

**Resolution No. 2019-16:**  
A resolution amending the  
Section 8 Administrative Plan to  
**adopt a local preference for  
selection from the waiting list.**

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# Background

- The City of Flagstaff Housing Authority (CFHA) administers 333 vouchers under **Housing Choice Voucher Program**, also known as **Section 8**
- Annual lease-up rate of over 98%.
- Annual turnover rate is approximately 15%, meaning only about 50 new households can be admitted yearly from the waiting list.



# Background

- Approximately 56% of applicants on the current Section 8 waiting list have addresses outside of the CFHA jurisdiction.
- CFHA jurisdiction is zipcode based: 86001, 86002, 86003, 86004, 86005

Federal regulations governing the program allow the establishment of local preferences.



# Background

- In recent years the program has experienced an increase of applicants and newly admitted Section 8 participants from outside of CFHA's jurisdiction.
- Many of these newly admitted households choose to exercise portability, taking the voucher to another jurisdiction after the federally-required initial one-year local lease term.

This results in decreasing the number of local households being assisted



# Background



- The Section 8 waiting list has been closed (meaning applications are not being accepted) since October 2017. It is anticipated the waiting list will be open again in the coming months.
- Additionally, CFHA is preparing to implement a web-based application system for both Public Housing and Section 8, making it easier to apply for programs.



# Local Preference

An applicant will need to meet one of the following criteria to be eligible for the local preference:

- **Primary residential address** in CHFA's service area
- **Employment** in CHFA's service area
- **Relocating for employment** in CHFA's service area
- **Self-employment** in CHFA's service area



# Other Info



There is no impact on the VASH program, as the participants come through a referral from the Veteran's Administration, not a waiting list.

No comments were received during the public comment period.

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