

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT Annual Plan – 2007

Administration of Community Service Requirements

The PHA has entered into agreements and memorandums of understanding with local non-profit organizations to assist the PHA in the identifying community service needs in the area and in the coordination of meeting those needs. PHA is continuing to enhance relationships with non-profit organizations and build awareness of the Community Service program. Additionally, the PHA is continually modifying the computer software to ensure community service compliance.

Refer to attachment NC006A01.DOC, ACOP, Section VI, paragraph 8, page 10 which defines Community Service requirements (printed below.).

COMMUNITY SERVICE – Every adult member of a family residing in public housing will be required to perform eight (8) hours of community service each month, or participate in a self-sufficiency program for at least eight (8) hours every month. This requirement does not apply to elderly persons, disabled persons, persons already working a minimum of twenty-five (25) hours per week, persons exempted from work requirements under state welfare to work programs, or persons receiving assistance under a state program that have not been found to be in noncompliance with such a program.

For the purposes of this policy, community service is the performance of voluntary work or duties in the public benefit that serve to improve the quality of life and/or enhance resident self-sufficiency, and/or increase the self-responsibility of the resident within the community in which the resident resides. Political activity is excluded. Each adult resident of a public housing development shall be subject to the community service work requirement except individuals who are otherwise exempt. An exempt individual is:

1. Age 62 or older;
2. Is a blind or disabled individual, as defined under 216(l)(1) or 1614 of the Social Security Act (42.U.S.C. 416(i)(1) 1382c, and who certifies that because of this disability she or he is unable to comply with the service provisions of this subpart, or is a primary caretaker of such individual(s).
3. Is engaged in a work activity as defined in section 407(d) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 607(d)), specified below. (The work activity must be twenty-five (25) hours or more per week to qualify for the exemption.)
 - a) Unsubsidized employment;
 - b) Subsidized private-sector employment;
 - c) Subsidized public sector employment
 - d) Work experience (including work associate with the refurbishing of publicly assisted housing) if sufficient private sector employment is not available;
 - e) On-the-job training
 - f) Job-search and job-readiness assistance;
 - g) Community service programs;
 - h) Vocational educational training (not to exceed 12 months with respect to any individual);
 - i) Job-skills training directly related to employment;

- j) Education directly related to employment in the case of a recipient who has not received a high school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalency;
 - k) Satisfactory attendance at secondary school or in a course of study leading to a certificate of general equivalence, in the case of a recipient who has not completed secondary school or received such a certificate; and
 - l) The provision of childcare services to an individual who is participating in a community service program.
4. Meets the requirements for being exempt from having to engage in a work activity under the state program funded under part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act (42.U.S.C. 601 et seq.) or under any other welfare program of the state in which the HA is located, including a state-administered welfare-to-work program; or
 5. Is a member of a family receiving TANF assistance, benefits or service under a state program funded under part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act (42.U.S.C. 601 et seq.) or under any other welfare program of the state in which the Public housing Agency is located, including a state administered welfare to work program, and has not been found by the state or other administering entity to be in noncompliance with such a program.
 6. Is an individual who is pregnant and as such may be entitled to a temporary exemption of a period not to exceed 3 consecutive months or who is an individual who can show evidence of an affidavit, signed by a physician stating that the individual is unable to perform community service due to a lengthy illness, recent surgery or recent hospitalization.

Except for residents exempted in preceding sections (1) – (6), each adult resident family member of a public housing development shall:

1. Contribute 8 hours of community service (not including political activities), or
2. Participate in an economic self-sufficiency program, as defined herein, for 8 hours per month, or
3. Perform 8 hours per month of combined activities as described in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.