

## News Release

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### Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) Opens Housing in Anchorage

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, July 31, 2014 – Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) is opening its Anchorage Housing Choice Voucher program waitlist Aug. 1 to individuals and families in need of housing. The waitlist will be open through August 31.

“This opportunity follows administrative efficiencies put into place a couple years ago that have allowed us to work through our waiting lists more quickly and provide more housing assistance to more Alaskans in need,” says Cathy Stone, AHFC director, public housing division.

Applications will be available at [www.ahfc.us](http://www.ahfc.us) or in any of the AHFC’s public housing locations during normal business hours. Completed applications will be accepted online or by postmarked mail (P.O.B. 241385, Anchorage, AK 99524-1385). Applications will not be accepted in person, and no preference will be given to applications received earlier in the month. Applicants will be placed into a lottery, with their number resulting in their place on the waiting list.

The Housing Choice Voucher program helps low-income Alaskans lease privately owned rental units from participating landlords. To qualify for financial assistance, families need to have an income at or below 50 percent of the area median income based on family size. In Anchorage, a family of four can make \$42,450 or less to be eligible. To see other requirements or to apply, visit <http://www.ahfc.us/rent/applying/>.

Participants find their own housing. In the first year they pay a percent of their adjusted income in rent and the remainder of the rental amount is paid by AHFC directly to the landlord.

*Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) is a public corporation with a long history of providing Alaskans access to safe, quality and affordable housing through home financing programs, energy efficiency and weatherization programs, public housing and more. Since 1986, AHFC has contributed \$1.9 billion to the State of Alaska's General Fund.*

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