



## Mainstream Program Eligibility Guidelines

### 1) Disabled Family

Applicants must meet the definition of a disabled family

#### Definition of a disabled family:

- (a) A family whose head, spouse, or sole member is a person with disabilities;
- (b) Two or more persons with disabilities living together; or
- (c) One or more persons with disabilities living with one or more live-in aides

No individual shall be considered a person with disabilities for the purpose of determining eligibility solely on the basis of any drug or alcohol dependence.

#### Definition of disabled:

A person who –

- (a) Has a disability as defined in section 223 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 423), or
- (b) Is determined to have a physical, mental or emotional impairment that:
  - (i) Is expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration;
  - (ii) Substantially impedes his or her ability to live independently; and
  - (iii) Is of such a nature that such ability could be improved by more suitable housing conditions, or
- (c) Has a developmental disability as defined in section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 6001(5)).

The term "person with disabilities" does not exclude persons who have the disease of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) or any conditions arising from the etiologic agent for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV).

### 2) Income Eligibility

#### Very Low Income Guidelines:

1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
23,050	26,350	29,650	32,950	35,600	38,200	40,850	43,500

### 3) Citizenship Status

To be eligible each member of the family must be a citizen, national, or a noncitizen who has eligible immigration status under one of the categories set forth in Section 214 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980 (see U.S.C. 1436a(a)).

### 4) Criminal Background / Suitability for Tenancy

Applicants who have a history of criminal activity by any household member involving crimes of physical violence against persons or property, and any other criminal activity including drug-related criminal activity that would adversely affect the health, safety, or well being of other tenants or staff, or cause damage to property will be denied eligibility for the program.

- ◆ Applicants with convictions that are older than three (3) years **may** be considered for eligibility.
- ◆ Individuals subject to lifetime registration requirements under any state sex offender registration program are banned from program participation for life.
- ◆ Individuals who have been convicted of manufacturing or producing methamphetamine are banned from program participation for life.

### 5) Prior Participation in Section 8 or Public Housing Programs

Applicants who currently owe rent or other amounts to any housing authority in connection with the public housing or Section 8 Programs are denied admission until such debt is paid.

