

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Attleboro Housing Authority (AHA) has made a Draft Section 8 Administrative Plan Policy update available for public review. The public review period for viewing this draft policy update begins on April 30, 2021. Anyone interested in viewing this draft policy update can obtain a copy at <http://www.attleborohousing.org/sec-8-admin-plan-update/>. A public hearing to present this policy update and obtain further public comments will be held at 9:00am on June 16, 2021 at 37 Carlon Street, Attleboro, MA. This plan pertains only to the HUD Housing Choice Voucher Program consisting of 196 vouchers.

***Executive Summary of Attleboro Housing Authority Section 8 Administrative Plan  
Update – June 2021***

*Chapter 4: Applications, Waiting List, and Tenant Selection  
Part III: Selection for HCV Assistance  
Section C: Selection Method, pages 4-11 and 4-12*

Local Preferences

Local Preference #3: Homeless is being removed from this policy. This will leave the Attleboro Housing Authority with 2 local preferences, #1 for terminations due to insufficient program funding; and #2 for living, working, or being hired to work in the City Limits of Attleboro.

All references to Local Preference #3: Homeless have been removed.

Language regarding compounding of preference points has been removed, as it is no longer applicable.

Attached is a copy of the current policy, showing the language stated above as redacted.

Also attached is a copy of the new policy with the redacted sections removed.

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**Current Waiting List Selection  
Preference Policy  
Showing Redacted Language**

#### 4-III.C. SELECTION METHOD

The Attleboro Housing Authority must describe the method for selecting applicant families from the waiting list, including the system of admission preferences that the Attleboro Housing Authority will use [24 CFR 982.202(d)].

##### **Local Preferences [24 CFR 982.207; HCV p. 4-16]**

The Attleboro Housing Authority 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 Attleboro Housing Authority 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.

##### Attleboro Housing Authority Policy

The Attleboro Housing Authority will use the following local preferences:

1. *The Attleboro Housing Authority will offer a preference to any family that has been terminated from its HCV program due to insufficient program funding.*

The Attleboro Housing Authority is prohibited from assisting families over either its annual baseline number of Vouchers per its approved Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD, or its Annual Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Budget Authority from HUD. In the event that the Attleboro Housing Authority's Annual HAP Budget Authority is reduced to an amount that will no longer support the number of families currently participating in the program, the Attleboro Housing Authority shall determine the number of families that must be terminated from assistance due to the lack of adequate funding from HUD. The Attleboro Housing Authority shall follow the steps outlined in this section in terminating assistance to families.

The Attleboro Housing Authority shall terminate the HAP contract on behalf of a family based upon the family's date of admission to the program. For this purpose, the Attleboro Housing Authority shall consider the family's original lease date of admission to the HCV program. The family that was first admitted to the program, according to their lease date, shall be the first to have the HAP contract terminated due to the lack of adequate funding from HUD. The Attleboro Housing Authority will refer families where the HAP contract on their behalf has been terminated to appropriate agencies to assist in locating available housing.

2. *The Attleboro Housing Authority will offer a preference to any family that lives within the city limits of the City of Attleboro, or has at least one family member who works, or has been hired to work, within the city limits of the City of Attleboro.*

HUD regulations state that a residency preference must not be based on how long an applicant has resided or worked in a residency preference area.

3. ~~*The Attleboro Housing Authority will offer a preference to any family who is determined to be homeless.*~~

~~For the purpose of determining eligibility for this preference, the Attleboro Housing Authority defines a *homeless applicant* as an applicant who:~~

- ~~a. Is without a place to live or is in a living situation in which there is a significant, immediate, and direct threat to the life and safety of the applicant or household member whose situation would be alleviated by placement in a unit of appropriate size, **and**~~
- ~~b. Has made reasonable efforts to locate alternative housing, **and**~~
- ~~c. Has not caused or substantially contributed to the safety or life-threatening situation, **and**~~
- ~~d. Has pursued available ways to prevent or avoid the situation by seeking assistance through the courts or appropriate administrative or enforcement agencies, **and**~~
- ~~e. Is displaced from a residence in which the applicant household lived for at least nine (9) months out of the year.~~

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- Applicant families will receive one (1) point if they qualify for ~~either~~ Local Preference #2 ~~or Local Preference #3; preference points are not compounded.~~ The maximum number of points an applicant can receive is 1. All applicants with 1 preference point will be selected in order of the date and time of application. Applicants with no preference points will be selected in order of the date and time of application, and only after all applicants with 1 preference point have been selected.

**New Waiting List Selection  
Preference Policy  
With Redacted Sections  
Removed**

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- Applicant families will receive one (1) preference point if they qualify for Local Preference #2. All applicants with 1 preference point will be selected in order of the date and time of application. Applicants with no preference points will be selected in order of the date and time of application, and only after all applicants with 1 preference point have been selected.

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