

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.

PHA Policy

During the eligibility process, all applicants will be given the opportunity to show that they qualify for the preferences described in this chapter. If an applicant makes a false statement in order to qualify for a preference, the PHA will deny admissions to the program for the family and they will be removed from the waiting list.

The PHA uses the following Local Preference system:

- Elderly Preference
- Disabled Preference
- Veteran Preference
- FYI Voucher Holder Preference
- Current Public Housing Residents who are disabled Preference

Preferences Defined:

~~Chronic Homeless Preference—10 points~~

~~Chronic Homeless family is defined by HUD as an individual or family with a disabling condition who has been continuously homeless for a year or more or has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years. The PHA will verify chronic homelessness preference through the Brevard Homeless Coalition, Inc. If the instances of homelessness cannot be verified through Brevard Homeless Coalition, Inc., the family will not receive this preference.~~

~~There will be a combined total of 60 vouchers allotted for chronic homeless and homeless preferences on an annual basis during the fiscal year, April 1st through March 31st (24 CFR 982.207(a)(3). HUD authorizes PHA's to limit the number of applicants that may qualify for any local preference.~~

~~Homeless Preference—5 points~~

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Displacement Due to a Presidentially Declared Natural Disaster: 15 points

This preference is extended to families that have been displaced due to a presidentially declared natural disaster. The disaster must have either occurred in the past year or the family must still be living in temporary housing or receiving housing assistance subsidies that will expire. The family must also provide proof that they have applied for assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Disabled Preference: 2 points

This preference is extended to persons or families where the head of household, spouse, co-head or sole member is disabled. Proof of preference will be verified at time of selection. (HUD regulations prohibit admission preferences for specific types of disabilities.)

Elderly Preference: 2 points

This preference is extended to persons or families where the head of household, spouse, co-head or sole member is 62 years of age or older.

Veteran Preference: 1 point

A preference will be given for applicants that are Veterans, honorably discharged from the US Armed Forces.

FYI Voucher Holder Preference: 10 Points

A preference will be given for applicants that currently hold Foster Youth to Independence Vouchers

Current Public Housing Residents who are disabled: 10 Points

Any current Resident of Public Housing that is disabled and need a fully designed Handicap Unit.

Residency Preference: 1 point

~~• Qualifications~~

~~° The applicant must be a resident of Brevard County~~

~~OR~~

~~° The applicant must be an enrolled student within the boundaries of Brevard County.~~

~~• Required documents:~~

~~° Rent receipts that contain the applicant's name and address where they reside~~

~~° Utility bills (gas, water, electric, sewer, garbage)~~

~~° Other bills (cable, cell phone)~~

~~° Pay stubs from the same employer(s)~~

~~° Driver's license~~

~~° Vehicle registration~~

~~° Written proof of school enrollment (tuition bill, transcripts, grades)~~