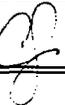




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DATE: January 4, 2008

TO: Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

FROM: S. D. Gonzalez, Housing Director 
Housing Department

SUBJECT: Opening of Applications for the Section 8 Program

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Oxnard authorize the Housing Director to accept applications for rental assistance under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program beginning Feb. 27, 2008, for a period of thirty (30) days or until 2000 applications are accepted, whichever occurs first.

DISCUSSION

The Housing Authority is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to maintain a sufficient pool of applicants for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program to utilize the local allocation of 1659 Section 8 rental assistance vouchers. In general the Housing Authority is expected to maintain at least a two-year waiting list for assistance. Presently, the waiting list has been reduced to 1,022 families. Based on vouchers available and current turnover in the program, it is anticipated that this list will be used up in about six months.

The Housing Authority is continuously open for applications from seniors and disabled, and certain preference categories, such as victims of fires or catastrophic illnesses exacerbated by current living conditions. The opening of applications permits non-senior and non-disabled families to also apply for the program assistance. The Housing Authority is required to provide sufficient public notice of all suspensions and openings of applications for tenant eligibility. Staff will publish a 30-day notice of the period for which applications will be accepted in the local media and social service agencies. The notice will include information on who may apply, and where and when applications will be received.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

It is anticipated that the cost for the opening of applications will not exceed \$4,000 which would include the cost of advertising and printing. This cost is included in the current operating budget.

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