

2022 ANNUAL PLAN ELEMENT CHANGES - ELEMENT #1: ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION

1	Special Admissions Preferences	Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, and Blended Occupancy Programs	Discretionary	<p>HACN will provide a Special Admissions Preference for residents of its Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, and Blended Occupancy Programs authorizing admission between the programs for modernization work/redevelopment activities, reasonable accommodations, use & occupancy agreement needs where the leased unit is not available due to safety issues, domestic violence needs, overcrowding, under-occupancy, and other administrative reasons or extenuating circumstances as authorized by the Executive Director or their designee.</p> <p>Example 1: A family occupying a tax credit apartment needs a wheelchair accessible apartment. There is an available wheelchair accessible apartment in the public housing program, but the family who needs it is not on the public housing waiting list. With a special admission preference between the different housing programs the family could be offered the wheelchair accessible apartment if they met the other program guidelines without being on the public housing waiting list.</p> <p>Example 2: A family occupying an apartment at Chapel Terrace that is undergoing renovations and needs to be relocated could be offered a special admissions preference to an apartment in the tax credit program if they met the program guidelines without being on the tax credit waiting list.</p>
2	Continuum of Care Special Admissions Preference	Public Housing & Housing Choice Voucher Program	Discretionary	<p>HACN is looking to participate in the HUD's Continuum of Care (CoC) in an effort to reduce homelessness in RI. We are working with RI Housing (RIH) and Newport County Community Mental Health Center (NCCMHC) on these initiatives. HACN would like to designate up to 10 apartments and/or vouchers to support individuals or families facing chronic homelessness through permanent housing (through HACN) and supportive services (through partners such as NCCMHC). HACN would provide a special admissions preference for Continuum of Care individuals and families referred from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to access housing and/or vouchers subject to HUD regulations.</p>
3	Waiting list removal and re-applying	Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher Program, and Tax Credit Programs	Discretionary	<p>Families removed from a waiting list(s) may reapply any time the lists are open. This differs from the existing policy that says families may not reapply for one year.</p>