

In order to provide consistency between programs, and allow for priority and preferences as recommended by the State the Quincy Housing proposes to amend the preferences and priorities as previously adopted as part of the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policies, and adopt the following:

**Priorities:**

**First: Administrative**

A Quincy Housing Authority resident who lives in state subsidized housing or federal subsidized housing who is in good standing and who is eligible for an Administrative Transfer as that term is defined in Section VIII TRANSFERS.

**Second: Referral from the District Attorney's Office**

An applicant who meets the definition of a referral from the District Attorney's Office as defined in Exhibit III of this plan.

**Third: Homeless due to Displacement by Natural Forces:**

An applicant, otherwise eligible and qualified, who has been displaced by:

1. fire not due to the negligence or intentional act of applicant or a household member;
2. earthquake, flood or other natural cause; or
3. a disaster declared or otherwise formally recognized under disaster relief laws.

**Fourth: Homeless due to Displacement by Public Action (Urban Renewal):**

an applicant, otherwise eligible and qualified, who will be displaced within 90 days, or has been displaced within the three years prior to application, by:

1. any low rent housing project as defined in M.G.L. c. 121B, § 1, or
2. a public slum clearance or urban renewal project initiated after January 1, 1947, or
3. other public improvement.

**Fifth: Homeless due to Displacement by Public Action (Sanitary Code Violations):**

an applicant, otherwise eligible and qualified, who is being displaced, or has been displaced within 90 days prior to application, by enforcement of minimum standards of fitness for human habitation established by the State Sanitary Code (105 CMR 410.000) or local ordinances, provided that:

1. neither the applicant nor a household member has caused or substantially contributed to the cause of enforcement proceedings, and
2. the applicant has pursued available ways to remedy the situation by seeking assistance through the courts or appropriate administrative or enforcement agencies.

**Sixth: Emergency Case under the Emergency Case Plan established by the LHA**

**Seventh: Standard Applicant :**

an applicant, otherwise eligible and qualified, who does not fit within any of the previous six priority categories.

**Preferences:**

Residents will be selected from the waiting list of eligible applicants based on whether they qualify as a family, elderly, near elderly, disabled, handicapped or single person. (In accordance with the Allocation Plan, if applicable) Residents will also be selected from the list of eligible applicants based upon suitable size of unit, control number, priority, preference, and income targeting.