

Request for Action
By
Board of Commissioners

Approval of Amendments to the RIHousing Administrative Plan

1. Summary of Request

Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation (“RIHousing”) operates several federal housing programs, one of which is the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (the “HCV Program” or the “Program”). The HCV Program offers rental subsidies to help income-qualifying families, senior citizens and disabled individuals afford safe, healthy homes of their choosing. RIHousing serves as a Public Housing Authority (“PHA”) in those Rhode Island communities that do not have standalone municipal housing authorities. RIHousing’s operation of the HCV Program is governed by an Administrative Plan, as provided by federal regulation.

RIHousing is proposing to update its Administrative Plan to comply with the provisions in both HUD’s Housing Opportunities Through Modernization Act (“HOTMA”) and National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (“NSPIRE”).

A summary of Proposed Administrative Plan changes are provided in Attachment B hereto. The full text of the changes is provided as Attachment C. The amendments will become effective upon approval and adoption by the Board of Commissioners.

2. Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners approve the attached resolution adopting the amendments to the Administrative Plan, substantially in the form presented at this meeting.

3. Attachments
 - A. Resolution
 - B. Summary of Changes
 - C. Full Text of Changes
 - D. Administrative Plan (clean)

Attachment A

Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation

WHEREAS: Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation (“RIHousing”) has been designated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) as a Public Housing Authority (“PHA”) in connection with the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (the “HCV Program”);

WHEREAS: Part 982.54 of title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations requires each PHA to administer its HCV Program according to an Administrative Plan;

WHEREAS: RIHousing has proposed amendments to the Administrative plan, which must be approved by the PHA Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED: that RIHousing hereby approves and adopts the amendments to the RIHousing Administrative Plan substantially in the form presented at this meeting; and

RESOLVED: that the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director, each acting singly, is, and hereby are, authorized to make any technical changes required as a result of the public comment period and execute any document or take any other action necessary to carry out the foregoing resolutions.

Attachment C
Full Text of Changes (attached)

Attachment D
Administrative Plan (attached)