

## **ATTACHMENT A**

The Housing Authority of the Town of North Hempstead selects families and Individuals for admissions to its Section 8 Programs based on the following preferences.

### **PREFERENCES**

#### **Preference No. 1 - Involuntary Displaced Local Residents**

Individuals or families residing within the jurisdiction of the Housing Authority involuntarily displaced by government action or whose dwelling or whose dwelling has been extensively damaged or destroyed and is uninhabitable as a result of fire, flood or natural disaster, and for which such action was not the result of neglect or intentional act of the applicant or member of the applicant's household.

In order to receive the displacement preference, applicants who have been displaced must not be living in "standard, permanent replacement housing."

Standard replacement housing is defined as housing that is decent, safe and sanitary according to Housing Quality Standard/Local housing code / other code, such as State code that is adequate for the family sized according to Housing Quality Standards / local / state code, and the family is occupying pursuant to a written or oral lease or occupancy agreement.

Standard replacement housing does not include transient facilities, hotels, motels, temporary shelters, and in the case of Victims of Domestic Violence housing occupied by the individual imprisoned or detained pursuant to State Law or an Act of Congress. Shared housing with family or friends is not considered temporary and is considered standard replacement housing.

The residents, who were initially relocated from Pond View Homes and Laurel Homes have first preference to move into the Project Based units, provided they are income eligible.

#### **Preference No.2 - Residents Who Live and Work in the Housing Authority's Jurisdiction**

This preference is extended to individuals or families who can prove that they live and work in the Housing Authority's jurisdiction at the time of the offer of housing assistance.

#### **Preference No.3 - Residents Who Live in the Jurisdiction of the Housing Authority**

This preference is extended to individuals or families who can prove that they live / reside in Housing Authority's jurisdiction at the time of offer of housing assistance.

**Preference No.4 - Displaced Local Residents Who Are Victims of Domestic Violence**

Individuals or families residing within the jurisdiction of the Housing Authority that have been / or involuntarily displaced as a result of their having been subjected to or victimized by violent acts of a member of their household within the past 6 months. The Housing Authority will require evidence that the family has been displaced as a result of fleeing violence in the home. Families are also eligible for this preference if there is proof that the family is currently living in a situation where they are being subjected to or victimized by violence in the home. The following criteria are used to establish a family's eligibility for this preference:

Actual or threatened physical violence directed against the applicant or applicant's family by a spouse or other household member who lives in the unit with the family.

The actual or threatened violence must have occurred within the past 6 months or be of a continuing nature.

To qualify for this preference, the abuser must still reside in the unit from which the victims displaced.

The applicant must certify that the abuser will not reside with the applicant.

If the abuser returns to the family household the Housing Authority will terminate the housing assistance for breach of this certification.

**Preference No. 5 - Involuntarily Displaced Non-Local Residents**

Individuals Or families residing outside of the jurisdiction of the Housing Authority and involuntarily displaced by-governmental action, or whose dwelling has been extensively damaged or destroyed and is uninhabitable as a result of a fire, flood or natural disaster, or for which such action was not the result of intentional act of the applicant or member of the applicant's household.

In order to receive this displacement preferences, applicants who have been displaced must not be living in "standard, permanent replacement housing."

Standard replacement housing is defined as housing that is decent, safe and sanitary according to Housing Quality Standard/Local housing code / other code, such as State code that is adequate for the family sized according to Housing Quality Standards / local / state code, and the family is occupying pursuant to a written or oral lease or occupancy agreement.

Standard replacement housing does not include transient facilities, hotels, motels, temporary shelters, and in the case of Victims of Domestic Violence housing occupied by the individual imprisoned or detained pursuant to State Law or an Act of Congress.

Shared housing with family or friends is not considered temporary and is considered standard replacement housing.

**Preference No. 6 - Displaced Non-Residents (Not Residing Within the HA's Jurisdiction) Who are Victims of Domestic Violence**

Non-resident individual or families that have been / or are involuntarily displaced as a result of their being subjected to or victimized by violent acts of a member of their household within the past 6 months. The Housing Authority will require evidence that the family has been displaced as a result of fleeing violence in the home. Families are also eligible for this preference if there is proof that the family is currently living in a situation where they are being subjected to or victimized by violence in the home. The following criteria are used to establish a family's eligibility for this preference:

Actual or threatened physical violence directed against the applicant or the applicant's family by a spouse or other household member who lives in the unit with the family.

The actual or threatened violence must have occurred within the past 6 months or be continuing nature.

An applicant who lives in a violent neighborhood or is fearful of other violence outside the household is not considered involuntarily displaced.

To qualify for this preference, the abuser must still reside in the unit from which the victim was displaced. The applicant must certify that the abuser will not reside with the applicant. If the abuser returns to the family household the Housing Authority will terminate the housing assistance for breach of this certification.

**Preference No. 7 - Non Residents Who Work in the Housing Authority's Jurisdiction**

This preference is extended to applicant's who can prove that they work in the Housing Authority's jurisdiction at the time of the offer of housing assistance.

**Process**

- all families in Preference No. 1 will be offered housing before any families in Preferences Nos. 2 through 7,
- all families in Preference No. 2 families will be offered housing before any families in Preference Nos. 3 through 7,
- all families in Preferences No.3 will be offered housing before any families in preferences Nos. 4 through 7,
- all families in Preferences No.4 will be offered housing before any families in Preferences Nos. 5 through 7,
- all families in Preference No.5 will be offered housing before any families in Preference Nos. 6 and 7,

- and all families in Preference No.6 will be offered housing before any families in Preference No.7,
- and all Preference No.7 families will be offered housing before any Non-Preference families.

The date and time of the application will be noted and utilized to determine the sequence within the above-prescribed preferences.

**ATTACHMENT B**

**FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY (FSS) ACTION PLAN**