

PUBLIC NOTICE

Jacksonville Housing Authority Seeks Public Comment on Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Admissions Plan Homeless Preference

The Jacksonville Housing Authority invites all interested parties to review and comment on the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Administrative Plan's update to the preference category to include Homeless. The JHA's ACOP and HCV Admissions Plan are available for review on the JHA's website during the period of Wednesday, March 20, 2024 to Friday, April 19, 2024.

Written comments may be submitted by email to <u>taubuchon@jaxha.org</u> or postmarked before midnight, Friday, April 19, 2024, sent to the following address:

Jacksonville Housing Authority Attn: Todd Aubuchon 1300 Broad St. N Jacksonville, FL 32202

Homeless Preference

The Jacksonville Housing Authority will continue to support the local Continuum of Care to End Homelessness by supporting local initiatives designed to increase the success of strategies targeting the reduction of homelessness. Jacksonville Housing Authority will provide housing assistance with up to 200 vouchers per year through the Housing Choice Voucher Program to eligible persons who are referred for assistance through formal agreements with partnering organizations. All applicants assisted in this category must apply with and be referred to Jacksonville Housing Authority by a recognized homeless program provider or administrator including but not limited to, Ability Housing, Sulzbacher Center and Changing Homelessness or other organizations addressing homelessness.

Each agreement will be established based on the population to be served and the terms and conditions presented to and agreed upon by the Chief Executive Officer. Jacksonville Housing Authority has the right to limit the number of partner organizations to ensure administrative efficiency. Jacksonville Housing will not accept referrals from an agency, organization or consortia that denies its services to members of any federally protected class under fair housing laws.

In furtherance of its fight against homelessness, a local preference is available for families that "participate in a homeless program" or that are "transitioning from permanent supportive housing" and are referred to Jacksonville Housing Authority by an organization with which Jacksonville Housing Authority has a formal agreement. The wait lists for these categories will never close.

Homeless and Transitioning from Permanent Supportive Housing: 15 points