Waiting list for Section 8 assistance reopened

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PROVIDENCE- Rhode Island Housing will reopen its waiting list for rental assistance under the Housing Choice (Section 8) Voucher Program to homeless families and individuals from Wednesday, Feb. 4, through Tuesday, Feb. 10.

'We are pleased to reopen the waitlist for the Housing Choice Voucher Program," said Barbara Fields, acting executive director of Rhode Island Housing.

Section 8 is the federal government's major program to help very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled afford safe, stable housing in the private market.

Applications must be submitted online through Rhode Island Housing's website until 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10. Applications will be accepted only during this period.

The link to the application will be available on the homepage of the agency's website, www.rhodeislandhousing.org.

Applications cannot be accepted at Rhode Island Housing offices. In addition, applications that are faxed, emailed or hand-delivered to the agency cannot be accepted.

The date and time of application submission will not be considered in the lottery selection process.

Only applicants who meet Rhode Island Housing's definition of homeless and fall within the program income limits are eligible to apply.

Homeless veterans seeking assistance can go to the Providence Veterans Administration Medical Center Homeless Patient Aligned Care Team (HPACT) at 830 Chalkstone Ave., in Providence, Trailer 37, on Feb. 5, 6, 9 and 10 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or call (401) 273-7100, ext. 4178.

Homeless Victims of Domestic Violence can call the statewide toll-free HelpLine at (800) 494-8100 for help submitting an application.
Applicants requiring a reasonable accommodation and who do not have access to a computer to complete an application online should contact Rhode Island Housing at (401) 457-1220. Sensory-impaired applicants should call Rhode Island Housing’s TTY number at (401) 450-1394.

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