

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 27, 2020**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-27**

**WHEREAS**, the Code of Federal Regulations at 24 CFR Part 982.52 requires the development of an Administrative Plan for the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) has been provided the authority to implement individualized policies in the Administrative Plan to meet its local and regional needs and Notice PIH 2013-15 allows HANO to create limited local preferences for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless; and

**WHEREAS**, communities in Louisiana, including Lake Charles and Alexandria, were devastated by Hurricane Laura and Delta, which rendered many individuals and families homeless or at risk of becoming homeless; and

**WHEREAS**, HANO is committed to assisting this vulnerable population and will target individuals and families who are living in temporary shelters; and


**WHEREAS**, HANO will create a limited local preference to assist this population; and

**WHEREAS**, HANO was not required to complete the Public Hearing process due to the fact that a preference of 250 vouchers does not equate to a substantial deviation from its plan as it will affect fewer than ten percent (10%) of applicants on the HCVP Waiting List;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans, hereby approves and authorizes amendments to HANO's HCVP Administrative Plan to provide limited local preferences for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

**Executed this 27th day of October, 2020.**

**APPROVAL:**

  
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**DEBRA JOSEPH  
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



**October 27, 2020**

**MEMORANDUM**

**To: Board of Commissioners  
President Debra Joseph, Vice President Isabel Barrios,  
Commissioner Avery Foret, Commissioner Sharon Jasper,  
Commissioner Carol Johnson, Commissioner Monika McKay,  
Commissioner Hyma Moore, Commissioner Kim Piper and  
Commissioner Bill Rouselle**

**Through Evette Hester  
Executive Director**

**From: April Kennedy  
Director, Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP)**

**Re: Approval to Amend the HCVP Administrative Plan to Include a Disaster  
Preference**

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The Code of Federal Regulations at 24 CFR Part 982.52 requires the nation's Housing Authorities to develop a written Administrative Plan, which is a supporting document to the PHA Plan. Federal regulations require that certain subjects be covered in the Administrative Plan, as well as provide local Housing Authorities the ability to craft individualized policies within the framework of the Federal regulations.

In order to address the large number of displaced individuals impacted by the natural disaster of Hurricane Laura and Delta. The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) is adding a disaster preference to its Administrative Plan. The preference will allow for admission of up to 250 individuals or families who have been displaced by the above mentioned hurricanes and are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Through this preference, HANO will prioritize individuals and families that are currently living in shelters and then other categories of homelessness. In order to qualify for the preference, the individual or family must submit a pre-application to be added to the HCVP waiting list during the time period prescribed and publicized by HANO. The individual or family must also provide verification that they lived in the affected areas of Louisiana, including, but not limited to Lake Charles and Alexandria at the time that Hurricane Laura and Delta made landfall. Verification of homelessness or being at risk of becoming homeless must be provided as well. Eligible individuals and families will receive HCVP vouchers to search for suitable housing in Orleans Parish. After a year of living in Orleans Parish, the individuals and families may choose to port their vouchers to another parish or state, which will provide an opportunity to return to Lake Charles, Alexandria and other affected areas.