Fayette Highland Metropolitan Housing Authority

Fall 2026 NEWSLETTER

October 1, 2026

Our Mission is to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for low-income families.

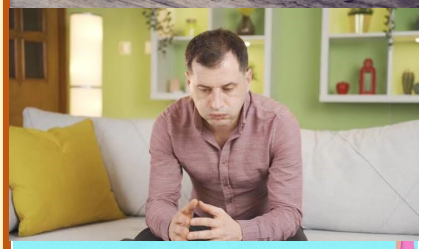
EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Are you waiting for your name to come up on the Waiting List?

Due to a lack of government funding the Housing Authority had no other choice but to close the Waiting List in September 2025. Unfortunately, because the government had put a freeze on the funding necessary to accept new clients into the Housing Authority rental assistance program, the applicants that had applied to the Waiting List prior to September 2025 were put on hold until the freeze on funding was released.



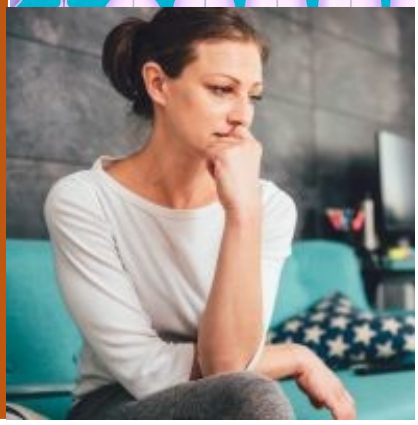
The good news is that after 10 months of the Housing Authority not receiving government funding to bring on new clients, the funding was reinstated and effective July 1st, 2026 the Housing Authority was permitted to open the waiting list. The Housing Authority is asking all applicants to the Waiting List to please be patient. It will take a while for the Housing Authority staff to make their way down through the Waiting List to you after being closed for 10 months.



If you have applied to the Waiting List on July 1st, 2026 or later, please be advised that there are many people ahead of you on the Waiting List that were put on hold. It may be anywhere from a year to possibly 2 years before your name comes up on the list.



In the meantime while you are waiting for your name to come up on the list, please contact the Housing Authority to update changes to your address, phone number and/or email address so when the time comes the Housing Authority will be able to contact you.



Also, please keep in mind that you may contact the Housing Authority to check your status on the Waiting List (for an example ... the Housing Authority staff can let you know if you are still Eligible on the Waiting List), but the Housing Authority staff is not permitted to tell you what number you are on the Waiting List.



Porting Out of Fayette or Highland County

Moving out of the current county you live in (whether it's to somewhere else in Ohio or to another State) Is what the Housing Authority considers to be a **PORT-OUT**. If you are considering Porting Out, there are certain steps you want to follow in order to take your rental assistance with you.

- **You must be in the Housing Authority Program for a full year before you are eligible to Port-Out.** After you have been in the Rental Assistance Program for 1 year you are on a month to month basis.
- **Before you approach the Housing Authority about Porting Out - Do some research first.** Find-out the name of the Housing Authority you wish to transfer to and either a fax number or email address to contact. The Housing Authority will have you fill-out a **Portability Request Form**. Your current Housing Authority will then contact the new Housing Authority.
- **The Housing Authority will give you a Notice of Intent to Move form for you to sign and your current landlord to sign (in turn giving your landlord a 30-day notice).** Once the form is returned to the Housing Authority - You will be scheduled for a **Port-Out Appointment.**
- You will then receive a **Port-Out Packet** in the mail with a letter letting you know the date & time of your appointment and exactly what verification to bring with you in addition to an application to fill out. Please be prepared by having your application completely filled out before your appointment and all your verification with you for your appointment when you arrive. Keep in mind that you will be asked to submit a current rent receipt and your current utility bills in order to be eligible to Port-Out.
- During your Port-Out Appointment, after collecting your application and verification, you will be **Issued a Voucher to Leave Your Current County.**
- **After your Port-Out Appointment is done - your Current Housing Authority will forward all of your information on to the New Housing Authority**. Then, the New Housing Authority will contact you for an appointment with them after they have received and processed your information.

Please let your previous Housing Authority know when you have moved out of your old residence so that the rent to your previous landlord can be stopped. Also, keep your previous Housing Authority informed of when you have moved into your new residence.















Apple Cobbler



For the Filling:

- 4 Large Apples, cored, peeled & sliced thin
- 1 Teaspoon Cinnamon
- 1 Teaspoon Lemon Juice
- 3 Tablespoons Flour
- 1/4 Cup Brown Sugar

For the Topping:

- 3/4 Cup Flour
- 3/4 Cup Sugar
- 3/4 Teaspoon Baking Powder
- 1/4 Teaspoon Nutmeg
- 1/4 Teaspoon Cinnamon
- 1/4 Teaspoon Salt
- 1 Egg, beaten

For Drizzling:

- 1/2 Cup Butter, melted

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease an 11x7 glass baking dish and then spread the apples evenly in the baking dish. In a small bowl, mix together the rest of the filling ingredients & sprinkle over the top of the apples. In a medium bowl, mix together the topping ingredients. Sprinkle the crumbly topping evenly over the apples. Drizzle with Butter over the top. Bake for 35 minutes or until the topping is browned and the filling is bubbling. Serve with a dollop of ice cream or whipped cream.

Baked Apples



Ingredients:

- 3 Tablespoons Softened Butter
- 1 /4 Cup Brown Sugar
- 1/2 Teaspoon Cinnamon
- 1/8 Teaspoon Nutmeg
- 1/4 Cup Old Fashioned Whole Rolled Oats
- 2 Tablespoons Chopped Nuts
- 4 Large Apples, rinsed, patted dry & cored

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix together the first 6 ingredients. Spoon the filling into each apple. Place the apples in a 9-inch baking dish. Pour 3/4 cup warm water around the apples. Bake for 45 minutes or until the apples appear slightly soft. Baste the apples with the pan juices. Serve with ice cream or whipped topping and drizzle with warm caramel.

Creamy Layered Pumpkin Dessert



For the Ginger Snap Crust:

- 45 Ginger Snap Cookies, finely crushed
- 5 Tablespoons Sugar
- 1/2 Cup Butter, melted

For the Cream Cheese Layer:

- 12 Ounces Cream Cheese, softened
- 1/4 Cup Sugar
- 2 Tablespoons Milk
- 8 Ounces Cool Whip

For Pumpkin Layer:

- 15 Ounces Canned Pumpkin Puree
- 2 (3.4 ounce) Packages Jello Vanilla Instant Pudding
- 1 1/2 Teaspoons Pumpkin Pie Spice
- 1/2 Teaspoon Cinnamon
- 2 Cups Milk

For the Topping:

- 4 Ginger Snap Cookies, crushed
- 1/3 Cup Chopped Walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix together the crust ingredients and transfer to a 13x9 ungreased baking dish. Using your hands, pat it down firmly in an even layer. Bake for 12 minutes and let completely cool. Add cream cheese ingredients to a large bowl and mix together with a hand mixer. Spread evenly over the crust. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the pumpkin layer ingredients. Spread over the cream cheese layer. Spread the remaining cool whip over the pumpkin layer. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Sprinkle with topping before serving.

Pumpkin Crisp



For the Crisp Mixture:

- 2 Cups Quick Cooking Oats
- 2 Cups Flour
- 1 Cup Brown Sugar, packed
- 2 Teaspoons Pumpkin Pie Spice
- 1 Cup Cold Butter, cubed

For the Pumpkin Mixture:

- 3 Large Eggs
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 1 Can Pure Pumpkin
- 1 Cup Heavy Cream
- 2 Teaspoons Pumpkin Pie Spice
- 1 Teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- 1/2 Teaspoon Salt

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Using your hands, mix together the crisp mixture in a large bowl. Spread 4 cups of the mixture evenly into the bottom of a greased 13x9 baking dish. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs & sugar until combined. Mix in the rest of the pumpkin mixture ingredients. Pour the mixture over the crisp. Sprinkle the remaining crisp over top and bake for 45 minutes. Serve with Ice Cream.



Paper Plate Hedgehog

You'll Need:

- 1 Paper Plate
- Fall Leaves
- Light Brown Paint
- Paintbrush
- Googly Eyes
- Black Marker
- Scissors
- Glue



1.) Paint the paper plate on one side with the light brown paint.
2.) After the paint has dried, cut the paper plate in half.
3.) Glue the halves together leaving the flat end unglued and open.
4.) Apply a generous amount of glue and stick on the leaves making sure you leave an open space for the face.
5.) Glue on the googly eyes.
6.) Using the black marker, draw the nose and mouth.

Leaf Suncatchers

You'll Need:

- Glue
- Fall Colored Tissue Paper
- Waxed Paper
- Scissors
- Construction Paper



1.) Tear the tissue paper into small pieces.
2.) Draw and cut-out leaf shapes out of the waxed paper.
3.) Glue the tissue paper pieces onto the wax paper.
4.) Draw the same leaf shapes onto the construction paper , making it bigger so that there will be about an 1/8 of an inch edge around the perimeter of the wax paper leaves.
5.) Cut the construction paper leaves out and cut-out the centers of the leaves so that you end up with an 1/8 of an inch frame.
6.) Now, glue the construction paper frames to your wax paper and tissue paper stained glass.

Easy Last Minute OVERALLS
Halloween Costume Ideas



"Minions"

- Blue Jean Overalls
- Long Sleeve Yellow T-Shirts
- Yellow Beanie Hats
- To make the Eyes - Larger Grey Felt Circles, Medium White Felt Circles and Small Black Felt Circles glued together in layers, then glued onto a 1 inch strip of Black Felt adhered to the Yellow Beanie Hats
- For the Hair - Glue Black Pipe Cleaners to the top of the Yellow Beanie Hats bending in different ways



Super Mario Brothers "Mario & Luigi"

- Blue Jean Overalls
- Red & Green T-Shirts
- Red & Green Baseball Caps
- (2) White Felt Circles that you draw a "M" & "L" on with a Sandford Sharpie Marker to adhere to the Baseball Caps with Two Sided Tape
- (4) Smaller Yellow Felt Circles that you draw "X"'s on with a Sandford Sharpie Marker to adhere as Buttons on the Overalls with Two Sided Tape
- Using a Black Eyeliner, draw on Mustaches



Scarecrow

- Blue Jean Overalls
- Plaid Flannel Shirt
- Straw Hat
- Using Hot Glue or Two Sided Tape, adhere Squares of Brown Felt and Artificial Sunflowers sporadically to the overalls & the straw hat
- Stuff a Little Straw in the Pockets of the Overalls
- Using a Brown Eyeliner, draw on a Scarecrow Mouth & Nose

PUMPKIN-CARVING TRICKS

What would fall be without pumpkins? We love to carve them into funny faces and scary silhouettes. But before you start digging in, follow these safety rules.



Make it an adults-only job.

Carving a pumpkin can be dangerous for young kids. They can draw a pattern on the pumpkin or decorate with paint or markers instead.

Use a pumpkin-carving kit.

These kits contain the right tools for the job.

Pick the perfect spot to cut.

Carve in a clean, dry area with lots of light.

Say no to candles.

Glow sticks or artificial pumpkin lights can give your pumpkin a less-flammable glow.

Sources: American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons; American Society for Surgery of the Hand

HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT

Safety tips

- NEVER enter a stranger's home or vehicle.
- No treats should be eaten until they are checked by a trusted adult.
- Kids should always be supervised by a responsible adult.
- Plan a specific route and time to meet friends and family if splitting up.
- Stay in well-lit areas and on sidewalks.
- ALWAYS look both ways before crossing the street.
- Use flashlights or glow sticks to help with visibility.



DEADLY CUTE



DARK COLORS
Hard to see at night

BAD FITTING MASKS
Hard to see, breathe or hear

BAD FITTING COSTUMES
Most injuries from trips and falls

DANGEROUS TREATS
Toys with small parts

CANDLES
Keep away from kids

TO HAVE FUN SAFELY

COSTUMES: Flame-resistant fabrics, such as polyester and nylon, are best. They should be brightly colored or trimmed with reflective tape to make them visible to motorists at dusk and in the dark.

MASKS: Check that eye holes are large enough to allow full visibility and nose holes allow for adequate breathing.

CANDLES: Keep candle-lit jack-o-lanterns and other decorations where children cannot brush against the flame. Try LED lights instead.

TREATS: Put reflective tape on treat bags. No toys with small parts for children under 3.

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Are You Interested in Owning Your Own Home?

If you are currently a participant in the Housing Authority Program receiving Rental Assistance - Your Voucher can easily be converted into a Homeownership Voucher.

The mission of **Self-Help Housing** is to facilitate the production of affordable housing and the development of sustainable communities throughout Fayette and surrounding counties of Ross, Greene, Madison, Clinton and Highland in Ohio. We provide safe, permanent, affordable housing and supportive services for low and moderate income individuals and families. Supportive services provided will enable individuals and families to become educated in financial fitness, predatory lending and homeownership. We are committed to livable and sustainable rural communities by asserting the importance of developing safe, healthy, and adequate housing as an integral part of the community infrastructure. We are dedicated to smart growth and the achievement of helping people obtain the American Dream of Homeownership.

Services Include:

- New Home Ownership Opportunities
- Credit Repair & Credit Analysis
- Budgeting
- Financial Literacy
- Homebuyer Education Classes

Applicants must have acceptable credit however, FREE credit analysis and repair is always available. We will provide you with tips and instruction on how to rebuild/repair your credit over time. Applicants must have incomes at or below 80% of the area median income (AMI). (some deductions apply) Call for more details. Families may be eligible for a subsidy from USDA Rural Development to make their mortgage payment more affordable which includes the principal, interest, taxes and insurance. The amount of subsidy is determined by family income with payments ranging from 1% interest up to the current note rate. There is no required down payment. Repayment feasibility is determined by using ratios of repayment (gross) income to principal, interest, taxes, insurance, and to total family debt. Loan terms are for up to 33 or 38 years. Families will perform 65% of the construction labor on each other's homes under qualified supervision. The savings from the reduction in labor costs allows otherwise ineligible families to own their own homes. Families move in to their new homes with an average of $25,000.00 in equity.

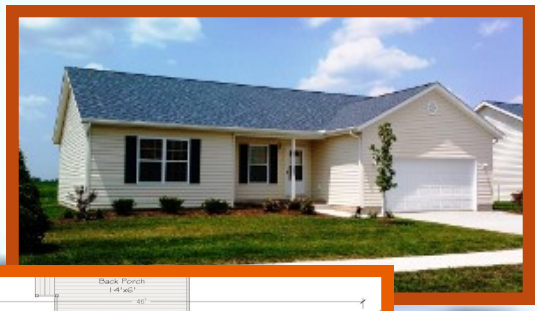
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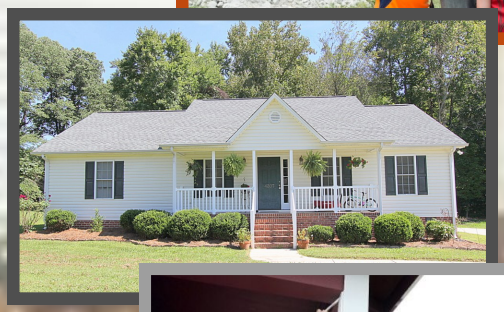
Hours: Mon- Fri, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Check-out the Self Help Housing Program Facebook Page.













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