

# Lincoln Housing Authority Preferences

Please check one of the following if it pertains to your current situation

**Five-year Preference Limitation:** The HCV program limits the number of times a preference may be used in a 5 year period.

**Preferences:** An applicant for Public Housing, Mahoney Manor, Burke Plaza & Housing Choice Voucher program are eligible for a preference if one of the following is verifiable.

- Disaster:** Displaced by a Disaster such as a Flood or Fire-Unit is not Livable
- Domestic Violence:** Displaced and are now homeless because of domestic violence  
*Domestic Violence Defined by Housing Authority: displaced/homeless by domestic violence- actual or threatened physical violence against one or more members of the applicant family by a spouse or other member of the applicant's household such applicants must have been forced to move because of domestic violence or lives with a person who engages in domestic violence. Families that become displaced/homeless due to domestic violence must provide documentation from a credible source that substantiates the fact the applicant became displaced/homeless due to domestic violence and the displacement occurred within the last three months of the requested preference. Such violence must be recent or continuing.*

Must provide substantial documentation from one of the following

Shelter	Case-Manager
Police Reports	Protection order
Any other Credible Documentation	

***Applicant must certify that the person who engaged in such violence will not reside with the applicant family unless the Housing Authority has given advance written approval. If the family is admitted the Housing Authority may deny or terminate assistance due to the families' violation of certification.***

- Homeless :** a Family or Individual
  - who lacks a fixed , regular, adequate nighttime residence
  - Has a primary nighttime residence that is a supervised public or private operated shelter providing temporary living accommodations
  - Is housed in an institution that provides a temporary residence for persons intended to be institutionalized
  - Public or private place not designed to be used as a regular sleeping accommodation

***\*The acceptable verification must come from a government agency, law enforcement agency, public or private shelter, clergy, or social services agency***

## Housing Choice Voucher only Preferences:

- Employment First Program or Other approved Self Sufficiency Program:** Actively participating with Health and Human Services program Employment First or any other self-sufficiency program.
- Military:** Households who were terminated from the Lincoln Housing Authority S8 Voucher program due to the head of household or spouse being placed in active military duty.
- Rentwise Certification:** Have you completed Rentwise YES  NO . If you have completed please provide a copy of your certificate. *Rentwise is a 12 hour educational program to help renters obtain and keep rental housing.*

## Public Housing Only Preference: (This preference does not apply to the Housing Choice Voucher Program)

- Working Family:** A family with at least one adult member who is;
  - Currently employed at least 25 hours per week
  - Self-employed; must meet requirements of net monthly earnings equal or exceed the dollar value of 25 hours per week at minimum wage
  - Family whose Head, Spouse, Or sole member is age 62 or older
  - Family whose Head, Spouse, Or sole member is a person with a disability

***\*This preference does not apply to Mahoney Manor or Burke Plaza***