

Attachment 4

ANNUAL PLAN STATEMENT: PROJECT-BASED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The project-based voucher regulation was initially enacted in 1998, as part of the statutory merger of the certificate and voucher tenant-based assistance programs. This regulation permitted a Public Housing Authority (PHA) to project-base up to 20 percent of its Housing Choice Vouchers. At its March 1, 2001 meeting, the FCRHA approved a plan to convert up to 278 Housing Choice tenant-based vouchers to project-based assistance, including criteria for participation in the program. This plan was subsequently approved by HUD. At that time 167 units in eight properties were approved for subsidy with project-based voucher assistance under the Project-Based Voucher program (PBV).

HUD adopted new rules for the program on October 13, 2005 with an effective date of November 14, 2005. HUD's Final Rule made some significant changes to program definitions and the Final Rule institutes comprehensive changes in every area of the regulations governing the PBV program. Changes made by PHAs to comply with this Final Rule must be consistent with the PHA Administrative Plan and Annual Plan.

The FCRHA approved a variety of changes to its Administrative Plan to comply with the new Final Rule at its March 16, 2006 meeting. The approved changes to the FCRHA Administrative Plan include utilizing PBV assistance for up to 20% of budget authority, and the use of administrative fees for relocation costs.

At its meeting on September 20, 2007, the FCRHA authorized the advertisement of a solicitation for proposals for the remaining 111 vouchers under the original allotment and 41 were awarded. On December 13, 2007, the FCRHA authorized an additional advertisement to utilize the remaining vouchers with a priority for organizations providing housing and services for seniors, and 48 more PBV were awarded.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The chart below revises the criteria for FCRHA awards of project-based assistance. A prerequisite criterion is that sites meet the Housing Quality Standards, site control be demonstrated and the units cannot be in high poverty census tracts unless an exception is granted by the FCRHA for the project.

Category	Criteria	Weight
Site and Community Amenities	Points will be awarded based on an inverse of the HCV utilization rates in the census tracts in which property is located. Properties in census tracts with lower rates of HCV utilization will receive higher point awards.	20 Points
Amenities & Housing Quality Standards (HQS)	Points will be awarded based on the range of amenities from standard, non-luxury to exceptional in multifamily, or townhouse units meeting or exceeding Housing Quality Standards (HQS). Applications from projects will not be considered until they are in compliance with HQS. (HQS booklet is attached--Inspection Form-Housing Choice Voucher Program)	5 Points
Experience & Management	Experience of developer/owner with development, rehabilitation, or management of multifamily units or similar properties and experience with assisted housing programs, or plans to use a management company with a record of such experience managing projects similar to the proposal. Management and staffing plan and occupancy status of properties or for rehab/new construction projects schedules and status reports will be awarded points.	35 Points
Consistency with FCRHA's initiatives	FCRHA's Initiatives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Housing First with Services <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of affordable rental housing for a minimum of 30 years; <input type="checkbox"/> Senior housing initiatives (e.g. 62 years or older, incomes below 30% Area Median Income); <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized fully accessible (Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards) housing for persons with disabilities integrated with units for persons without disabilities 	20 Points
Feasibility of the Project	Feasibility of the project – able to demonstrate financial backing and commitment to be able to rent units within current HUD approved payment standard or within approved exception rent limits as evidenced by project's proforma operating budget. Time required to build or to rehab must be reasonable, and rent must be reasonable.	20 Points