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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

GHURA IS ACCEPTING PRE-APPLICATIONS ONLINE FOR THE SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER WAITING LIST LOTTERY (This advertisement is paid for by GHURA's Section 8 HCV Program)

The Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA) is opening the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program Waiting List Lottery. Pre-applications will be accepted online starting at 8:00 AM (ChST), Monday, January 06, 2025 and will close at 4:59 PM (ChST), Monday, January 13, 2025. <u>PRE-APPLICATIONS WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE AND SUBMITTED ONLINE.</u> GHURA will not provide or accept paper (printed copy) pre-applications.

WHAT IS SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM? The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered by the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA) for the jurisdiction of Guam. The program provides rental assistance to very low-income families in the private rental market.

<u>Pre-applications will be administered through a lottery process</u>. All entries must be completed and successfully submitted to receive a lottery number. All applicants will have an equal opportunity of being randomly selected for the HCV waiting list. When the online application closes, GHURA will randomly select only 1,800 names from the number of applicants to be placed on the HCV waiting list.

WHO MAY APPLY: Pre-applications are open to the public with households who meet the criteria and income limit designated for their household size in the table below. ONLY ONE ENTRY PER FAMILY WILL BE PERMITTED. Multiple entries from the same household will not be accepted and failure to comply may result in an immediate disqualification of the family's pre-application. To apply for the HCV program, you must meet all of the following criteria listed below.

- 1. Have at least one family member who is either a U.S. Citizen, or an Eligible Immigrant; and
- 2. The family's annual income must not exceed the income limit below per family's size:

INCOME LIMITS

Number of Family	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Members	Person	Persons						
Annual Household Income Must Not Exceed	\$31,100	\$35,550	\$40,000	\$44,400	\$48,000	\$51,550	\$55,100	\$58,650

HOW AND WHERE TO APPLY: GHURA WILL ONLY ACCEPT ONLINE SUBMISSIONS, therefore you must apply online from any computer or smart phone equipped with internet or Wi-Fi access. Any pre-applications that are paper printed and hand-delivered, faxed, emailed, or mailed <u>WILL NOT</u> be accepted. To apply, please follow the steps below:

- 1. Visit the GHURA website at www.ghura.org
- 2. Click on the yellow box "Online Housing Applications"
- 3. Under "OPEN WAIT LISTS", click "Section 8"
- 4. The instruction page will pop up; Read the instructions thoroughly and then click "Begin"
- 5. Complete the application by filling out ALL required fields.
- 6. After you have completed your application, review it for accuracy then Click "Submit"
- 7. A lottery number will appear. IMPORTANT: Keep your lottery number for future verification.

For those without a computer and internet access or requiring assistance in submitting a pre-application may apply at GHURA's main office at 117 Bien Venida, Sinajana. For more information regarding the lottery process, visit the "Frequently Asked Questions" on www.ghura.org (GHURA website); or contact *Rosie Francisco, Section 8 Housing Specialist Supervisor at (671) 475-1338 or email at rfrancisco@ghura.org*.

GHURA does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs or activities. Katherine Taitano, Chief Planner, has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of Section 504; the ADA; the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 504 regulations implemented by the EEOC and the Department of Justice. For Fair Housing concerns, you may contact Ms. Taitano at (671) 475-1332; email: <u>katherine@ghura.org</u>; or (671) 472-3701 (TTY/TDD).

/s/ Fernando B. Esteves, Deputy Director