

February 17, 2009

Updated data from CHR Housing Needs List

This database is a notification list rather than a wait list. When we are ready to accept applications, notifying households on this list is a part of our affirmative marketing plan. At Community Housing Resource, Inc. we retain wait lists only for households who went through the full selection process, but for whom no unit was available at the time.

Each record in the database represents a household. We track household size based only on the amount of bedrooms needed to adequately house said households. In addition, you will see from the data below that many who are in need of rental housing also aspire to homeownership. There will also be some overlap between those who could make do with a 1BR home, but qualify for a 2BR based on household size.

As far as income levels, households in the rental category are primarily up to 60% BCMI. Households in the homeownership category are primarily up to 80% BCMI. A lesser number will be up to 100% BCMI. These assumptions are based on information gathered during the telephone intake process. Income figures can be quite volatile, so the only true test is income certification which takes place during the application process.

We periodically update this database through a mass mailing process. Many households are removed from the database at that time; some have moved multiple times within Provincetown; forwarding orders have expired; many have been displaced from Provincetown; and on the rare occasion, a household has actually found housing. The number of households on the list is beginning to climb once again after the attrition which occurred based on our 2008 mass mailing update.

As of February 17, 2009 the following data is accurate:

- Overall number of households currently on our notification list: 370
- Number of households residing in Provincetown: 239
- Provincetown households needing 1BR Rental Housing: 148
- Provincetown households needing 2BR Rental Housing: 65
- Provincetown households needing 3 BR Rental Housing: 12
- Provincetown households wanting 1BR Homeownership: 96
- Provincetown households wanting 2 BR Homeownership: 45
- Provincetown households wanting 3 BR Homeownership: 11

Of the 131 households not residing in Provincetown: 24 are in Truro, 36 in Wellfleet, 31 in other Cape towns, and the remaining 40 reside off Cape.



August 12, 2008

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Joe Carleo, Chair
Community Housing Council
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Dear Joe,

Ted received your request for demographic information today and passed it on to me, as the manager of the housing needs database at Community Housing Resource, Inc. I hope that the following will be helpful to your council in understanding affordable housing needs in Provincetown.

Here are some clarifications regarding the data you have requested:

The database you refer to is a notification list, not a wait list. When we are ready to accept applications, notifying households on this list is a part of our affirmative marketing plan. At Community Housing Resource, Inc. we retain wait lists only for households who went through the full selection process, but for whom no unit was available at the time.

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- Overall number of households currently on our notification list: 318
- Number of households residing in Provincetown: 200
- Provincetown households needing 1BR Rental Housing: 120
- Provincetown households needing 2BR Rental Housing: 46
- Provincetown households needing 3 BR Rental Housing: 10
- Provincetown households wanting 1BR Homeownership: 88
- Provincetown households wanting 2 BR Homeownership: 41
- Provincetown households wanting 3 BR Homeownership: 11

Of the 118 households not residing in Provincetown: 17 are in Truro, 30 in Wellfleet, 29 in other Cape towns, and the remaining 42 reside off Cape.

I am glad to provide you with this information and wish you success as you work toward solutions to our town's housing crisis. Michelle Jarusiewicz, with her many years of experience and research regarding housing issues will be, I'm sure, a tremendous help to you as you go forward.

All best,

Christine Hopkins
Community Housing Resource, Inc.