

## FAQ's

### CSHA Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program – Lottery Questions and Answers

**1) How does a person apply for the Section 8 HCVP?**

Colorado Springs Housing Authority utilizes a lottery. The lottery will be opened annually for 2-4 days per calendar year or as often as needed. Interested individuals may submit a lottery application via the internet at the CSHA website: [www.csha.us](http://www.csha.us) -Families are deemed eligible based on income and a background check.

**2) Can I submit more than one lottery application?**

No, you can only submit one application. Multiple entries will be voided.

**3) If I participate in the lottery, will this guarantee me a Section 8 HCVP voucher?**

No, CSHA will hold a computer generated random lottery system.

After each application is randomly assigned a number, the applications will be placed on the waiting list in the order of the assigned numbers.

If your application is selected in the upcoming year, CSHA will notify you by mail with instructions to start the intake process. Applications not selected at the end of the coming year will be discarded and you must reapply.

**4) If I have a change of address, do I need to notify CSHA?**

Yes, you must inform CSHA of your new address in writing. Go to [csha.us](http://csha.us) click on forms and click application update form. You can also complete the application update form in our office during normal business hours. Failure to update your address will result in your application being canceled.

**5) Does the Colorado Springs Housing Authority have any local preferences?**

A local preference will be given to any family that lives or works in El Paso County.

**6) What is the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program “HCVP”?**

The Section 8 HCVP program was established to provide rental assistance to very low-income families to obtain safe, decent, affordable housing in the private rental market. Eligible applicants locate a unit in the private rental market. Rent must be within the current allowed payment standards.

The Section 8 HCVP is funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) and is administered through a public housing agency, such as the Colorado Springs Housing Authority (“CSHA”).