties of Benton, Sherburne or Wright. 10% of application selected will be non-preference.
- Applicants selected by the lottery are NOT guaranteed a voucher. Being selected by the lottery only means that the selected applications will be placed on the waiting list.

- Once on the waiting list, you may receive an offer of a voucher, but only if you are eligible for the Housing Choice Voucher Program under Federal Law and only if a voucher becomes available through the St. Cloud HRA.

Program Information

The Housing Choice Voucher Program is a federally funded program that helps low-income households pay the rent on private, market-rate rental units. The renter finds a unit (within certain requirements); the participant pays 30-40% of their household’s adjusted gross income; the HRA pays a portion of the rent directly to the property.

Example of rent at 30% of income: Household with one full-time worker at \$15.00/hour might pay \$780 per month for rent.

This is a tenant-based subsidy (The subsidy goes with the tenant).

Income Limits

To qualify for a voucher, your gross annual income must be at or below the income limits listed below.

Stearns & Benton Counties

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$27,650
2	\$31,600
3	\$35,550
4	\$39,500
5	\$42,700
6	\$45,850
7	\$49,000
8	\$52,150
9	\$55,300

Sherburne & Wright Counties

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$36,750
2	\$42,000
3	\$47,250
4	\$52,450
5	\$56,650
6	\$60,850
7	\$65,050
8	\$69,250
9	\$73,450