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## CONNECTICUT HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY WARNS OF HOUSING SCAM

*CHFA does not administer a Section 8 program, nor does it collect personal information or charge fees for housing services*

(ROCKY HILL, Conn) – June 26, 2024. The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) is alerting vulnerable households of an online scam pretending to be CHFA or a similar housing entity. The scam is presented as a flyer posted on Facebook announcing the opening of a waitlist for specific properties as part of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8). The scam encourages residents to provide their information through a fraudulent link or to visit the CHFA office in person. This is **not** a CHFA program. CHFA has not created an advertisement for Section 8 housing, and it does not endorse any such solicitation.

A false Facebook page has also been created imitating CHFA. If individuals use Facebook for housing information, please verify you are interacting with CHFA's official page by identifying the account name as "**Connecticut Housing Finance Authority**" with the web address of **www.facebook.com/chfa.org**. Individuals who are unsure may access CHFA's Facebook page by visiting [www.chfa.org](http://www.chfa.org) and clicking on the Facebook icon on the website homepage to be connected.

CHFA is asking those who are seeking public housing to be on the lookout for any suspicious websites or social media posts and to report any unusual interactions to the proper authorities. If individuals paid a fee or gave personal information to one of these fraudulent sites, please file a police report and also file reports with the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection Complaint Center, the Connecticut Attorney General Antitrust and Government Program Fraud Department, and the Federal Trade Commission. Those seeking assistance through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program are asked to remember the following information:

- Contact your local public housing authority to see if they are accepting applications for Section 8 housing, or how to apply for a waiting list.
- Housing authorities do not charge fees to join a waiting list.
- Never give your Social Security Number, credit card number, or other personal information out on a website you find through an online search.
- Contact a HUD-approved housing counseling agency to see what local assistance may be available.

### **About the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority**

CHFA ([www.chfa.org](http://www.chfa.org)) is a self-funded, quasi-public organization. Its mission is to alleviate the shortage of housing for low- to moderate-income families and persons in this state and, when appropriate, to promote or maintain the economic development of this state through employer-assisted housing efforts.