

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 provides the following local wait list preferences:

1. Working, Elderly or Disabled: To assist with the de-concentration of poverty in public housing generally, the PHA provides a preference for working families (families where the head, spouse, co-head, or sole member is employed at least 20 hours per week). As required by HUD, families will also be given the benefit of this preference if the head and spouse/co-head, or sole member, is a person age 62 or older or is a person with disabilities [24 CFR 960.206(b)(2)]. This preference will be verified by documentation from the current employer, birth certificate, and/or documentation of disability from the Social Security Administration.
2. Homeless with Supportive Services: Based on needs identified in the consolidated plan and on consultation with local partner agencies, the PHA provides a preference for families and individuals who are homeless, as defined either by HUD or for McKinney-Vento purposes, and who will be receiving regular on-site housing case management services from a local homeless services, domestic violence, social services, school social work, or mental health agency for at least six months after moving in. This preference will be verified by the agency that commits to provide the case management.
3. Veterans: Based on their service to the nation, the PHA provides a preference to low income families and individuals that include a veteran, and to disabled veterans and the surviving families of a deceased veteran if the veteran's disability or death has

been determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to be service connected. This preference will be verified by documentation from the VA.

This amendment is effective June 20, 2016, and supersedes all prior preference policies and lists. All other provisions of Section 4-III.B of the ACOP, including the income targeting requirement for extremely low income families, remain in full force and effect.