PREFERENCES

ORHA has established a local preference system, which gives priority to families that meet specific criteria.

For **Public Housing**, ORHA uses the following local preferences:

CRITERIA	POINTS	PROOF REQUIRED
Displaced by Government Action Families who have been displaced by Government action through no fault of their own (i.e. condemned property). Displaced from HCV Reduction Families displaced from ORHA Housing Choice Voucher Program due to a reduction in federal funding.	100	Document from government/city official verifying displacement A letter from the voucher agency stating the reduction in funding
Homeless Families who meet the homeless criteria under the HUD Category 1 Literally Homeless definition, who are referred by homelessness providers. Domestic Violence Families who are fleeing domestic violence.	100	Verification of homelessness status from a third party, such as a homeless/social service agency Verification of domestic violence status from a third party, such as a domestic violence/social service agency, or self-verification
Disabled Families where the head, spouse, cohead is a person with disabilities. Elderly Families where the head, spouse, cohead is a person 62 or older. Veterans This is a person who has served in the active military or naval services of the United States at any time and who shall have been discharged or released under any condition other than dishonorable.	25	Social Security disability letter or document from a knowledgeable professional reporting disability Photo ID/Birth certificate DD Form 214-Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD214)
Working Families Families where the head, spouse, co- head is employed at least 20 hours per week.	25	Pay stubs/proof of employment

For **Section 8/HCV**, ORHA uses the following local preferences:

CRITERIA	POINTS	PROOF REQUIRED
Displaced by Government Action Families who have been displaced by Government action through no fault of their own (i.e. condemned property).	100	Document from government/city official verifying displacement
Displaced from HCV Reduction Families displaced from ORHA Housing Choice Voucher Program due to a reduction in federal funding.		A letter from the voucher agency stating the reduction in funding
Current Public Housing Clients Current Public Housing clients who are enrolled in the FSS and Homeownership Programs.	100	Acceptance into a homeownership program, verification of escrow or personal savings account
Homeless Families who meet the homeless criteria under the HUD Category 1 Literally Homeless definition, who are referred by homelessness providers. Domestic Violence Families who are fleeing domestic violence.	95*	Verification of homelessness status from a third party, such as a homeless/social service agency Verification of domestic violence status from a third party, such as a domestic violence/social service agency, or self-verification
Disabled Families where the head, spouse, cohead is a person with disabilities. Elderly Families where the head, spouse, cohead is a person 62 or older. Veterans This is a person who has served in the active military or naval services of the United States at any time and who shall have been discharged or released under any condition other than dishonorable.	25*	Social Security disability letter or document from a knowledgeable professional reporting disability Photo ID/Birth certificate DD Form 214-Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD214)
Working Families Families where the head, spouse, cohead is employed at least 20 hours per week.	25*	Pay stubs/proof of employment

^{*5} points will be added if the family does not currently receive housing assistance