

LOCAL RESIDENCY PREFERENCE

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER LOCAL RESIDENCY PREFERENCE-ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF VERIFICATION

The Grand Forks Housing Authority currently offers a waiting list selection preference for residents of North Dakota and Polk County, Minnesota. In order to receive Residency Preference, applicant must provide one item from Column A and one item from Column B, OR one item from Column C and one item from Column D. Applicant must be eligible for preference at application and eligibility interview. PROOF MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION!

Please check box that corresponds with each form of verification you are providing.

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS		OR	ON-CAMPUS HIGHER ED STUDENTS ONLY	
Provide verification of one category in Column A AND one category in Column B. Check corresponding box.			Provide verification of one category in Column C AND one category in Column D. Check corresponding box.	
Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	
1. Current driver's license card issued by the State of North Dakota. <input type="checkbox"/>	1. Current apartment lease(s) showing continuous residency in North Dakota or Polk County, MN. <input type="checkbox"/>	1. ID issued by institute of higher education in Grand Forks County, ND or Polk County, MN <input type="checkbox"/>	1. Current on-campus class schedule. <input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Current driver's license or ID card issued by the State of Minnesota with address in Polk County, Minnesota. <input type="checkbox"/>	2. Pay stubs indicating continuous employment in North Dakota or Polk County, MN. <input type="checkbox"/>		2. Current semester's tuition statement. <input type="checkbox"/>	
3. If applicant does not have either of the above, North Dakota state issued ID or Minnesota state issued ID with Polk County, MN address may be accepted. <input type="checkbox"/>	3. Letter from employer indicating continuous employment in North Dakota or Polk County, MN. <input type="checkbox"/>		3. If between semesters, any of the above may be provided for two consecutive semesters immediately prior to application. <input type="checkbox"/>	
	4. Letter from service agency indicating services received continuously in North Dakota or Polk County, MN. <input type="checkbox"/>			
	5. Letter from K-12 school in Grand Forks County, ND or Polk County, MN addressed to member of household indicating enrollment. <input type="checkbox"/>			



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LONG-TERM HOMELESS PREFERENCE

The Grand Forks Housing Authority **Long-Term Homeless Preference** is available to a family, where at least one adult head of household meets the definition of chronically homeless, as follows:

Chronically homeless means:

1. **A “homeless individual with a disability,” as defined in section 401(9) of the**
2. **McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(9)), who:**
3. [An individual who can be diagnosed with one or more of the following conditions: substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability (as defined in section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15002)), post-traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability]
 1. Lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and
 2. Has been homeless and living as described in paragraph (1)(i) of this definition continuously for at least **12 months** [one year] or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years,[where each homeless occasion was at least 15 days] **as long as the combined occasions equal at least 12 months and each break in homelessness separating the occasions included at least 7 consecutive nights of not living as described in paragraph (1)(i). Stays in institutional care facilities for fewer than 90 days will not constitute a break in homelessness, but rather such stays are included in the 12-month total, as long as the individual was living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or an emergency shelter immediately before entering the institutional care facility;**
4. An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility, including a jail, substance abuse or mental health treatment facility, hospital, or other similar facility, for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria in paragraph (1) of this definition, before entering that facility; or
5. A family with a adult head of household who meets all of the criteria in paragraph (1) or (2) of this definition, including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless.



TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PREFERENCE

In order to facilitate the smooth transition from institutional living into community-based settings, the Grand Forks Housing Authority has passed a local waiting list preference for individuals referred by a program in which they were institutionalized for at least 30 consecutive days immediately prior to application, and through which supportive services will continue to be available to the participant as they transition into independent living.