



ABILENE HOUSING AUTHORITY
LOCAL WAITING LIST PREFERENCE - AMENDMENT
Housing Choice Voucher Program
October 30, 2009

KATRINA/RITA ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - PREFERENCE

This is notice that the Abilene Housing Authority (AHA) amended its Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Administrative Plan to reflect the following change as it pertains to “*Local Waiting List Preferences.*”

As a requirement for consideration under the Priority 2 status (**Special Appropriation of HCV program funding for areas impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita**) the AHA will implement the agreed upon terms and conditions as set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The terms are listed below:

1. Provide local preference for admission to the HCV program for families displaced by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita.
2. A local preference, for eligible families who have recently left or will be leaving the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) temporary housing units or Katrina cottages, will be given preference over all other displaced families. Families will be considered to have “*recently left*” a FEMA provided temporary housing unit or Katrina cottage if they vacated their unit on or after **June 24, 2009** – the date the appropriations act was signed.
3. This local preference, referred to henceforth as the “*Katrina/Rita Preference,*” will take precedence over all other preferences presently in place with the AHA.
4. The AHA is imposing a term-limit on the Katrina/Rita Preference in accordance with HUD guidelines. **This Katrina/Rita Preference term-limit will expire on August 31, 2010** or until the 145 vouchers assigned to this program are utilized by eligible participants, whichever comes first.

Families that meet the criteria listed above are encouraged to visit our website at www.abileneha.org to complete an online application or visit our office at 534 Cypress St., Suite 200, Abilene, TX, 79601 for an application. Applicants **must** indicate that their family should receive this preference when completing the online application.

If you have questions please contact **Chiara Hankerson** (HCV Manager) at **(325) 676-6385** ext. **6389** or email her at chiara.hankerson@abileneha.org.