



The St. Paul PHA Will Close Its Multifamily Housing Waiting List September 28, 2021

The St. Paul Public Housing Agency (PHA) will close its Multifamily Housing waiting list on September 28, 2021; no new applications will be accepted (for all sizes of units) after 11:59 PM on September 27, 2021. The PHA's decision to close the Multifamily Housing waiting list is based on several factors including the following:

- **Over 9,000 applicant households were on the waiting list at the end of July 2021. The PHA owns and manages 3,836 rental homes and apartments in the Multifamily Housing program. (These units were previously in HUD's "public housing program". In 2020 the PHA converted them to "Multifamily Housing" to secure better funding from HUD.)**
- The PHA housed 454 households from the waiting list in the fiscal year that ended March 31, 2021.
- New applicants for most unit sizes can expect to wait for years before being considered for admission. Over 500 households currently on the waiting list applied before October 1, 2018.
- Closing the Multifamily Housing waiting list will provide an opportunity for applicants who have been on the list for many years to move up the list and be housed, if they are found eligible.
- A long waiting list is discouraging for applicants and difficult for the PHA to manage.
- Closing the waiting list for a time will facilitate the PHA's establishment of the Choice Mobility waiting list for Multifamily residents that were in place at the time of RAD conversion.

The PHA is advertising the waiting list closing widely. The list will be reopened when the current list has been sufficiently depleted. While the regular waiting list is closed the Agency will continue to take applications for the special programs in Multifamily Housing, including the Congregate Housing Services Program (CHSP), the Wilder Customized Living Program, and Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI).