

STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 7, 2025

CATEGORY: Scheduled Hearings 1

SUBJECT: Take the following actions regarding the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program Administrative Plan (Plan): (1) Conduct a public hearing; and (2) adopt a resolution which: (a) amends the Plan policies and procedures; (b) designates authority to the County of Shasta Housing Authority Chair to sign documents necessary for the Plan; and (c) finds the Plan exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(3) and 15061(b)(3) and from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), pursuant to Title 24 CFR § 58.34(a)(1) and (a)(3).

DEPARTMENT: Health and Human Services Agency-Economic Mobility

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #: All

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STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY: Dwayne Green, Interim HHSA Assistant Director

<u>Vote Required?</u>	<u>General Fund Impact?</u>
Simple Majority Vote	No General Fund Impact

RECOMMENDATION

Take the following actions regarding the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program Administrative Plan (Plan): (1) Open the public hearing; (2) close the public hearing; and (3) adopt a resolution which: (a) amends the Plan in order to update Local Preferences in 4-III.C; (b) designates authority to the County of Shasta Housing Authority Chair to sign documents necessary for the Plan; and (c) finds the Plan exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(3) and 15061(b)(3) and from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), pursuant to Title 24 CFR § 58.34(a)(1) and (a)(3).

DISCUSSION

The HCV program (Program) is for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. HCV provides monthly rental assistance payments directly to landlords on behalf of 1016 low-income tenants. The Housing Authority's jurisdiction area includes Modoc County, Siskiyou County Trinity County, and all of Shasta County, excluding the City of Redding. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations govern the Program, which is standardized nationwide.

Each housing authority is permitted to establish local preferences to give priority to serving households which meet certain criteria. The proposed update would allow the Housing Authority to prioritize those households within the Housing Authority's jurisdiction of Shasta, Trinity, Siskiyou, and Modoc Counties.

24 CFR 903.17 requires the County to publish a notice no later than 45 days before the public hearing informing the public that the information is available for review and inspection and make the plans available for inspection by the public at the principal office of the PHA.

A public notice was advertised throughout the four-county regions regarding the proposed amendment to the plan which would be presented during the January 7, 2025, Shasta County Board of Supervisors meeting. To date, no comments have been received.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could decline to adopt the amended Plan, could defer adoption of the amended Plan, or could give additional recommendations for the amended Plan. Additionally, the Board could schedule a more detailed discussion at a further date, or the Plan could be modified.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel approved the resolution as to form. This recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is No General Fund Impact associated with the recommendation. The funding agency for the Housing Choice Voucher program is HUD. Sufficient appropriations for drafting the resolution and publishing the public notice were included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

1: Resolution - 2025 HCV Plan