

Housing Authority of the County of Butte

Announces Butte/Glenn Housing Choice Voucher Wait List Opening for

Camp Fire Survivors only

The Housing Authority of the County of Butte will open the Wait List for the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8 Voucher) Program for **Camp Fire Survivors Only** and begin accepting applications on Monday, April 1, 2019 at midnight 12:00am PST. It will stop accepting applications on Tuesday April 30, 2019 at midnight 12:00am PST.

*IMPORTANT NOTE: Verification of that applicant was displaced by the Camp Fire will be requested by the Housing Authority after the online application process. **Verification is required in order to remain on the Camp Fire Survivor Wait List.** If sufficient verification is not produced, applicant will be removed from the Camp Fire Survivor Wait List and will need to apply when the Wait List reopens.*

To better serve applicants and to make the application process available to all, the entire application process is available online at www.butte-housing.com. Instructions regarding obtaining status information are provided during the application process. **Application can only be submitted online.** Accommodations for persons with disabilities will be provided, but must be requested in advance. Applicants can only apply during the period the list is open for applications. **No applications will be accepted at the Agency.**

Applicants can use any device with Internet access to complete the application including mobile phones and tablets. A confirmation receipt is issued immediately after the application is submitted. An e-mail address is required to apply. (A link is provided on the application page to a free e-mail service.) There is no cost to apply for housing and a credit report is not needed to apply. Housing Authority of the County of Butte officials caution applicants not to use any other website or a search engine (like Google) to apply for the Camp Fire Survivor Wait List. A number of illegitimate websites charge fees to submit an application and may require personal information such as social security numbers or debit/credit card information to apply for a voucher. These false websites may claim that this information is needed for a credit check to submit an application for a housing voucher. This is a scam and could lead to possible identity theft. Housing Authority officials advise the best way to find the correct website to fill out the application is to go directly to the Housing Authority or the County of Butte website www.butte-housing.com directly.

Applications will be selected and ordered using a random lottery system. By randomly selecting the applications received for placement on the Wait Lists, the process is equitable. **The time and date of the receipt of the application online during the Camp Fire Survivor Wait List opening has no bearing on whether an application will be selected for the Camp Fire Survivor Wait List.** There is no need or advantage to applying immediately after the list opens, in fact, those who do may experience slower response times from the online system. Applications will be selected for placement on the Camp Fire Survivor Wait List. Lottery number will be randomly assigned to the applicant. Applicants can check their status on the Camp Fire Survivor Wait List at the same website on which they applied www.butte-housing.com starting 3 weeks after closing. **Do not contact the Housing Authority offices for a status on the Camp Fire Survivor Wait List application.**

Because of the considerable demand for the housing program a multi-lingual information-line will be established to provide pre-recorded information about the application process during the opening. The phone number is: (530) 717-2121.

To ensure availability and access to the online system, the Housing Authority of the County of Butte has partnered with the community organizations listed below. During the Camp Fire Survivor Wait List opening these agencies will have workstations with internet access to allow applicants who do not have access the option to apply.