

MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Applicants to the FY2011/FY2012 Permanent Supportive Housing Program (PSHP)

FROM: Don Watt 
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DATE: September 19, 2011

RE: Project-Based Section 8 Rental Assistance from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs; Revised PSHP Program Description for FY2011/FY2012.

Throughout the history of DCA's Permanent Supportive Housing Program, we have highly valued our ability to pair development assistance with project-based rental assistance in all PSHP-funded developments within our Housing Choice Voucher Program service area. Unfortunately, DCA is no longer able to make this commitment. This critical change in our program policy is as a result of recent federal cuts to the funding for DCA's Housing Choice Voucher Program which have halted our issuance of Housing Choice Vouchers, including our ability to provide a new commitment of project-based vouchers to proposed PSHP developments in DCA's service area.

Therefore, any Project Team which has not received a Reservation of Funds from DCA as of the date of this Memorandum must secure dedicated rental assistance from a source other than DCA's Housing Choice Voucher Program. These other sources may include Shelter Plus Care, Section 811, or other programs that have been identified by the Project Team. DCA will provide technical assistance to each entity to identify resources that may be paired with your proposal and the impact of each resource to the proposed tenant population of the development. The PSHP Program Description has been revised and re-issued to reflect this policy change.

We are hopeful that when the general economy improves and the federal budget returns funding to the state's Housing Choice Program, we will be able to reconsider this policy. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (404) 679-0660 or don.watt@dca.ga.gov.

C: Carmen Chubb, Assistant Commissioner for Housing
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