

Welcome to the Housing Authority of the County of Monterey (HACM)

Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program (formerly Section 8)

Wait List Open Enrollment Site

HCV is a federally –funded program that subsidizes decent, safe, and sanitary housing for low-income persons. Applicants must meet all U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development income and eligibility requirements.

When: Pre-applications will be accepted **ONLINE** only for the HCV Program Waiting List. The open enrollment period will be Monday October 16, 2017 at 12:01 a.m. (Pacific time) to Tuesday October 31, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. (Pacific time). Applicants do not need to rush to apply as this wait list is not on a first- come, first-serve basis. Pre-applicants will have an equal chance of being selected, regardless of which day they submit their online pre-application.

How: Pre-applications will be accepted **online only** at www.hamonterey.org and using the waitlist link. Submission of a pre-application does not guarantee placement on any Waiting List. Only one pre-application per family will be accepted. Duplicate applications will be rejected. Paper applications will not be distributed or accepted.

Where: Pre-applications can be submitted **ONLINE** with the use of a personal computer, laptop, smart phone, and tablet or anywhere internet access is available. There are also over locations around Monterey County that will offer computer access. **Pre-applications will not be accepted at the Housing Authority office.**

Information needed: Names, Social Security numbers, birthdates and income information for everyone in the household. You will also need an email address. If you need assistance in another language, google translate will assist you during the application process.

Maximum Income Limits:

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| • 1 person- \$28,500 | 6 person- \$47,250 |
| • 2 person- \$32,600 | 7 person- \$50,500 |
| • 3 person- \$36,650 | 8 person- \$53,750 |
| • 4 person- \$40,700 | 9 person- \$57,000 |
| • 5 person- \$44,000 | 10 person- \$60,250 |

Income limits are current and subject to change.

Reasonable Accommodation: It is the policy of the HACM to provide reasonable accommodations to those persons with disabilities so that they can participate equally in its housing programs. To request a reasonable accommodation, you may contact the Section 504 Coordinator, Maria Madera, in writing at the Central Office located at 123 Rico Street, Salinas, CA 93907 or by telephone at (831) 775-5000 or by TDD at (831) 754-2951.

Lottery Process: The waiting list placement will be based on a computerized random selection (lottery process). Once the wait list open enrollment period ends, HACM will accept 25% of the pre-applications received to be on the wait list. Once the 25% are selected, they will be reviewed to determine preliminary eligibility and preferences will be applied to determine the final order. Submission of a pre-application does not guarantee placement on the Wait List, eligibility, or an offer of housing.

Reasons for denial of pre-applications: Pre-applications will be removed from the wait list if any of the following are determined at the initial interview:

1. Drug or violent criminal activity within the last five years. If drug activity, you may remain on the list if you have completed or are in a drug rehabilitation program.
2. Life-time registered sex offender
3. Persons convicted of manufacturing or producing methamphetamine on the premises of federally assisted housing
4. If any family member has been evicted/terminated from a federally-assisted housing program in the last five years

Criminal background checks and screening for previous tenant history in assisted housing is conducted at the time of the eligibility interview for all adult household members.

The lottery selection will be completed by December 1, 2017. Please remember your log-in information so you may check the status on-line. Phone calls will not be accepted.

