MSHDA
MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Are You Low-Income and Need Assistance with Paying Your Rent?

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority's (MSHDA) Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program waiting list for Dickinson County will be open on 9/8/2021, at 8:00 a.m. EST and closed on 9/21/2021, at 5:00 p.m. EST. Applications are available on-line only; no paper applications will be available or accepted.

You must submit your application online at: **https://mshda.myhousing.com/**

MSHDA will use a lottery system to place applicants on the waiting list. Once the waiting list closes, all applications will be assigned a lottery number and randomly sorted. The first one hundred (100) applications selected as part of the random sort will be placed on the waiting list. At the conclusion of the random sort process, all applicants will be notified via email whether or not their application was selected for placement on the waiting list.

Applications selected will be ranked according to the preferences outlined on page two of this document. Preferences must be verified at time of selection from the waiting list by providing the required documentation outlined on page three of this document. If you selected a preference as part of your application and it cannot be verified once you are pulled from the waiting list, your application will be denied, and you will be required to reapply to the waiting list when it is open.

If you or a household member is disabled and requires a reasonable accommodation to apply for the MSHDA Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List, please call (517) 241-8986 for assistance with your application.

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NOTICE TO HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER (HCV) PROGRAM APPLICANTS

Waiting List Preferences

MSHDA maintains separate waiting lists for each county in Michigan and uses a preference ranking system to sort and draw from each county waiting list. Applications will be ranked in the following order:

1. ***Homeless County of Application Residency*** **(**Applicant who is homeless and is living or working in the county of application)
2. ***Disabled County of Application Residency*** **(**Applicant who is disabled and is living or working in the county of application)
3. ***County of Application Residency*** (Applicant who is living or working in the county of application)
4. ***Disabled Michigan Residency*** (Applicant who is disabled but is not living or working in the county of application)
5. ***Michigan Residency*** (Applicant who is not living or working in the county of application)
6. ***Disabled Out of state Residency*** (Applicant who is disabled and a non-Michigan resident)
7. ***Out of state Residency*** (Applicant who is a non-Michigan resident)

Homeless Preference:

- The Homeless preference can only be granted by the local HARA in your area. If you are currently homeless, please go to www.michigan.gov/mshda for more information.

Disabled Preference:

- To receive the Disabled preference, you must indicate that you, your Spouse, or Co-Head are disabled. At the time you are drawn from the waiting list, you will be required to provide proof of disability documentation. If you cannot prove disability, you will be removed from the waiting list and assistance will be offered to the next applicant. You must reapply when your county waiting list opens. See page three for definition of disabled.

County Residency Preference:

- To receive the County Residency preference, you must indicate that you live or work in the county that you are applying to. At the time you are drawn from the waiting list, you will be required to provide proof of residency documentation. If you cannot prove residency, you will be removed from the waiting list and assistance will be offered to the next applicant. You must reapply when your county waiting list opens. See page three for required documentation.

Michigan Residency Preference:

- To receive the Michigan Residency preference, you must indicate that you live or work in Michigan. At the time you are drawn from the waiting list, you will be required to provide proof of residency documentation. If you cannot prove residency, you will be removed from the waiting list and assistance will be offered to the next applicant. You must reapply when your county waiting list opens. See page three for required documentation.

No Preference:

- If you are not homeless, not a resident of the county you are applying to or not a resident of Michigan, you can apply to be on the list with no-preference. When your name is drawn from the list, in order to receive voucher assistance, you must move to and live in the county of application for a period of 12 months.

Proof of Disability

Head of Household, Co-Head, or Spouse must meet one of the following criteria when selected from the waiting list:

1. If you or your spouse are under 62 and receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), you meet the definition of disabled.
2. If you or your spouse receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), you meet the definition of disabled.
3. If you or your spouse receive Social Security Administration (SSA) benefits that are coded as “DI”, “HA”, “W”, “W1”, or “W6”, you meet the definition of disabled.
4. If you do not receive any of these benefits, please read the definition of disabled provided. If you believe that you meet this definition and you have a medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, psychiatrist, psychologist, physician’s assistance, social worker, or nurse practitioner that will certify you are disabled when your name is selected for rental assistance, then you meet the definition of disabled.

Definition of “Disabled”

a) be unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determined physical or mental impairment which can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than twelve (12) months; or
b) in the case of an individual who is 55 years of age and is blind, be unable by reason of blindness to engage in substantial gainful activity requiring skills or abilities comparable to those of any gainful activity in which he has previously engaged with some regularity and over a substantial period of time; or
c) be a disabled person which is defined as a person having a physical or mental impairment which;
   1) is expected to be of a continuous and indefinite duration; and
   2) substantially impedes the ability to live independently, and
   3) is of such a nature that such ability could be improved by more suitable housing conditions; or
d) be developmentally disabled which means a severe, chronic disability of a person which
   1) is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments; and
   2) is manifested before a person is twenty-two; and
   3) is likely to continue indefinitely; and
   4) results in substantial functional limitation in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: self-care, reception and Version: expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, and economic self-sufficiency, and reflects the person’s need for a combination and sequence of special inter-disciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services which are life-long or of extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.

Proof of Residency

Head of Household, Co-Head, or Spouse must provide one of the following documents to confirm residency when selected from the waiting list:

Lives in Michigan/County:

1. A copy of a valid driver’s license which includes a current address
2. A copy of a valid state ID card which includes a current address
3. A copy of a valid Medicaid card which includes a current address
4. A valid Social Security printout letter which includes a current address
5. A copy of a valid voter’s registration card which includes a current address
6. A letter from the Homeless Shelter, HARA, or Lead Agency indicating residency

Works in Michigan/County:

1. A letter from the employer stating the applicant is employed in Michigan/County.
2. A letter from the employer stating the applicant will be employed in Michigan/County.
3. A copy of a valid paycheck stub with the employer’s address showing the business is located in Michigan/County.