

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

CORPUS CHRISTI HOUSING AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CCHA ADMINISTRATION PLAN

AGENCY:

Corpus Christi Housing Authority (CCHA) – Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP)

ACTION:

30-Day Notice of Proposed Change in Preferences

SUMMARY:

The HCVP is seeking approval from the CCHA Board to amend the admission preferences for tenant-based vouchers and project-based vouchers to be the same. Preferences are used by the CCHA to select among eligible families on the waiting lists. HCVP is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed changes in Preferences. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 30 days of public comment.

DATES:

Comments Due Date: December 17, 2022.

ADDRESSES:

Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and should be sent to: Tina Bartlett, Vice President of Housing Choice Voucher Program, 3701 Ayers, Corpus Christi, TX 78414; phone: 361-889-3316. Email: Tina.Bartlett@hacc.org.

[Overview of Information Collection](#)

Proposed Preferences [24 CFR 983.251(d), FR Notice 11/24/08]

DISABLED – (5 Points)

This preference is offered to applicants with a Head/Spouse/Co-head who are disabled as defined by HUD definition. Verified with through Social Security Administration, or with the applicant provided “licensed professional”.

ELDERLY – (5 Points)

This preference is offered to applicants with a Head/Spouse/Co-Head who are 62 years of age or older. Verified with applicant provided birth certificate.

HOMELESS – (5 POINTS)

This preference is offered to applicants who lack stable, safe, and adequate housing.

- To qualify for this preference, CCHA will require: 1. Referral letter from CCHA homeless provider, 2. Certification from shelter that the family is homeless, 3. Letter from federal, state, or local police, court records, or certification from agency that provide VAWA assistance.

INVOLUNTARY DISPLACEMENT – (30 Points)

This preference is offered to families that are displaced due to Natural Disaster or Government Action.

- Verified in writing by local, state, or federal authorities within the last 6 months.

MAINSTREAM – (35 points)

Applicants must have a household member who is a non-elderly person (18 – 61 years of age) with disabilities and who is –

- (1). Transitioning out of institutional or other segregated setting,
- (2). at serious risk of institutionalization,
- (3). Homeless,
- (4). at risk of becoming homeless

Verified by birth certificate, and 1. Referral letter from CCHA homeless provider, 2. Certification from shelter that the family is homeless, 3. Letter from institution where family is exiting (90 days or less), 4. Letter from federal, state, or local police, court records, or certification from agency that provide VAWA assistance.

PARTNERING AGENCY REFERRAL – (35 points)

This preference will be offered to individuals and families who:

- Have been referred to the CCHA by a partnering agency. Examples of partnering agencies include but are not limited to Salvation Army, Purple Door, Charlie’s Place (or another similar program).
- Submit certification by the partnering agency that the applicant has been actively engaged in partner’s program for 30 or more consecutive days or is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.
- Submit commitment for continuing care (case management) from the partnering agency for not less than 6 months following the new admission date (including AA Meeting, DA Meeting, Anger Management etc...)

RESIDENCY – (50 Points)

An applicant shall qualify for the residency local preference if the applicant lives, works, or has been hired to work or is attending school within the Corpus Christ Housing

Authority jurisdiction. Applicants who reside in the City of Corpus Christi receive preference over applicants who reside outside of the City of Corpus Christi. Verification of this local preference by an applicant must clearly identify residency, employment, impending employment, or schooling with the service jurisdiction of the Housing Authority.

VETERANS – (5 Points)

This preference is offered to Veteran families. CCHA defines a “veteran” as a Head of Household that was honourably or generally discharged or who is currently on active duty with the following branches of service: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and the National Guard (if deployed during war). This definition also includes the spouse of a veteran who is currently on active duty, or the widow of a veteran who was killed in action. Verified using DD214.

WAITING LIST TIME ADJUSTMENT – (5 Points)

CCHA will give preference to applicants of 5 points each year they are on the waiting list. System automatically verified against application date.

WORKING FAMILIES – (5 Points)

This preference is offered to all working families. To qualify for this preference the head, co-head, or spouse must be working at least 30 hours per week at the State’s minimum wage, or more, for the period of twelve consecutive months prior to admission, at the time of eligibility determination. To qualify for the preference:

(1). Head, co-head, or Sole Member must be working at least 30 hours per week at the State’s minimum wage. Verification furnished by employment verification.

[B. Solicitation of Public Comment](#)

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the changes in the Administration Policy described in Section A on the following:

- (1) Whether the proposed changes are beneficial for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the changes will increase fair treatment of all applicants;
- (2) If the information collected will be beneficial in targeting applicants who benefit from a preference in the eligibility process;
- (3) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection differing information on those who are to respond; including streamlining processes through use of same data points collected, using same verifications for every preference and assigning same point values.

CCHA encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.