

The Housing Authority of the City of Erie (HACE) is amending its Section 8 Administrative Plan to include “Moving On” as one of three special populations covered in a local preference for which applications must come through approved, qualified referral agencies; there is a 10-voucher cap on this preference.

Through the HACE Moving On Program preference, HACE will provide housing assistance to eligible individuals and families to transition from Continuum of Care (CoC)-funded Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Programs to the HCV program. Eligible persons will be referred to HACE by authorized Erie County Continuum of Care PSH grant recipients. Designated PSH programs will use a common housing readiness assessment tool approved by the Erie City and County CoC for PSH participants who have demonstrated housing stability in their PSH unit, are no longer in need of intensive services and ready and able to move on into Section 8 HCV Programs.

The referral process and requirements will be developed and approved in partnership between the Erie City and County CoC and HACE. To ensure PSH resources are prioritized for persons with the highest needs, the referring program will be required to fill its housing bed/unit made available after the transition of its participant to the HCV program with a chronically homeless individual or family in accordance with CPD Notice 16-11. The Erie City and County CoC Moving On Program will allow formerly homeless families and individuals still in need of housing subsidies to maintain housing stability with the provision of the HCV affordable housing resource while having the critically important added benefit of freeing up scarce PSH beds/units and supportive services for chronically homeless persons in emergency shelters, living outside, or other places not meant for human habitation.

Once a referral is made to HACE from a PSH provider, the HCV Staff will check to see if the individual/family is on the HCV waiting list. If the individual/family is already on the HCV waiting list, they will be selected in order of the position on the list in accordance with HACE admission policies. Their application cannot be removed, cancelled or withdrawn, to benefit from the Moving On preference. If the HACE HCV waitlist is closed, it will reopen and close, to accept a Moving On applicant, without opening the waitlist for other applicants.

Moving On participants are subject to the same screening procedures and eligibility requirements as an HCV applicant.