

## **RHA 2019 Additional Proposed Administrative Plan Change**

### **CHAPTER 4**

#### **4-III.C. SELECTION METHOD**

PHAs must describe the method for selecting applicant families from the waiting list, including the system of admission preferences that the PHA will use [24 CFR 982.202(d)].

#### **Local Preferences [24 CFR 982.207; HCV p. 4-16]**

PHAs are permitted to establish local preferences, and to give priority to serving families that meet those criteria. HUD specifically authorizes and places restrictions on certain types of local preferences. HUD also permits the PHA to establish other local preferences, at its discretion. Any local preferences established must be consistent with the PHA plan and the consolidated plan, and must be based on local housing needs and priorities that can be documented by generally accepted data sources.

#### **RHA Policy**

The PHA will offer a preference to:

- Families whose head of household is working at least 10 hours a week
- Families whose head of household is enrolled in licensed or certified education or training
- Families whose head of household is enrolled in Economic Self Sufficiency (definition from law)
- Families whose head, spouse or co-head is Elderly/Disabled
- Families whose head, spouse or co-head is a veteran and was discharged from the military under any circumstances other than dishonorable
- Families who have been displaced by local, state or federal declared disaster
- Families whose head, spouse or co-head is near elderly
- Families who meet HUDs definition of homeless
- Families whose head, spouse, or co-head is a resident of the city of Rockford
- Families whose head, spouse or co-head is participating in the Rock River Homeless Coalition
- **Families who are referred by The Community Action Agency Coordinated Entry System.**

Each preference will be given one point. Applicants will be placed in order by preference points and date and time of the application.

In order to bring higher income families into public housing, the PHA has established a preference for “working” families, where the head, spouse, co-head, or sole member is employed at least 10 hours per week. As required by HUD, families where the head and spouse, or sole member is a person age 62 or older, or is a person with disabilities, will also be given the benefit of the working preference [24 CFR 960.206(b)(2)].

Participants on the State of IL PUNS (Prioritization for Urgency of Need for Services) list. The PHA will offer an absolute preference (place at the top of the waiting list) to any family that has been terminated from its HCV program due to insufficient program funding.

The PHA will offer a preference to an applicant who was in the custody of the child welfare system on or before his/her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday who has not yet reached the age of 24.

Class Members of the consent decree in William v. Quinn, Ligas v. Hamos, or Colbert v. Quinn or participants in the Pathways to Community Living program

State Operated Development Class (SODC) members may be referred to the waiting list through the State of Illinois Statewide Referral Network (SRN) with the terms of the Olmstead consent decrees or referrals for class members from: WILLIAMS v. QUINN, LIGAS v. HAMOS, and/or COLBERT v. QUINN, etc.

**The PHA will set aside 1% of voucher issuance for families referred by The Community Action Agency Coordinated Entry System.**