THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING
RESOLUTION NO. 5250

APPROVING CHANGES TO THE SECTION 8 TENANT AND PROJECT-
BASED ADMINISTRATIVE PLANS TO DETAIL MODIFIED OPERATING
PROCEDURES AUTHORIZED IN THE EVENT OF A CATASTROPHIC
EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2003, the King County Housing Authority (KCHA)
entered in an agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development
(HUD) to participate in the Moving to Work (MTW) Demonstration Program; and,

WHEREAS, as an MTW participant, KCHA is authorized, in lieu of federal
program regulations, to develop and implement new approaches for providing and
administering housing assistance consistent with local needs and circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, projections for extreme flooding in the low lands of King County
remain high and have emphasized the need for KCHA to establish contingency plans
that address how program operations will continue in the event of a catastrophic event
such as an earthquake, severe winter storm or major flood; and,

WHEREAS, while KCHA’s Disaster Plan efforts focus on ensuring the safety
and security of its residents and physical inventory, the Authority also recognizes the
impact a major disaster could have on the ability to maintain Section 8 Housing Choice
Voucher (HCV) and Project-based program operations - including the ability to (1)
obtain and process verification of tenant and applicant data; and (2) complete Housing
Quality Standards inspections under the program; and

WHEREAS, KCHA staff has examined critical HCV program functions and
identified operational changes that would become necessary should a catastrophic
event occur; and,
WHEREAS, KCHA staff recommends utilizing MTW program flexibility to adopt changes to the Section 8 and Project-based Administrative Plans, as attached, that would automatically allow for modified procedures in the case of a catastrophic event as determined by the Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the proposed policy revisions will help ensure KCHA’s Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher and Project-based programs continue to operate in compliance with HUD requirements;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING:

(1.) The Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the revisions to the Section 8 and Project-Based Administrative Plans as attached; and

(2.) Authorizes the Housing Authority to take the necessary steps to implement these revisions effective immediately.


THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING, WASHINGTON

NANCY HOLLAND YOUNG, Chair
Board of Commissioners

STEPHEN NORMAN
Secretary-Treasurer