

Proposed Change to the Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP), to be effective September 1, 2014:

4-III.B. 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.

Local Preferences [24 CFR 960.206]

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 [24 CFR 960.206(a)].

PHA Policy

The PHA will use the following local preferences:

Working Family Preference: In order to bring higher income families into public housing, the PHA will establish a preference for “working” families, where the head, spouse, cohead, or sole member is employed at least 20 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)].

Veterans Preference: In order to address the problem of homelessness among veterans, CHA will establish a preference for veterans, where the head, spouse, co-head or sole member is a veteran of the United States military. Applicants will receive the same 25 points given to working families, the elderly and persons with disabilities, plus an additional 5 points, for a total of no more than 30 points on the wait list.