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Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) Opens Housing in Homer and Soldotna

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, July 31, 2014 – Alaska Housing Finance Corporation’s (AHFC) is opening its Homer and Soldotna Housing Choice Voucher program waitlists Aug. 1 to individuals and families in need of housing. Applicants will receive vouchers based on the date and time their application was submitted.

“This opening 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 beginning Aug. 1, 2014, at www.ahfc.us or in any of the AHFC’s public housing locations during normal business hours. Completed applications will be accepted online, in person or by postmarked mail.

The Housing Choice Voucher program helps low-income Alaskans lease privately owned rental units from participating landlords. To qualify for assistance families need to have an income at or below 50 percent of area median income based on family size. In Soldotna and Homer, a family of four can make \$38,050 or less to be eligible. To see more requirements and how to apply, visit <http://www.ahfc.us/rent/applying/>. Participants in the program 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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