Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority (CKHA) Scattered Site Resident Section 18 Disposition Meeting March 19, 2024

Question & Answers

1. When is the conversion going to take place?

There are several steps CKHA must take to obtain HUD approval, which will likely take several months. CKHA anticipates approval in approximately 8 months.

2. If I don't qualify to stay, will I have to move?

If a current resident doesn't qualify to remain in their unit under the Project Based Voucher requirements, CKHA will work with each family to find alternative housing. This may include transferring to another Public Housing site, being issued a Housing Choice Voucher to rent from a private landlord, applying for a tax credit property or leasing a market rate unit.

3. Can I take a voucher anywhere in the United States?

Under the Housing Choice Voucher program, assistance may be transferred anywhere in the U.S.

4. What does over-housed mean?

A resident is considered overhoused when the unit they are leasing has more bedrooms than needed by the current family composition. For example, a oneperson household in a two-bedroom unit.

5. Will I be allowed to stay until the Disposition is approved?

If you do not qualify to remain in your unit, you will be allowed to stay until CKHA receives approval of its disposition application. Once approved, you will be issued a 90-day notice to vacate.

6. If I'm not qualified, how long will I have to move?

Once CKHA receives approval of its disposition application, you will be issued a 90 day notice to move. CKHA will work with affected families to identify their moving preferences prior to the 90-day notice so the process may begin as soon as possible after the notification.

7. If you're one person living in a two-bedroom unit, will I have to move?

Under the Project-Based Voucher guidelines you would be overhoused and be required to relocate. Unless there is a change in household composition (adding a qualified person to your lease) or there is a need for a reasonable accommodation due to a disability (such as need for an additional bedroom to housing medical equipment), then you will be given notice to relocate.

8. Is there an age limit to adding someone to a household?

No, there is no age limit to adding someone to a household. However, adult lease additions will be screened according to CKHA's guidelines including criminal and credit checks. The addition of minor children will require proof of legal custody.

9. If someone is overhoused, but doesn't want to move to another Public Housing property, can they get a voucher?

Yes, issuance of a Housing Choice Voucher is one option that will be made available to a family given a 90-day notice to relocate.

10. Will you send us information going forward?

After issuing the answers to questions at the resident meeting, the next correspondence will be a letter regarding the approval of the disposition application and details of the next steps. This will likely be sent out in five months.

11. If currently on Flat Rent, how much will I have to pay under the voucher?

Neither the Project-Based nor Housing Choice Voucher programs have Flat Rent. Qualified families pay 30% of their adjusted monthly income towards rent and utilities.