

# What can I do if I do not have a voucher and I need affordable housing?

## What type of housing are you looking for?

#### **Emergency/Transitional Housing**

- Tip: **Call 211** current information about agencies providing emergency and transitional housing for families, individuals and young adults is available by calling 211. Emergency and transitional housing programs often have waitlists, even though they serve households with immediate housing needs
  - Emergency housing programs for homeless families with children under 18 can only be accessed through a 211 Family Housing Connection screening
  - Emergency housing programs for young adults ages 18 25 can be accessed by calling 211 for a Youth Housing Connection screening

#### Subsidized Housing

Tip: Subsidized housing programs typically charge residents a portion of their income for rent, and often have long waitlists. Apply with all programs you are interested in:

- Seattle Housing's Project Based Programs: you can find information at about locations and how to apply at www.seattlehousing.org/housing/partner
- Seattle Housing's Low Income Public Housing: you can apply in our office or online at www.seattlehousing.org/housing/public
- Seattle Housing's Senior Housing: you can apply in our office or online at www.seattlehousing.org/housing/senior
- Seattle Housing's Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Program: the waitlist for this program is currently closed to new applicants, you can find information about waitlist openings at www.seattlehousing.org/housing/vouchers or by calling the waitlist hotline at (206) 239-1674
- Programs with direct HUD subsidy: you can find a list on HUD's website at www.hud.gov/apps/section8/step2.cfm?state=WA,Washington
- Other local housing authorities: you can find a list on HUD's website at www.hud.gov/offices/pih/pha/contacts/states/wa.cfm

### Affordable Housing

- Tip: Depending on your income level, you may want to apply for affordable housing programs which typically have income limits and set their rent below market rate.
  - Housing Search Northwest lists affordable rentals and has a tool to help you calculate what rent you can afford, search online at www.housingsearchnw.org or call 1-877-428-8844
  - > AptFinder lists affordable housing properties, search online www.aptfinder.org
  - Washington State Housing Finance Commission funded properties can be searched online at www.wshfc.org/property/property.asp
  - Senior Services has housing information for seniors, call (206) 448-3110
  - National Hotline for Homeless Veterans has housing information for veterans including VASH vouchers, call 1-877-424-3838