



Questions & Answers: Project Based Voucher (PBV) Wait List

The Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) works to increase housing choices. Project Based Vouchers (PBV) are one tool that creates housing opportunities by contracting with approved owners of rental housing.

What is PBV?	CHA enters into a long-term contract with the owner of a rental building to provide rental assistance to benefit income-eligible households. The rental assistance is tied to the unit and it does not move to other units or other buildings.
How do I Select a PBV Unit?	<p>PBV units are located throughout the City of Chicago and offer housing for families / individuals, seniors, as well as units with supportive housing services. Each PBV Property has specific requirements and amenities. Applicants for PBV units have the opportunity to select a PBV Property or Property Group.</p> <p>A PBV Property Group is a collection of properties that have similarities such as geographic location or similar supportive housing services. Where there are multiple buildings in the Property Group, you will not be able to select an individual property in that group. You are selecting the entire Group and may be contacted by any Property in that Group.</p>
What if I change my mind and want a different Property?	<p>You are welcome to change your selection of a Property at any time prior to being contacted for a specific housing unit. Once you have been contacted for a screening opportunity, you will no longer be able to change your selection.</p> <p>Applicants that do not complete the Screening process or Accept an offer of an apartment may be removed from the PBV wait list. Applicants that have a documented reason for not accepting an offer can apply for reconsideration.</p> <p>Applications are selected in priority of the date of application. The Application Date is the first date you registered with the Public Housing / PBV wait list. The Application Date will remain the same should you move to a different Property wait list.</p> <p>Changes to your Application on the Public Housing / PBV Property Wait List may take up to 48-hours to register with our system.</p>
I am on the HCV Waitlist, What is the impact?	<p>Your application to the Public Housing / PBV wait list is separate from your application on the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) wait list. Any changes in your household information must be changed on both the HCV Wait List and the Public Housing / PBV Wait List. You should update information on each web site. Your HCV Application Date will remain the same. You will have a new Public Housing / PBV Application Date.</p> <p>Note: The HCV waitlist remains closed. Only HCV Applicants currently on the HCV wait list can update their Application information.</p>

<p>What if I want a bigger apartment?</p>	<p>CHA will refer Applicants for any size unit that they qualify for. As an example, a single person household is eligible for a studio apartment. Properties with studio apartments that have a vacancy will receive a list of Applicants that are eligible for that unit.</p> <p>Refusal to be screened for or not accept the offer of a unit offer solely because the applicant is waiting for a larger unit for which they might also qualify is not a good cause.</p> <p>Applicants that decline to apply for or accept an offer of a PBV unit without good cause will be removed from the PBV wait list. Removal from the PBV wait list will not affect the Applicant's position on the CHA Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) wait list.</p>
<p>I am Homeless and need Housing Now</p>	<p>CHA is a partner in Chicago's Plan to End Homelessness. If you are currently experiencing homelessness, please call the City of Chicago at 311 and ask for homeless services. CHA does not provide emergency housing.</p> <p>Households that meet HUD's definition under the HEARTH Act have a preference for units that offer supportive services for the homeless. The Chicago Coordinated Entry System works with service providers to assist homeless individuals and families. For more information, please visit www.csh.org/chicagoces.</p>
<p>My household has changed</p>	<p>Applicants are required to keep their Registration with the Public Housing / PBV Wait List up to date. Should your name rise to the top of the wait list, the property manager will contact you through your email address. Keeping your contact and household information up to date is important. If you are on the HCV Wait List, you should also update information on the separate Application site.</p>
<p>How long will it take to get housing?</p>	<p>There are many people who need housing assistance. To determine your average wait time for housing on the wait list, visit www.thecha.org and click "Update Your Application – Public Housing & PBV Applicants". Check back regularly as wait time may change as other applicants update their waitlist selection.</p>
<p>Can I Move?</p>	<p>The PBV rent assistance does not move – it will stay with the unit. A tenant in a PBV property that is in good standing their lease for more than a year, can apply to CHA to be on the HCV wait list.</p> <p>Any tenant can move from a unit without the benefit of the subsidy as allowed by their Lease Agreement.</p> <p>The Lease Agreement is between the Property Management and the Tenant. CHA is not a party to the Lease Agreement. Tenants must comply with their Lease as per the Family Obligations Agreement signed with CHA.</p>
<p>I would like to talk to someone</p>	<p>If you need assistance, please call (312) 935-2600.</p> <p>Should you need assistance in your language, call (312) 913-7266.</p>

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