

ATTACHMENT III
HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER WAITING LISTS
LOCAL PREFERENCES (24 CFR §960.206)

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ARHA is 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 ARHA to establish other local preferences, at its discretion. Any local preferences established must be consistent with the ARHA plan and the consolidated plan, and must be based on local housing needs and priorities that can be documented by generally accepted data sources.

Upon recent examination, it was determined that to bring higher income families into the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP), current established “working” local preferences and their assigned points should be amended. In doing so, ARHA will lessen the distinction between working in the “resident” jurisdiction and working outside of it, therefore allowing all working families to move up more rapidly on the HCVP waiting list.

ARHA is now amending the HCVP Administrative Plan to include the following local preference changes for the HCVP waiting list.

ARHA Policy (24 CFR §982.207)

When voucher availability and budget allows, ARHA will offer preference to:

- Any family that has been terminated from ARHA’s HCV program due to insufficient program funding and,
- Referrals from the Department of Community and Human Services for the Family Unification Program (FUP), Mental Health, Transitional Housing, Foster Care Youth, Veterans and families that meet the standards of VAWA.

ARHA has established the following local preferences and associated waiting lists points:

- In order to bring higher income families into the HCVP, ARHA will establish preferences for “working” families, where the head, spouse, co-head, or sole member is employed.

- 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
- Applicants who are working or who have been notified that they are hired to work in a residency preference area must be treated as residents of the residency preference area.

ARHA has amended the following local preferences for “residency” and “working” are as follows:

The following preferences and their associated waiting list points are as follows:

- Elderly- must be 62 years of age or older (6 points = 4 + 2 points for working)
- Disabled (7 points = 5 + 2 points for working)
- Live/ in the City of Alexandria (2 points)

For those not Elderly or Disabled (to avoid duplicate working preference points), the following local residency/working preferences apply:

- Live/*do not* work in the City of Alexandria (2 points)
- Live & Work in the City of Alexandria (4 points)
- Work in the City of Alexandria (4 points)
- Work outside the City of Alexandria (2 points)

The following preferences are being added to facilitate the Mainstream voucher program. However, they are open to all that apply:

- Currently experiencing homelessness (6 points)
- Currently a client in a permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing project (6 points)

ARHA will select applicants first by the highest amount of preference points and then, if applicants have the same preference point total, by date and time of the application submitted to ARHA (24 CFR §982.204).

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