

NOTICE

This Notice is to inform you that the Cheyenne Housing Authority Board of Commissioners has opened the Public Comment Period for acceptance of comments on one proposed revision to the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) Administrative Plan. The proposed revision in the Administrative Plan are in regard to Preferences.

Revision: Change Preferences

Current Policy: Chapter 4, Section III.C. Selection Method (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 [24 CFR 960.206(a)].

CHA Policy

The CHA will select families based on the following preferences. A family qualifying for one of the preferences listed below is given the same priority as a family qualifying for more than one preference. After preferences, CHA will determine priority based upon the date and time of pre-application.

A family may qualify for a preference at any time they are on the waiting list, but must qualify for the preference at the time of the eligibility pooling meeting. All preferences must be documented by evidence, which must include verification by a reputable and professional third party.

Applicants not eligible for the preference will be placed on the regular waiting list as of the date and time of their pre-application.

All preferences will receive the same weight and preference-qualified applicants will be offered HCV assistance before other applicants. The preferences are listed below in random order with no hierarchical system.

1) The following preferences apply only to elderly households, disabled households and households with dependents:

~~A. Displaced person(s): Individuals or families displaced by government action or whose dwelling has been extensively damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster declared or otherwise formally recognized pursuant to Federal disaster relief laws.~~

~~B. Families residing in CHA owned properties who are required to move and~~

~~who cannot be placed in another CHA owned unit. To qualify for this preference, the family must be in good standing. A household will be considered to be in good standing if it is in compliance with the terms of their Lease and CHA policies and house rules.~~

~~C. Person(s) who reside in the CHA jurisdictional service area or who are working or have been hired to work in the CHA jurisdictional service area.~~

~~D. Homeless person(s) referred to the CHA by a local agency providing the applicant case management to assist in eliminating chronic homelessness.~~

~~Applicants must be actively and currently engaging in case management for at least 6 months from the time of selection from the waiting list.~~

~~Applicants terminated or evicted from any CHA program or unit will not be eligible for a homeless preference.~~

Proposed changes:

Removing Preferences marked A, B and D. Changes to local preferences must be based on local housing needs which the CHA identified as the **Elderly, Disabled and households with dependents.**

These adjustments will create clarity and consistency throughout existing policies without removing equal access or discriminating against participants under the removed items.

The proposed revisions are available for review on the Cheyenne Housing Authority website at www.cheyennehousing.org or at the Cheyenne Housing Authority's offices:

- In Cheyenne at 3304 Sheridan Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming.
- In Laramie at 1265 North 3 rd Street, Laramie, Wyoming.

Comments on the proposed changes in the Administrative Plan are to be submitted in writing (US Mail, email, or hand delivered) to the Cheyenne Housing Authority before 12 NOON Thursday May 12, 2022 to:

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