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Saint Paul PHA Opening "Bring It Home" Waiting List

First time accepting applications for Minnesota's new state voucher program

The Saint Paul Public Housing Agency (SPPHA) will accept applications for the Bring It Home (BIH) state voucher program beginning on November 4, 2026, at 8:00 AM (CST) through November 10, 2026, at 11:59 PM. A lottery will be used to select 1,000 applications for placement on the waiting list. These applications will be randomly sorted, so there is no advantage to applying on the first day. Selection for the waiting list does not guarantee that a household will receive rental assistance.

Minnesota Housing's BIH program is modeled after the federal Housing Choice Voucher program. In both programs, housing authorities provide low-income households with a rental assistance voucher so they can rent a qualifying home from participating property owners. The household typically pays 30 percent of its income toward rent and the voucher pays the remainder.

Applicants can apply at www.waitlistcheck.com/STPAUL using a computer, tablet or smartphone, including free computers at public libraries. Applications will be accepted 24 hours a day during the opening timeframe.

To be eligible for the BIH program, applicants must:

- Live in Minnesota;
- Pay more than 30 percent of their household income towards rent; and
- Not currently receiving assistance from a federally funded Section 8 program.

Applicants to SPPHA's BIH program must be willing to live in Saint Paul, as SPPHA's BIH vouchers cannot be used outside of the city limits. Households with incomes at or below 30 percent of Area Median Income (AMI) and/or with children ages 18 and under will be given priority.

Once an applicant's name is drawn and they are found eligible, they will have up to sixty (60) days to rent a home or apartment in the private rental market, with an owner who agrees to accept the BIH voucher.

About Saint Paul Public Housing Agency (SPPHA) and the Bring It Home (BIH) Program:

The Saint Paul Public Housing Agency provides safe, affordable housing opportunities for low-income households. SPPHA operates publicly owned housing properties and administers housing choice vouchers throughout the city of Saint Paul. The Bring It Home Rental Assistance Program is a new state-funded program that was created to assist low-income families across Minnesota. It is administered by Minnesota Housing alongside local housing authorities, tribal entities, and nonprofits. More information about SPPHA and the BIH program can be found at www.stpha.org and www.mnhousing.gov.

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