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2026 WAITLIST OPENING for OAKLAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESERVATION INITIATIVES (OAHPI) PROJECT-BASED VOUCHER PROPERTIES (This waitlist is for Project-Based Voucher apartments only)

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

What is the Project-Based Voucher Program?

The Project-Based Voucher (PBV) program is a rental subsidy attached to the unit and does not move with the family. Program participants will pay up to 30% of their adjusted household income for rent and must have a household income at or below 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Participants also receive a utility allowance, which is factored into the calculation of the monthly tenant rent. OHA will pay the balance in the form of a Housing Assistance Payment to OAHPI each month. Program participants have access to OHA's Family and Community Partnership Department (FCP) for supportive services, including employment assistance, children's activities, and financial literacy.

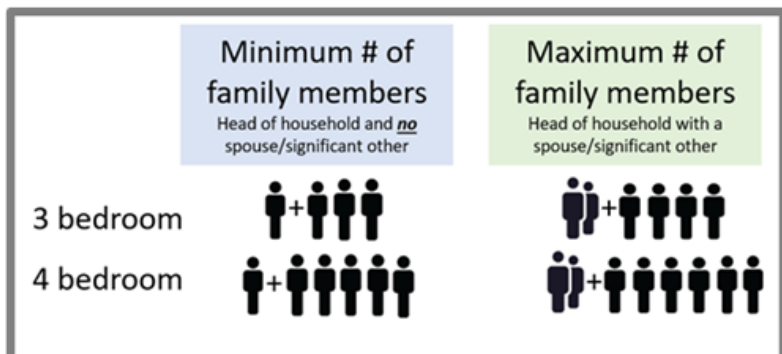
What is the size of the available PBV-units?

This waitlist is for three-bedroom and four-bedroom units only.

What are the occupancy standards for the available PBV-units?

The unit size for which an applicant family qualifies depends on their household size and composition, and any verifiable special needs. OHA will assign one bedroom for every two persons within the household, regardless of age or gender. To be eligible for this waitlist, an applicant family must meet the occupancy standards below:

- The Head of Household, if single, will be assigned their own bedroom and then one bedroom will be assigned for each remaining two persons within the household.
- Single-person families will be allocated one-bedroom.



Where are the PBV units located?

OAHPI sites are scattered throughout Oakland in the following areas:

East Oakland	Deep East Oakland	Fruitvale
Boundaries: North-South between International Boulevard and 580 Freeway East-West between 38th Avenue and 73rd Avenue	Boundaries: North-South between San Leandro Boulevard and 580 Freeway East-West between 73rd Avenue and 106th Avenue	Boundaries: North-South between 14th Street and High Street East-West between MacArthur Blvd and High Street
North Oakland	San Antonio	West Oakland
Boundaries: North-South between Alcatraz Avenue to 44th Street East-West between San Pablo Avenue to College Avenue	Boundaries: North-South between 14th Street and MacArthur East-West between Park Blvd and 23rd Ave	Boundaries: East-West between Harrison Street and Adeline North-South between 44th Street and 27th Street

How do I apply?

Pre-applications are accepted **Monday, July 6, 2026, starting at 12:00 AM PST through Sunday, July 19, 2026, ending at 11:59 PM PST.**

1. Go to www.oakha.org or <https://myohaportal.oakha.org/> to submit a pre-application. You must have a valid email address to submit a pre-application. If you do not have an email, you will have the opportunity to create an email address in the portal. There is no fee for completing the pre-application. THIS IS NOT A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE PROCESS.
2. **You must complete and submit your pre-application prior to Sunday, July 19, 2026, at 11:59 PM PST**
3. You will receive an email confirming when you successfully complete and submit the pre-application. **SAVE YOUR CONFIRMATION EMAIL.**
4. If you do not have a computer or mobile device and need an alternative method to submit your pre-application, you may visit an OHA Application Assistance Center or call the Application Assistance Line (510) 587-5168. A staff member will help you complete your pre-application. The Authority does not require you to have an email address to submit your pre-application using the non-electronic submission method.

You may fill out a pre-application online, in paper form or via telephone with support from OHA staff. If you choose a paper pre-application, please visit 1540 Webster St. An OHA staff member will assist with entering your information into the online portal for the purposes of the lottery.

Please visit one of our OHA Application Assistance Centers on one of the following dates and times below or call (510) 587-5168 or TDD (510) 587-7119.

Application Assistance Centers		
East District Office 1327 65th Ave. Oakland, CA 94621	Leased Housing Dept 1540 Webster Street Oakland, CA 94612	West District Office 935 Union Street Oakland, CA 94607
Tuesday - Thursday 10 AM-3 PM 7/7/26 – 7/9/26 7/14/26 – 7/16/26	Tuesday - Thursday 10 AM-3 PM 7/7/26 – 7/9/26 7/14/26 – 7/16/26 Saturday 9 AM-2 PM 7/11/26 & 7/18/26	Tuesday - Thursday 10 AM-3 PM 7/7/26 – 7/9/26 7/14/26 – 7/16/26

What do I need to apply?

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| 1) Valid contact information such as email address, phone number, address | 4) Social security numbers for all household members (if available) |
| 2) Full name of all household members | 5) Total gross annual income for the household |
| 3) Dates of birth of all household members | |

After you've completed the pre-application, please be sure to print or save the confirmation page as a record of your pre-application. Staff at the Application Assistance Centers will help applicants print and save confirmation records.

Is the pre-application available in other languages?

Yes. The pre-application is available in English, Chinese, Spanish, and Vietnamese. The flyer and the Frequently Asked Questions are also available in these languages.

Go to <https://www.oakha.org/housing/qualifyandapply/waitlists/>. If you need a paper version in your preferred language, please visit one of our OHA Application Assistance Centers above, or contact OHA for assistance by calling (510) 587-5168 or TDD (510) 587-7119.

What if I need help with or have questions about my pre-application?

Please visit one of our OHA Application Assistance Centers identified above in the "***How do I apply***" section, or call (510) 587-5168 or TDD (510) 587-7119.

How do I correct a mistake on or update my pre-application?

Once submitted, you may only change or update your contact information on the applicant portal - <http://myohaportal.oakha.org/>. **Do not submit another pre-application.** You can also contact OHA for assistance by calling (510) 587-5168 or TDD (510) 587-7119.

How will OHA determine who will be added to the waitlist?

All pre-applications received during the opening will go into a random computerized lottery. **This waitlist is for three-bedroom and four-bedroom units only.** OHA will place **975** applicants on the three-bedroom waitlist, and **25** applicants on the four-bedroom waitlist. You'll receive an email notification from OHA within 120 days from the waitlist closing date of 7/19/2026, if you have been selected for the waitlist or not.

What is the process once my pre-application is submitted?

If you are selected in the random computerized lottery, you will be offered the first available unit in one of the six OAHPI PBV-portfolios in Deep East Oakland, East Oakland, Fruitvale, North Oakland, San Antonio or West Oakland.

Will my chances be better if I apply more than once?

No. Every household has the opportunity to apply only once. OHA will remove the duplicate pre-applications.

If I am added to the waitlist, what happens next?

When your name comes to the top of the waitlist, you will be contacted by OHA to begin the intake process to determine if you are eligible at that time. Your position on the waitlist will be determined by preferences, which will be subject to verification. Once established, this waitlist will be active for 12 to 18 months.

How long will it take my name to reach the top of the waitlist?

OHA cannot predict how long you will be on the waitlist.

Are there any admissions preferences?

Yes. OAHPI has the following admission preferences:

- 1) A Family preference - Applicant families with two or more persons, or a single person applicant that is 62 years of age or older, or a single person applicant with a disability, qualify for this preference.
- 2) A Residency preference - Applicants who live or work in the City of Oakland at the time of the application interview and/or applicants that lived or worked in the City of Oakland at the time of submitting their initial application and can verify their previous residency/employment at the applicant interview, qualify for this preference.
- 3) A Literal Homeless preference - Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:
 - a) Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; **or**
 - b) Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs);

or

- c) Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution

How do I inform OHA if my address changes after I submit my pre-application?

Always inform OHA of changes to your address or contact information using OHA's online applicant portal. Remember your username so you can make changes in the portal at <http://myohaportal.oakha.org/> ; or you can also contact OHA for assistance by calling (510) 587-5168 or TDD (510) 587-7119.

Will households with undocumented family members be eligible?

Yes. One family member must have eligible residency or legal citizenship status.

I previously applied for an OHA waitlist. Do I still need to apply?

Yes. If you want to be considered for the current waitlist opening, you will need to reapply.

Are there household income limits?

Yes. The total income of all the persons listed on the pre-application must not exceed the HUD-specified income limits. Income includes, but is not limited to, wages, Social Security benefits, pensions, child support, unemployment benefits, CalWin (TANF), or net income from a business, etc.

2026 Income Limits by # of Persons in Family				
4	5	6	7	8
\$84,850	\$91,650	\$98,450	\$105,250	\$112,050

Are there other eligibility requirements?

Yes.

1. At least one household member must be a U.S. citizen or eligible immigrant; and
2. No household member can be subject to a lifetime registration requirement under any of the 50 states' sex offender registration programs; and
3. No household member can have been convicted of drug-related criminal activity for the production or manufacture of methamphetamine on the premises of federally assisted housing; and



The City of Oakland prohibits rental discrimination based on criminal history per the Ronald V. Dellums and Simarashe Sherry Fair Chance Access to Housing Ordinance No 13581 C.M.S. (O.M.C. 8.25). Visit <https://www.oakha.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Fair-Chance-Ordinance.Tenant-Notice.10.5.2020-1.pdf> for more information.