

# **SOLANO COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY**

## **PREFERENCE DEFINITIONS**

Below are the preferences that will determine the position of your application on the Section 8 waiting list. Please read the definitions carefully. On the Application Form, **check only the preferences that apply to your household**. You may qualify for more than one preference. The preferences you claim will be verified when your name reaches the top of the waiting list and you must qualify for the preference(s) indicated on that date. If you cannot verify the preferences you checked, your name will be returned to the waiting list. The person who meets the preferences claimed on the application must be listed on the application at the time the application gets pulled from the waiting list.

### **Local Resident:**

A local resident is defined as:

- 1) An applicant who lives within the city limits of Dixon, Rio Vista and the unincorporated areas of Solano County; or
- 2) An applicant who is working (verifiable, paid employment) or who has been notified that they are hired to work within the city limits of Dixon, Rio Vista, or within the unincorporated areas of Solano County. (An applicant on temporary disability must still be employed by that company and eligible to return to work upon medical release.)

### **Working:**

Working family is defined as a family of one or more persons in which the head of household, spouse, or co-head of household is:

- 1) Employed (verifiable, paid employment)
- 2) Currently receiving unemployment benefits;
- 3) A recent graduate (within the last 6 months) or an active full time participant in an educational and/or training program; or
- 4) On temporary disability and still employed by that company and eligible to return to work upon medical release.

### **Senior:**

Senior is defined as a family of one or more persons whose head of household, spouse, or co-head of household is 62 years of age or older.

### **Disabled:**

Disabled is defined as family of one or more persons whose head of household, spouse or co-head of household has any of the following conditions:

- Has a disability as define in section 223 of the Social Security Act; or
- As defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 423 which means:
  - a. Inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months; *or*

- b. In the case of an individual who has attained the age of 55 and is blind (within the meaning of “blindness” as defined in section 416(i)(1) of this title), inability by reason of such blindness to engage in substantial gainful activity, requiring skills or ability comparable to those of any gainful activity in which he has previously engaged with some regularity and over a substantial period of time.
- Has a physical, mental, or emotional impairment that;
  - a. Is expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration.
  - b. Substantially impedes his or her ability to live independently; and
  - c. Is of such a nature that the ability to live independently could be improved by more suitable housing conditions.
- Has a developmental disability as defined in Section 102(7) of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act [42 U.S.C.6001(8)], which defines developmental disability as a severe, chronic disability of an individual that:
  - (a) Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;
  - (b) Is manifested before the individual attains age 22;
  - (c) Is likely to continue indefinitely;
  - (d) Results in substantial functional limitations in 3 or more of the following areas of major life activity: (I) Self-care, (II) Receptive and expressive language, (III) Learning, (IV) Mobility, (V) Self-direction, (VI) Capacity for independent living, (VII) Economic self-sufficiency; and
  - (e) Reflects the individual’s need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports, or other forms of assistance that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.
- Has Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) or any condition that arises from the etiologic agent for AIDS.

**Veteran and Active Military:**

- 1) Head of household, spouse, or co-head of household who has served at least 181 consecutive days active duty in the armed forces, and who has received an honorable or medical discharge from the United States Armed Forces.
- 2) An applicant who was married to a veteran at the time of veteran’s death, or to a person who was in the military at the time of the person’s death, is eligible for the veteran preference if the applicant has not remarried.
- 3) A person who is separated or divorced from the veteran but maintains eligibility status for veteran benefits.  
(Note: Active duty training and inactive duty training shall not be considered active duty for purposes of this preference)

**Displaced by Local Government Action:**

Displaced by Local Government Action is defined as:

Within the last (6) six months, an individual or family who has been given notice to vacate their current unit due to an action taken by an agency of the city of Dixon, Rio Vista, and the unincorporated areas of Solano County. (Local Government does not include any eviction of the family due to any action of lack thereof on the family’s part.)