1. Create a folder on your desktop (or other convenient location) called “HousingWorks”
2. Download this file: <http://www.infoweb.org/Advocate/Advo-Files-2.zip>
3. Locate the file you just downloaded – it is called “Advo-Files-2.zip” Unzip (uncompress) all the contents inside of it and place all the results in the new folder you created in step 1.

1. Go to <https://www.infoweb.org/HousingSeekers.html> and watch the video. You will be able to search while watching the video: by the end of the video, you’ll have a list of housing programs to apply to!

* Alternate for experienced HousingWorks users – a one page picture guide: <https://www.infoweb.org/Resources/HowToSearch.pdf>

1. Once you have performed your search, you must narrow the results to either **Subsidized** or **Affordable** – as the video and the one-page picture guide explained in Step 4. Low-income applicants (anyone under $30,000) should pick **Subsidized**, unless you already hold a permanent mobile voucher. If you are not certain what to pick, you can check what your AMI category is – it will be based on what area of the country you live in:

[**First, check if you are a 30%, 50%, or 80% AMI applicant**](First,%20check%20if%20you%20are%20a%2030%25,%2050%25,%20or%2080%25%20AMI%20applicant)<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html>

[**If not, see if you are a 60% AMI applicant**](If%20not,%20see%20if%20you%20are%20a%2060%25%20AMI%20applicant)<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/mtsp.html>

1. 30, 50% users can pick **Subsidized**, but 60% AMI applicants must pick **Affordable**. 80% users can pick **Subsidized if they are willing to apply only to the Housing Authority** waitlists. 80% users can also apply to the Affordable and Market/Income restricted.

**Once you know your AMI classification, find the "LIMIT TO" field below and narrow the search results:**

**- If you are 30 and 50% AMI, pick *Subsidized***

**- If you are 60% AMI or you hold a voucher, pick *Affordable***

**- If you are 80% AMI, pick Subsidized and only apply to Housing Authorities OR**

**pick *Affordable* or *Market or Income Restricted***

**- If you are 100% AMI and higher: this site has limited value for you. Most such**

**properties don't maintain waitlists. Check your local real estate listings instead.**

