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Thank you for your inquiry. Please refer to the frequently asked questions below concerning the application process for Longfellow Corner. If your question is not answered below, please email longfellowcorner@jsco.net.

This email address may not be monitored until we begin the application screening process towards the end of May 2026, barring construction delays. Please check longfellow.rcdhousing.org for updates.

- Longfellow Corner Leasing Team

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Will applications be selected by lottery, or on a first come, first served basis?

Rental Pre-Applications will be selected by lottery involving all applicants who submitted a Rental Pre-Application by the deadline of Monday, April 27, 2026, at 5:00PM (PST). The waiting list from which applicants will be invited for an interview is in the order of the lottery results. The waiting list will be capped at the next 3,000 applicants after initial occupancy so it's possible not all applicants will make the ultimate waiting list.

When will I hear back on the status of my Rental Pre-Application?

If you submitted a Rental Pre-Application by the deadline of April 27, 2026, at 5:00PM (PST), you should receive an email or postcard by June 1, 2026, informing you of your place on the waiting list.

When will Longfellow Corner open?

Construction is projected to be complete in late August 2026 and move-ins will occur shortly after that. Please note, however, that construction completion is always subject to delay.

What are the rent and income requirements?

Eligibility is income-restricted, as are rents, in accordance with the City of Oakland, California Department of Housing and Community Development, and other funding regulations. Applicants must be able to demonstrate an ability to pay rent, which means that total household income is at least two (2) times the rent. Reasonable accommodations may apply to this requirement on a case-by-case basis. Maximum income restrictions can be found at longfellow.rcdhousing.org.

Do you accept Section 8 or other forms of rental vouchers or subsidies?

Longfellow accepts Section 8 (Housing Choice Vouchers) and other forms of rental vouchers and subsidies.

How do I qualify for the housing?

Detailed information on qualifying to live at Longfellow Corner can be found in the attachments available online at longfellow.rcdhousing.org.

Does Longfellow Corner have apartments that are restricted for specific populations?

Thirty-four (34) apartments are reserved for permanent supportive housing of which twenty-four (24) are restricted to households who are homeless with a serious mental illness, per the State's No Place Like Home (NPLH) program. Referrals for these apartments come directly from Homestretch, the Alameda County's Coordinated Entry System, and are not part of this application and lottery process.