

# Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program

## Administrative Plan

### **SECTION 15.0**

#### **TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE TO THE FAMILY BY THE LAKE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY**

The Housing Authority may at any time terminate program assistance for a participant, because of any of the actions or inaction by the household:

- A. If the family violates any family obligations under the program.
- B. If a family member fails to sign and submit consent forms.
- C. If a family fails to establish citizenship or eligible immigrant status and is not eligible for or does not elect continuation of assistance, pro-ration of assistance, or temporary deferral of assistance. If the Lake County Housing Authority determines that a family member has knowingly permitted an ineligible non-citizen (other than any ineligible non-citizens listed on the lease) to permanently reside in their Section 8 unit, the family's assistance will be terminated. Such family will not be eligible to be readmitted to Section 8 for a period of 24 months from the date of termination.
- D. If any member of the family has ever been evicted from public housing.
- E. If the Housing Authority has ever terminated assistance under the Voucher Program for any member of the family.
- F. If any member of the family commits drug-related criminal activity, or violent criminal activity.
- G. If any member of the family commits fraud, bribery or any other corrupt or criminal act in connection with any Federal housing program.
- H. If the family currently owes rent or other amounts to the Housing Authority or to another Housing Authority in connection with Section 8 or public housing assistance under the 1937 Act.

- I. If the family has not reimbursed any Housing Authority for amounts paid to an owner under a HAP contract for rent, damages to the unit, or other amounts owed by the family under the lease.
- J. If the family breaches an agreement with the Housing Authority to pay amounts owed to a Housing Authority, or amounts paid to an owner by a Housing Authority. (The Housing Authority, at its discretion, may offer a family the opportunity to enter an agreement to pay amounts owed to a Housing Authority or amounts paid to an owner by a Housing Authority. The Housing Authority may prescribe the terms of the agreement.)
- K. If a family participating in the FSS program fails to comply, without good cause, with the family's FSS contract of participation.
- L. If the family has engaged in or threatened abusive or violent behavior toward Housing Authority personnel.
- M. If any household member is subject to a lifetime registration requirement under a State sex offender registration program.
- N. If a household member's illegal use (or pattern of illegal use) of a controlled substance, or whose abuse (or pattern of abuse) of alcohol, is determined by the Lake County Housing Authority to interfere with the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents.

***Note: Violence Against Women Act and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA)***

**This Notice informs Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) of the passage of the Violence Against Women Act and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA). Among many other things of significance to PHAs, VAWA prohibits the eviction of, and removal of assistance from, certain persons living in public or Section 8-assisted housing if the asserted grounds for such action is an instance of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, as those terms are defined in Section 3 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 as amended by VAWA (42 U.S.C. 13925).**

**The Authority will review and update its policies based on HUD developing regulations and guidance regarding the requirements of this law.**