

PUBLIC NOTICE

LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP RESIDENTIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LTRAP) SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM



The Lakewood Township Residential Assistance Program (LTRAP) announces that new applications will be accepted from very low income and extremely low income households and individuals (including single persons, disabled persons, and elderly persons). In accordance with the Administrative and Annual Plans, preference is given to applicants who reside, work, or have been hired to work, in Lakewood Township, NJ.

LTRAP also assigns preferences based on total household assets. In each preference group, preference will be given first to households with assets of less than \$20,000, plus \$5,000 for each child, next preference will be given to households with assets of less than \$40,000, plus \$5,000 for each child, next preference will be given to households with assets of less than \$60,000, plus \$5,000 for each child, next preference will be given to households with assets of less than \$80,000, plus \$5,000 for each child, next preference will be given to households with assets of less than \$100,000, plus \$5,000 for each child.

Additionally, disabled, handicapped or elderly single-person households and families will be given preference over other single-person households.

A public meeting will be held on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 8:00 PM in the Lakewood Municipal Building Auditorium, 231 Third Street, Lakewood, New Jersey 08701, to explain the application intake process in detail and to answer questions relating to this application process. All are invited to attend.

The following is an overview of the application intake process. Applications will be accepted online only, at <https://www.waitlistcheck.com/NJ2781>. This link will also appear on our website at www.ltrap.org. Inasmuch as applications will only be accepted online, no applications will be accepted at the LTRAP office, nor will application forms be available.

The Ocean County Library Lakewood Branch, located at 301 Lexington Avenue, as well as other public libraries, have computer stations with internet access available to the public. If you do not have a computer, you may complete your application by visiting your local library. Check the Lakewood Branch library's website for hours of operation at <http://theoceancountylibrary.org/Branches/LAK/lak.htm>.

Applications may be submitted from 9:00 AM on November 9, 2015 to 5:00 PM on November 23, 2015. A total of 3,000 applications will be selected by a lottery from all the applications that are submitted online. All applicants have an equal chance to be randomly selected for the 3,000 waitlist slots in the lottery. The lottery will be conducted by the end of December 2015, by the software company contracted for this purpose. Applications selected in this lottery will be placed on the Waiting List in the order that they are selected by the lottery, and ranked with all selection preferences detailed above. All applications not selected in the lottery will be discarded. Results of the application selection will be available online at that time. The software will not accept duplicate applications. All applicants must be at least 18 years or older to apply.

This program is a federal rent subsidy program designed to help lower-income persons afford decent housing on the private market by allowing them to pay rent based on a portion of their gross income. Eligibility is based upon income limits established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). 75% of all new admissions to the program must be from a targeted group of extremely low income families. If your income is not extremely low you may not be helped as soon as someone whose income is extremely low.

INCOME LIMITS FOR OCEAN COUNTY BY FAMILY SIZE:

Size	Very Low Income	Extremely Low Income
1	\$32,100	\$19,250
2	\$36,700	\$22,000
3	\$41,300	\$24,750
4	\$45,850	\$27,500
5	\$49,550	\$29,700
6	\$53,200	\$32,570
7	\$56,900	\$36,730
8	\$60,550	\$40,890

Your household is eligible to apply for this program if your income is below the very low income limit; however you may not be helped as soon as a household whose income is below the extremely low limit.

This program is independent of any other similar Housing Assistance Program. Persons who have previously applied for Section 8 Rental Assistance with another agency must file a new application to be considered for eligibility in this program. If you are currently on a waiting list for rental assistance or for public housing with another agency, you may remain on that waiting list while applying to LTRAP.

Persons with disabilities who need a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the application process should contact the LTRAP office at (732) 367-0660.

It is the stated policy of LTRAP that the program will be administered without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, and familial status. Federal Section 8 program funds are limited; **not all applicants will be assisted.**