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Rental Assistance for Low Income Working Families Available Feb. 17 – 28, 2014

Beginning Feb. 17, 2014 low income families and individuals in Topeka may submit pre-applications for rental housing assistance from the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program of the Topeka Housing Authority. A family of four with an annual income below $32,600 may qualify for rental assistance. For a single person living alone the annual income limit is $22,850. Applications must be received by 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 28, 2014.

To request a pre-application by mail, fax or email call 785 357-8842, Ext.105, or email lward@tha.gov. Applicants may also apply in person at 2010 SE California, Topeka KS 66607. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except holidays.

The Topeka Housing Authority uses an admission preference for working families living in Topeka. This means rental assistance is first made available to Topeka families whose head of household, spouse or sole member is employed and wages are received on a regular basis. Applicants are given the benefit of the working family preference if the head of household, spouse, or sole member is age 62 or older, or is a person with a disability

If a family wishes to stay in their current rental home or apartment the dwelling must meet housing quality standards, have reasonable rent, and the landlord must be willing to enter into a contract with the Section 8 program. Interested landlords should contact the Topeka Housing Authority for more information at 357-8842.

To assure that families on the waiting list for Section 8 rental assistance are served within a reasonable period of time, the Topeka Housing Authority may use a random selection process to determine in what order they will be served. When a sufficient number of vouchers are available, families will be served on a first-come-first-served basis. Families claiming to qualify for an admission preference will be invited to submit a complete application when their names are drawn from the waiting list.

The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program provides monthly rent assistance to low income working families with funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Topeka's Section 8 Housing Choice Rental Assistance Program currently serves more than 1,200 Topeka families housed by more than 400 private sector landlords.

N*o family or individual is denied the equal opportunity to apply for or receive program assistance on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, creed, national or ethnic origin, age, marital status, handicap or disability.*

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