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**MPHA Opens Its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
Waiting List for the First Time Since 2003**

WHAT: The Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) will open its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List and accept requests for applications for the first time in five years – individuals and families interested in Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance will have an opportunity to apply.

WHEN: Requests for applications will be accepted **only on: Thursday, June 12th 2008 and Friday, June 13th 2008.**

HOW: Individuals and families are encouraged to apply 'online' but paper applications will be available.

Electronic Applications: An electronic application will available from **12:00 a.m. June 12th 2008 through 11:59 p.m. June 13th, 2008.** Prospective applicants should go to www.mphaonline.org, scroll over to **Section 8/HCV Program** and click on the **Section 8 Waitlist** field. There they will find detailed instructions, including: Frequently Asked Questions and Waiting List Preferences, as well as the Waiting List link that will allow them to complete the application online and automatically send it to MPHA. **Applying online will ensure immediate confirmation of the application.**

Those who do not have a computer or who need assistance to complete an 'online' application can do so at various branches of the Minneapolis Public Library and the Minnesota Work Force Center. (See list of locations below).

Paper Applications: Paper Applications will be available during regular business hours on **June 12th 2008 and June 13th 2008; only** at specific locations of various branches of the Minneapolis Public Library, Thursday, June 12th from Noon until 8:00pm and Friday, June 13th from 10:00am until 6:00pm and the Minnesota Work Force Center from 8:00am until 4:30pm. (See list of locations below.)

Paper applications **must** be postmarked no later than June 16th, 2008 and mailed to:

**MPHA Section 8 HCV Wait List
P.O. Box 581126,
Minneapolis, MN 55458-1126**

Paper applications are **not** available at MPHA locations and may not be dropped at MPHA offices nor mailed to MPHA offices. Paper applications must be submitted via US Postal Service mail only and must be postmarked no later than **June 16th, 2008**.

Assistance with Application Process: MPHA is partnering with the Minneapolis Public Library and the Minnesota Work Force Center to provide assistance to applicants who do not have use of a computer. On **June 12th and June 13th 2008**, MPHA Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Staff will be on hand at each of the eight locations (see list of locations below) to assist prospective applicants. Paper applications will be available at those sites.

The following are the library and workforce center locations that will have computers available for prospective applicants on June 12th and June 13th 2008:

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| 1. North Regional Library | 1315 Lowry Avenue North Minneapolis |
| 2. Sumner Library | 611 Van White Memorial Blvd. N Minneapolis |
| 3. Northeast Library | 2200 Central Avenue N.E. Minneapolis |
| 4. Walker Library | 2880 Hennepin Avenue South Minneapolis |
| 5. Nokomis Library | 5100 34 th Avenue South Minneapolis |
| 6. Hosmer Library | 347 E 36 th Street South Minneapolis |
| 7. Minnesota Work Force Center | 1200 Plymouth Avenue North Minneapolis |
| 8. Minnesota Work Force Center | 777 Lake Street E South Minneapolis |

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