

IMMEDIATE NEWS RELEASE: HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY IS SUSPENDING ALL NEW ISSUES OF THE SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS.

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The Housing Authority of the County of Monterey (HACM) has been recently notified by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that the Federal Funding Levels for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program have been drastically reduced effective immediately. This Public Housing Authority (PHA), as well as many other PHAs, have suspended issuing new Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers until further notice. HACM is in the process of notifying those individuals that have recently received Vouchers and have not entered into a contract that their voucher will be put on hold until this federal funding shortfall can be resolved. HACM and many other Public Housing Authorities are working with HUD and congress to resolve the issue of the program funding shortfall. HACM filed an immediate appeal to regain the funding; unfortunately hundreds of appeals have been filed nationwide. The funding shortfall reflects the dire nature of the economic recession all public and private agencies are experiencing. We hope that working with HUD and our elected representatives will restore the funding levels required to support our local Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. If the funding levels are not restored, HACM, as well as any other PHAs, may have to take further actions due to Program funding shortfalls.

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