

Attachment A- Request for Proposals for HUD-VASH Project Based Vouchers

PBV Regulation 983.57 (b) Re: Compliance with HUD’s statutory goal of “deconcentrating poverty and expanding housing and economic opportunities”,

Applications for projects located in a census tract with a poverty rate greater than 20% must address each of the following seven criteria:

1. **HUD Designated Zone** Whether the census tract in which the proposal will be located is in a HUD-designated Enterprise Zone, Economic Community, or Renewal Community.
2. **Public Housing Demolition** Whether a PBV development will be located in a census tract where the concentration of assisted units will be or has decreased as a result of public housing demolition.
3. **Significant Revitalization** Whether the census tract in which the proposed PBV development will be located is undergoing significant revitalization.
4. **Public Investment** Whether state, local, or federal dollars have been invested in the area that has assisted in the achievement of the statutory requirement.
5. **New Market Rate Units** Whether new market-rate units are being developed in the same census tract where the proposed PBV development will be located and the likelihood that such market-rate units will positively impact the poverty rate in the area.
6. **Decline in Poverty Rate** If the poverty rate in the area where the proposed PBV development will be located is greater than 20 percent, the PHA should consider whether in the past five years there has been an overall decline in the poverty rate.
7. **Education and Economic Opportunities** Whether there are meaningful opportunities for educational and economic advancements in the census tract where the proposed PBV development will be located. Every DHCD PBV applicant must demonstrate to DHCD that their project satisfies the twin goals of deconcentrating poverty and expanding housing and economic opportunity regardless of the project’s poverty rate as defined by the most recent census data. The applicant must address each of the seven criteria noted above. DHCD will make its assessment of an applicant’s project’s compliance with achieving these goals based on the totality of the applicant’s response, taking into consideration the target population to be served (i.e. family, elderly, disabled, populations needing supportive services).