

To: Brookline Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

From: Carlos Hernandez, Director of Leased Housing & Admissions

Re: Recommendation to Approve Amendments to the Sect. 8 Administrative Plan

Date: April 13, 2021

We recommend the Board approve an amendment to the BHA's Section 8 Administrative Plan ('ADMIN'), to change the order of selection for Project Based Vouchers for developments under a Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contract with the Brookline Housing Authority.

The proposal is to amend the ADMIN, Chapter 21 entitled "Project Based Vouchers, Section 21.11.5 called "Order of Selection", to include the relocation of public housing families in connection with the redevelopment of a public housing development and/or the conversion of a public housing development to project-based assistance under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program; or the dislocation of public housing families because of BHA redevelopment activities.

The proposed change will create housing replacement options in Brookline for BHA public housing families that must relocate for planned redevelopment. The amendment will provide a priority for units in the BHA's project-based portfolio to households that must be relocated to facilitate the redevelopment of a BHA property. By adopting the proposed policy, we increase the opportunity for BHA residents facing relocation to continue to live in Brookline, in permanent, affordable housing.

Proposed Amendments to the Administrative Plan:

Chapter 21 – Project Based Vouchers Applications

21.11.5 Order of Selection

Unless otherwise specified in the Administrative Plan, families will be selected for PBV units based on the following, for which they must qualify, and date and time of application/transfer request:

1. Families currently in PBV units, for less than one year, who qualify for an Emergency, Domestic Violence or Natural Disaster transfer; or families currently in Public Housing units who qualify for an Emergency, Domestic Violence, Natural Disaster or transfer; or as needed to relocate Public Housing families in connection with the redevelopment of a public housing development and/or the conversion of a public housing development

to project-based assistance under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program; or the dislocation of public housing families because of BHA redevelopment activities.

2. Emergency, Domestic Violence & Natural Disaster for applicants with a residency preference.
3. Local Resident applicant.

The proposed amendment will require a 30-day public comment period after Board approval.