



### **The St. Paul PHA Will Close Its Public Housing Waiting List October 1, 2018**

The St. Paul Public Housing Agency (PHA) will close its public housing waiting list on October 1, 2018 so no new applications will be accepted (for all sizes of units) beginning that date. The PHA's decision to close the public housing waiting list is based on several factors including the following:

- **Over 11,000 applicant households were on the waiting list at the end of July 2018. The PHA owns and manages 4,274 rental homes and apartments in the public housing program.**
- The PHA housed 426 households from the waiting list in the fiscal year that ended March 31, 2018. That number included 242 hi-rise admissions (mostly single elderly persons and persons with disabilities) and 184 families who moved into the PHA's townhome developments for families.
- New applicants for most unit sizes can expect to wait for years before being considered for admission.
- Closing the public housing waiting list will provide an opportunity for applicants who have been on the list for many years to move up the list and be housed, if they are found eligible.
- A long waiting list is discouraging for applicants and difficult for the PHA to manage.
- Closing the waiting list for a time will facilitate the PHA's transition to a new online application and applicant portal when the waiting list is open again.

The PHA is advertising the waiting list closing widely. The list will be reopened when the conversion to the new online application is complete and the current list has been sufficiently depleted. While the regular waiting list is closed the Agency will continue to take applications for the special programs in public housing, including the Congregate Housing Services Program (CHSP) and the Wilder Assisted Living Program (ALP).