

Designated Housing Vouchers

What are designated housing program vouchers?

Designated housing vouchers enable non-elderly families with a disabled person, who would be eligible for public housing if occupancy were not restricted to elderly families to lease safe, decent and affordable housing.

These vouchers also assist families affected by a PHA decision to designate their buildings as "mixed elderly and disabled buildings" but demonstrate a need for alternative resources for families with a disabled person.

What organizations are eligible to apply for designated housing vouchers funding from HUD?

PHAs authorized under state law to develop or operate housing assistance programs may apply.

How do PHAs apply for voucher funding from HUD?

PHAs respond to Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs). Each NOFA identifies allocation areas, amount of funds available per area, and the selection criteria for rating and ranking applications.

What families are eligible to apply for the Designated Housing vouchers?

Non-elderly families having a person with disabilities that are income eligible and live in public housing that has been designated for occupancy, or non-elderly families having a person with disabilities who are on the PHA's public housing waiting list. Such families need not be listed on the PHA's housing choice voucher waiting list to be offered and receive a housing choice voucher. Instead they may be admitted to the program as a special admission.

How does a PHA determine if a family is income eligible for the Designated Housing vouchers?

The PHA compares the family's annual income (gross income) with the HUD-established very low-income limit or low income limit for the area. The family's gross income cannot exceed this limit.

How do families obtain designated housing program vouchers?

Families apply to the local PHA that administers this program.