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Housing Works to Open 2026 Housing Choice Voucher Program Waiting List

Redmond, OR – January 6, 2026 – Housing Works, a premier housing organization dedicated to fostering stability and affordability in Central Oregon, is pleased to announce the opening of the 2026 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program waiting list. This essential program, formerly known as the HUD Section 8 program, provides rental assistance to eligible low-income residents of Deschutes, Jefferson, and Crook counties.

The waitlist will open at **8:00 AM PST on Monday, January 12, 2026**, and close at **5:00 PM PST on Friday, January 16, 2026**. Applications will be accepted **online only** via Housing Works' official website: www.housing-works.org.

Housing Works Executive Director **Lynne McConnell** shared her thoughts on the program's importance, saying, *"The HCV program is a lifeline for our struggling community members. Housing Works is proud to offer this program and thankful to the network of partners who assist in getting the word out and connecting folks to this resource. Our vision is to increase stability and affordability for our region, and the HCV program is one of the best ways to do this."*

Key Information for Applicants:

- The time of application submission during the open period will **not affect placement** on the waiting list.
- All applications submitted by the deadline will undergo a **randomized computer selection process** to ensure equitable opportunities for all.
- Applicants who were on the 2025 waiting list but were not selected must reapply, as applications do not carry over from year to year.

Technical Assistance:

Housing Works staff will be available to assist applicants from **8:00 AM to 5:00 PM PST** during the application window. Support will be provided in person, by phone, or via email at the following locations:

- **REDMOND** — Mon–Fri, 8–5: **Housing Works Office (405 SW 6th St, entrance located behind building), and at Spencer Court Apartments (2445 SW Canal Blvd)**
- **BEND** — Mon–Fri, 8–5: **Phoenix Crossing Office (1475 NE Forbes Rd)**
- **LA PINE** — Tue & Thu, 10–4:30: **La Pine Library (16425 1st St)**
- **MADRAS** — Tue & Thu, 10–4:30: **Jefferson County Library (241 SE 7th St)**
- **PRINEVILLE** — Tue & Thu, 9–4:30: **Crook County Library (175 NW Meadow Lakes Dr)**

Applicants are encouraged to seek assistance early and avoid waiting until the final day. For additional support, accommodations, or questions, please contact Housing Works at **(541) 923-1018** or frontdesk@housing-works.org.

About the HCV Program:

The HCV Program enables participants to rent private housing that meets safety and affordability standards. Participants typically pay 30% of their adjusted income toward rent, with the voucher covering the remaining amount, up to a set limit. This program provides flexibility and financial relief, helping families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities achieve greater stability.

Housing Works remains dedicated to providing accessible and impactful housing solutions for the communities we serve.

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