

St. Lawrence County COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, INC.

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Dear Applicant:

Enclosed you will find the application you requested for the Housing Choice Voucher Program waiting list. Please make sure to fill in social security numbers, dates of birth, answer all the questions, and have all adults sign the application.

Below are the income guidelines for our program. If you are below the Annual Income Limits for your family size, you may qualify for our assistance.

Household Size	Annual Income Limits
1	28,450
2	32,500
3	36,550
4	40,600
5	43,850
6	47,100
7	50,350
8	53,600

If you have any questions regarding your application, please call our office between 8am and 4pm, Monday-Friday. Our phone number is 315-386-1102.

Sincerely,

Housing Choice Voucher Program

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Housing Choice Voucher (Tenant-Based)

The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program provides long-term rental assistance for eligible low and extremely low-income households. The Tenant-Based Voucher (TBV) offers mobility to eligible households because they may search for suitable housing anywhere in St. Lawrence County.

Are you interested in the Ho	ousing Choice Vouc	cher (Tenant-Based)?	
Phone: (315) 386-1102	Yes	No	Fax: (315) 379-0380
Voucher (HCV) program ar income households. Rental	d Voucher (PBV) produced provides long-terassistance is paid or	m rental assistance for nly for contracted unit	t of the Section 8 Housing Choice religible low and extremely lows in specific housing developments ng. **You must also apply directly
	te for a select numb 642. All household in nust meet income gu	members must be 62 y uidelines.	Courts, located at 68 West Main rears of age or older, or 18 years of
Phone: (315) 287-0527	Yes	No	Fax: (315) 287-0580
Gouverneur, NY 13642. All older and disabled; must me	te for a select numb I household member eet income guideling	rs must be 62 years of es.	Terrace, located at 24 Mill Street, age or older, or 18 years of age or
Are you interested in residing	ng at Cambray Terra	ace?	
Phone: (315) 287-0527	Yes		Fax: (315) 287-0580
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Evergreen Park

We currently offer assistance for a select number of rental units at Evergreen Park, located at 100 Racquette Road, Potsdam, NY 13676. All household members must meet income guidelines.

Are you interested in residing a	at Evergreen Park v	with assistance fron	n our program?
Phone: (315) 265-3680	Yes	No	Fax: (315) 265-1256
	or a select number. I. All household me	embers must be 62	n Gardens, located at 80 Lagrasse years of age or older, or 18 years of
Are you interested in residing a	at Hamilton Garden	ns?	
Phone: (315) 388-7730 or (315	Yes (i) 714-3135	No	Fax: (315) 388-7739
We currently offer assistance for Route 45, Rooseveltown, NY 1 Are you interested in residing a	or a select number 13683. All househo	ld members must n	
Phone: (518) 358-4860	Yes	No	Fax: (518) 358-4870
We currently offer assistance for Mayfield Drive, Potsdam, NY income guidelines. Are you interested in residing a	or a select number 13676. All househo	old members must l	d Apartments, located at 22 be 62 years of age or older and meet
	Yes	No	
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Fax: (315) 265-5709

Pine Grove Apartments

We currently offer assistance for a select number of units at Pine Grove Apartments, located at 275 West Barney Street, Gouverneur, NY 13642. All household members must be 55 years of age or older and

meet income guidelines.	13042. All liouschoic	i memoers must oc	555 years of age of older and
Are you interested in residing at	Pine Grove Apartme	nts?	
Phone: (315) 287-1078	Yes	No	Fax: (315) 287-7504
We currently offer assistance for Mohawk Drive, Star Lake, NY 1 years of age or older and disable	3690. All household d; must meet income	nits at the Star Lal members must be	
Are you interested in residing at	Star Lake Housing?		
Phone: (315) 848-2074	Yes	No	Fax: (315) 848-7614
If you believe you have been discintake specialist at (800) 669-977 www.hud.gov/fairhousing/fileace	77 or TTY: (800) 877		
No one may charge an application Voucher Program and/or as a constattempts to do so, please call the at www.ig.ny.gov/inspector-general-red	ndition for receiving New York State Insp	assistance if you a	re determined eligible. If anyone
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Head of Household Name

Log#

Disability

Yes □ No □

U.S. Citizen

Yes ☐ No ☐

Full-time Student

Yes □ No □

Address & Apt. #

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Date

APPLICANT/PARTICIPANT CERTIFICATION SLCCDP Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program

Email Address

City, State, ZIP Code

This form must be completed by the Head of Household. Use the legal name for each household member. All adult household members must sign this document, certifying that the information provided is accurate and current.

Home Phone	V	Vork Phone			Cell Phone			Other Phone
Relation: he	OLD: List all p ad of household, spo African American, A	ouse, domestic parti	ner, co-h	ead, s	on, daughter, foster	•		
1. Head of House	hold	First Name		MI	Date of Birth		L Say (M/F)	Relation
Last Name		First Name		IVII	Date of Birth		Sex (M/F)	HEAD
Disability Yes □ No □	U.S. Citizen Yes □ No □	Full-time Student Yes □ No □	Race		Hispanic/Latino Yes □ No □	Social Secu	rity #	Alien Registration #
2. Household Mer	mber							
Last Name		First Name	MI		Date of Birth	Date of Birth Sex (M/F)		Relation
Disability Yes □ No □			Full-time Student Race		Hispanic/Latino Yes □ No □	Social Secu	rity#	Alien Registration#
3. Household Mer	mber		W. H					
Last Name		First Name		MI	Date of Birth		Sex (M/F)	Relation
Disability U.S. Citizen Yes □ No □ Yes □ No □		Full-time Student Yes □ No □	NOCESTA (100)		Hispanic/Latino Yes □ No □	Social Secu	rity #	Alien Registration #
4. Household Mer	nber							
Last Name		First Name		MI	Date of Birth		Sex (M/F)	Relation
Disability Yes □ No □	U.S. Citizen Yes □ No □	Full-time Student Yes □ No □	Race		Hispanic/Latino Yes □ No □	Social Secu	rity#	Alien Registration#
5. Household Mer	nber							
Last Name		First Name		MI	Date of Birth		Sex (M/F)	Relation

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Race





Hispanic/Latino

Yes □ No □



Social Security #

Alien Registration #

6. Household N	lember								
Last Name		First Name		MI Date of Birth			Sex (M/F)	Relation	
Disability Yes □ No □	U.S. Citizen Yes □ No □	Full-time Student	Race		Hispanic/Latino Yes □ No □			Alien Registration #	
7. Household N		TCS EL NO EL			Tes El No El				in se
Last Name		First Name	First Name		Date of Birth	PERCONSTRUCTION OF THE STATE OF	Sex (M/F)	Relation	115025-00
Disability Yes □ No □	U.S. Citizen Yes □ No □	Full-time Student Yes □ No □	Race		Hispanic/Latino Yes □ No □	Social Security	¥	Alien Registration #	
8. Household N	lember								
Last Name		First Name		MI	Date of Birth		Sex (M/F)	Relation	
Disability Yes □ No □	U.S. Citizen Yes □ No □	Full-time Student Yes □ No □	Race		Hispanic/Latino Yes □ No □	Social Security	#	Alien Registration #	

Please use the back of this form to provide additional household member information.

II. ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

YES	NO	Quest	Question (Use back of form if more room is needed – all information must be complete)							
		Has an	Has any household member used a different first or last name(s)?							
		lf	Current Name(s):							
		YES:	Previous Name(s):							
		Has an	yone in your hous	sehold moved out or moved in since your last re-examination?						
		lf	Moved in:							
		YES:	Moved out:							
		Do you	ı expect anyone to	move out or move in during the next 12 months?						
		lf"	Will Move in:							
		YES:	Will Move out:							
		Does a	ny adult househol	d member have any children who are temporarily placed out of your home?						
		If YES:	Name of Child(ren):							
		Do you	have temporary o	custody of or are you a foster parent to any household member 17 years of age or younger?						
		If YES:	Name of Child(ren):							
		Do you housel		proved adult household member has legal custody of every minor under age 18 listed in the						
		Do you	certify that all ho	usehold members listed are currently living in the home?						
		Do you	certify that all ind	lividuals residing in the unit are listed as household members?						
		Has an	y household mem	ber been convicted of any crime (besides traffic violations)?						
		If	Who and Where:							
		YES:	Details of Crime:							
		Is any	household membe	er subject to a lifetime sex offender registration?						
		lf	Who:							
		YES:	State:							
		Does a	ny household mer	mber receive any form of housing subsidy (other than Section 8 HCVP)?						
		If	Who:							
		YES:	Type and Amount:							

YES	NO	Questi	on (Use back of form if m	ore room is needed – all inform	nation must	be complete.)		
		Has any	y household member liv	ed in any assisted housing	before?			
		If	Who:					
		YES:	When and Where:					
				mmitted fraud in a federally information to receive hou			been required to rep	ay money
		lf	Who:					
		YES:	When and Where:					
☐ Hea			Cooking	g utilities according to the te		Water	□ Sewer	
How of	ten: wee	T ocean emission	ekly, bimonthly, monthly	r, yearly old receive or expect to r	eceive in	come from the followi	na?	
		A MONTHER BOTTLE	, salaries, overtime or tip		COCIVE III	Joine Hom the Johown	19.	
Househol	ld Member	Name	Name and Full Add	ress and Phone Number or Email A Income Source	address of	Income before any Deductions	How Often?	Any chang expected
1								Yes or No
2								Yes or No
3						5.		Yes or No
		Net bus	siness income from self	-employment (including bal	oysitting, d	oing hair, care-taking, e	tc.)	1
Househol	ld Member	Name	Name and Full Add	ress and Phone Number or Email A Income Source	ddress of	Income before any Deductions	How Often?	Any chang expected

Income Source

Type of Benefit

Social Security (including survivor benefits and SSDI)

1

2

1

2

3

Household Member Name

Yes or No

Yes or No

Any change expected?

Yes or No

Yes or No

Yes or No

How Often?

Monthly

Monthly

Monthly

Income before any Deductions

YES	NO	Does	anyone in the household receive or expect to re	ceive income from	the following?					
	□ □ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)									
Househo	ld Member	Name	Type of Benefit	Income before an	y Deductions	How Often?	Any change expected?			
1			SSI			Monthly	Yes or No			
2			SSI			Monthly	Yes or No			
3			SSI			Monthly	Yes or No			
		Annui	ties, insurance policies, retirement funds, pension or	disability/death benef	its		,			
Househo	ld Member	Name	Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Income Source	Income before an	y Deductions	How Often?	Any change expected?			
							Yes or No			
		Vetera	ns benefits							
Househo	ld Member	Name	Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Income Source	Income before an	y Deductions	How Often?	Any change expected?			
							Yes or No			
		Unem	ployment benefits				,			
Househo	ld Member	Name	Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Income Source	Income before any Deductions	How Often?	Any change ex	rpected?			
						Yes or N	No			
		Worke	r's compensation and/or severance pay							
Househo	ld Member	Name	Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Income Source	Income before any Deductions	How Often?	Any change ex	rpected?			
						Yes or N	Мо			
		Armed	Forces pay							
Househo	ld Member	Name	Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Income Source	Income before any Deductions			Any change expected?			
							Yes or No			
		Studer	nt financial assistance that is more than tuition – not i	ncluding any type of	loan		•			
Househol	ld Member	Name	Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Income Source	Income before any Deductions	How	Often?	Any change expected?			
							Yes or No			
		Regula	ar contributions or gifts received from organizations of	or persons not residin	g in the unit		•			
Househol	ld Member	Name	Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Income Source	Income before any Deductions	How Often?	Any change ex	rpected?			
1			Yes or No							
2	-				800,000	Yes or N	No			
3						Yes or N	No			

YES	NO	Does	anyone in the household receive or expect to rec	ceive income from	the following?						
		Welfar	/elfare assistance (SNAP/Food Stamps, TANF)								
Househo	ld Member	Name	Type of Assistance	Income before any Deductions	How Often?	Any change expected?					
1						Yes or No					
2						Yes or No					
3						Yes or No					
4						Yes or No					
		Alimor	ny payments								
Househo	ld Member	Name	Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Income Source	Income before any Deductions	How Often?	Any change expected?					
			4			Yes or No					
		Childs	support payments								
	ld Member Payment	Name	Child's Name AND Docket Number and/or Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Child Support Provider	Income before any Deductions	How Often?	Any change expected?					
1						Yes or No					
2						Yes or No					
Household Member Name			Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Income Source	Income before any Deductions	How Often?	Any change expected?					
1						Yes or No					
2						Yes or No					

<u>Please use the back to list any additional sources of income not reported on pages 3-5 (SECTION III). You must report all income – source, amount and frequency.</u>

IV. Assets

As a part of the Housing Choice Voucher program, you are required to report any and all assets owned by any and all household members, whether owned fully or jointly.

Cash value: market value minus the cost of converting the asset to cash, such as broker's fees, settlement costs, outstanding loans, early withdrawal penalties, etc.

YES	NO	Does ar	Does anyone in the household own or jointly own any of the following?						
		Savings	avings Account						
Household Member Name Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Bank Cash Value Interest Rate		Annual Income							
1									
2									

Household Member Name		Name	Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Bank	Cash Value	Interest Rate	Annual Income
1						
2						
		Money N	larket Account			
Househol	d Member I	Vame	Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Bank	Cash Value	Interest Rate	Annual Income
	□ □ Safety Deposit Box or Personal Property/Personal Property not items used daily)		eposit Box or Personal Property/Personal Property Held as Inves used daily)	stment (gem or coin colle	ections, art, and	ique cars, etc. but
Househol	Household Member Name		Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Asset	Cash Value	Interest Rate	Annual Income
		Bonds				
Househol	Household Member Name		Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Asset	Cash Value	Interest Rate	Annual Income
		401(k) A	count ,			
Househole	d Member N	lame	Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Asset	Cash Value	Interest Rate	Annual Income
		IRA Acc	ount, Certificate of Deposit, Keogh Account, Trust Fund, Capital I	Investment		
Household	d Member N	lame	Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Asset	Cash Value	Interest Rate	Annual Income
		Life Insu	rance Policy (not term life)			
Household	d Member N	lame	Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Asset	Cash Value	Interest Rate	Annual Income
You mu	ust also	report an	y asset disposed of – given away, sold, etc.			
YES	NO	Questio				
		Has any real esta	household member given away or sold assets for less than fair n te, etc.?	narket value in the last	two (2) years	s including cash,
			ho:			
Mark A.		YES: D	etails:			

Does anyone in the household own or jointly own any of the following?

YES

NO

Checking Account

N	O	Δ	S	S	A	ts
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YES	NO	Question
		I certify that no household member has any assets of any kind (either owned solely or jointly) at this time.

V. EXPENSES

You may be entitled to a childcare allowance or disability expense deduction in you income determination if the expense allows an adult household member to work or seek work.

NO	Question	Question Control of the Control of t					
	Do you have ch	Do you have childcare expenses for a child/children under the age of thirteen (13)?					
Household Member Name Allowed to Work/Seek Work		Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Childcare Provider	Your Weekly Cost	Your Monthly Cost			
NO	Question			e i mae			
	Do you pay for a care attendant or equipment for a household member with disabilities?						
1,100,000,000		Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Care Attendant/Equipment Provider	Your Weekly Cost	Your Monthly Cost			
	Househo Allowed to	Do you have che Household Member Name Allowed to Work/Seek Work NO Question	□ Do you have childcare expenses for a child/children under the age of thirteen of thousehold Member Name Allowed to Work/Seek Work NO Question □ Do you pay for a care attendant or equipment for a household member with distributed by the second	□ Do you have childcare expenses for a child/children under the age of thirteen (13)? Household Member Name Allowed to Work/Seek Work Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Childcare Provider Your Weekly Cost Do you pay for a care attendant or equipment for a household member with disabilities? Household Member Name Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Your Weekly Cost			

Complete this section <u>only</u> if head of household, co-head, spouse or domestic partner is disabled or 62 years of age or older. IF NOT, skip to section VI. CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

YES	NO	Medical	Medical Expenses Questions						
		Are you r	Are you receiving Medicare and/or other Medical Benefits?						
		Do you have a Medicaid Spend- Down?		If YES:	Amount:				
		Do you pay for any medical insurance?		If YES:	Amount:		How Often?		
		Do you p	Do you pay for any outstanding medical bills? Do <u>not</u> include information about medical conditions.						
A 1 8			ayment mount:		How Often?		Total Outstanding:		
		Do you p	Do you pay for any prescription medications on a regular basis? Do <u>not</u> include medication names/types.						
		If YES: Co	ost:		How Often Paid?				
		Do you h	ave any other medical	expenses?					
		If YES: Ty	уре:		Amount:		How Often?		

VI. CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Giving True and Complete Information

I certify that all the information provided on household composition, income, family assets and items for allowances and deductions, is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have reviewed the application form and Applicant/Participant Certification form and certify that the information shown is true and correct.

Reporting Changes in Income or Household Composition

I know I am required to report immediately in writing any changes in income and any changes in the household size, when a person moves in or out of the unit. I understand the rules regarding guests/visitors and when I must report anyone who is staying with me. I understand SLCCDP must approve new additions to the household.

Reporting on Prior Housing Assistance

I certify that I have disclosed where I received any previous Federal housing assistance and whether or not any money is owed. I certify that for this previous assistance I did not commit any fraud, knowingly misrepresent any information, or vacate the unit in violation of the lease.

No Duplicate Residence or Assistance

I certify that the house or apartment will be my principal residence and that I will not obtain duplicate Federal housing assistance while I am in this program. I will not live anywhere else without notifying management office immediately in writing. I will not sublease my assisted residence.

Cooperation

I know I am required to cooperate in supplying all information needed to determine my eligibility, level of benefits, or verify my true circumstances. Cooperation includes, attending pre-scheduled meetings and completing and signing needed forms. I understand failure or refusal to do so may result in delays, termination of assistance, or eviction.

Criminal and Administrative Actions for False Information

I understand that knowingly supplying false, incomplete or inaccurate information is punishable under Federal or State criminal law. I understand that knowingly supplying false, incomplete or inaccurate information is grounds for termination of housing assistance, termination of tenancy or denial of assistance. I/We also understand that I/we may be required to repay any housing assistance over payments made to landlord on our behalf.

Signature of Head of Household	Date
Signature of Spouse (Co- Head)	Date
Other Adult	Date
Other Adult	- Date
Other Adult	 Date

Warning: Section 1001 of Title 18, of the U.S. Code makes it a criminal offense to make willful false statements or misrepresentations to any Department of Agency of the U.S. as to any matter within its Jurisdiction.

Supplemental and Optional Contact Information for HUD-Assisted Housing Applicants

SUPPLEMENT TO APPLICATION FOR FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING

This form is to be provided to each applicant for federally assisted housing

Instructions: Optional Contact Person or Organization: You have the right by law to include as part of your application for housing, the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant information of a family member, friend, or social, health, advocacy, or other organization. This contact information is for the purpose of identifying a person or organization that may be able to help in resolving any issues that may arise during your tenancy or to assist in providing any special care or services you may require. You may update, remove, or change the information you provide on this form at any time. You are not required to provide this contact information, but if you choose to do so, please include the relevant information on this form.

Applicant Name:		
Mailing Address:		
Telephone No:	Cell Phone No:	
Name of Additional Contact Person or Organization:		
Address:		
Telephone No:	Cell Phone No:	
E-Mail Address (if applicable):		
Relationship to Applicant:		
Reason for Contact: (Check all that apply) Emergency Unable to contact you Termination of rental assistance Eviction from unit Late payment of rent	Assist with Recertification P Change in lease terms Change in house rules Other:	rocess
Commitment of Housing Authority or Owner: If you are approarise during your tenancy or if you require any services or special issues or in providing any services or special care to you.		
Confidentiality Statement: The information provided on this for applicant or applicable law.	m is confidential and will not be discl	osed to anyone except as permitted by the
Legal Notification: Section 644 of the Housing and Community requires each applicant for federally assisted housing to be offered organization. By accepting the applicant's application, the housing requirements of 24 CFR section 5.105, including the prohibitions programs on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex age discrimination under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.	d the option of providing information g provider agrees to comply with the on discrimination in admission to or	regarding an additional contact person or non-discrimination and equal opportunity participation in federally assisted housing
Check this box if you choose not to provide the contact	information.	
Signature of Applicant		Date

The information collection requirements contained in this form were submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520). The public reporting burden is estimated at 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Section 644 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13604) imposed on HUD the obligation to require housing providers participating in HUD's assisted housing programs to provide any individual or family applying for occupancy in HUD-assisted housing with the option to include in the application for occupancy the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant information of a family member, friend, or person associated with a social, health, advocacy, or similar organization. The objective of providing such information is to facilitate contact by the housing provider with the person or organization identified by the tenant to assist in providing any delivery of services or special care to the tenant and assist with resolving any tenancy issues arising during the tenancy of such tenant. This supplemental application information is to be maintained by the housing provider and maintained as confidential information. Providing the information is basic to the operations of the HUD Assisted-Housing Program and is voluntary. It supports statutory requirements and program and management controls that prevent fraud, waste and mismanagement. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Privacy Statement: Public Law 102-550, authorizes the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to collect all the information (except the Social Security Number (SSN)) which will be used by HUD to protect disbursement data from fraudulent actions.

NOTICE REQUIRED BY LAW (9 NYCRR 466.16)



KNOW YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AS A RECIPIENT OF HOUSING ASSISTANCE

By law, you are protected from housing discrimination. The New York State Human Rights Law makes it unlawful to discriminate in housing on the basis of your source of income. This includes all forms of housing assistance (like Section 8 vouchers, HUD VASH vouchers, New York City FHEPS and others), as well as all other lawful sources of income including: Federal, state, or local public assistance, social security benefits, child support, alimony, or spousal maintenance, foster care subsidies, or any other form of lawful income.

Housing providers who are covered by the Human Rights Law include landlords, property managers, real estate professionals like brokers, tenants seeking to sublet, and anyone working on their behalf.

Housing providers are not allowed to refuse to rent to you because you receive housing assistance. They are also not allowed to charge you higher rent, or offer you worse terms in a lease, or deny you access to facilities or services that other tenants receive.

Housing providers are not allowed to make any statement or advertisement that indicates housing assistance recipients do not qualify for the housing. For example, a housing provider cannot say they do not accept housing vouchers or that they do not participate in a program such as Section 8.

It is lawful for housing providers to ask about income, and about the source of that income, and require documentation, but only in order to determine a person's ability to pay for the housing accommodation or eligibility for a certain program. A housing provider must accept all lawful sources of income equally. It is unlawful to use any form of screening of applicants that has the intent or result of screening out those receiving housing assistance.

If you believe that you have been discriminated against by a housing provider with regard to your lawful source of income, you can file a complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights.

HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT

A complaint must be filed with the Division within one year of the alleged discriminatory act or in court within three years of the alleged discriminatory act. To file a complaint, download a complaint form from www.dhr.ny.gov. For more information or assistance in filing a complaint, contact one of the Division's offices, or call the Division's toll-free HOTLINE at 1(844)862-8703.

Your complaint will be investigated by the Division, and if the Division finds probable cause to believe discrimination has occurred, your case will be sent to a public hearing, or the case may proceed in state court. There is no fee charged to you for these services. Remedies in successful cases may include a cease-and-desist order, provision of housing that was denied, and monetary compensation for the harm you suffered. You can obtain a complaint form on the website, or one can be e-mailed or mailed to you. You can also call or e-mail a division regional office. The regional offices are listed on the website.