

**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**

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**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.

**ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING THIS 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2009.**

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE  
COUNTY OF KING, WASHINGTON**



**NANCY HOLLAND-YOUNG, Chair  
Board of Commissioners**



**STEPHEN NORMAN  
Secretary-Treasurer**