

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER (HCV) PROGRAM 2020 ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN 2020-2024 FIVE-YEAR PLAN SUBMISSION & 2020 ANNUAL PLAN

In accordance with the guidance of the governor and CDC guidelines, all public hearings concerning Department of Housing & Urban Development Funds scheduled for March 30, 2020 in the City of Ashland Commission Chambers are cancelled.

**To ensure everyone's safety, the hearings will be conducted by teleconference March 30, 2020 at 3:00pm (EST): (Toll Free) 605-472-5482 Access Code 261491.**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development HUD requires public housing authorities to revise and submit a 2020-2024 Five-Year Plan, 2020 Annual Plan, and 2020 Administrative Plan for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program. The PHA must ensure compliance with federal laws, regulations and notices and must establish policy and procedures to clarify federal requirements and to ensure consistency in program operation.

Ashland Assisted Housing Authority's mission is to leverage the power of affordable, decent, safe, and stable housing to help communities thrive and low-income families increase their potential for long-term economic success and a sustained high quality of life. Agency objectives:

- Recognize participants as the ultimate customer.
- Increase the amount of low-income rental housing stock in Boyd County by:
  - Expanding landlord participation
  - Working with other agencies influencing housing (code enforcement, planning, zoning, etc.).
- Reduce the PUC (price per unit) allowing the agency to serve more families.
- Lower administrative cost of the agency by streamlining process and procedures and effective use of Federal funding.
- Reduce the number of re-inspections on rental units reducing administrative burden.
- Streamlining admission and lease up process.
- Decrease time between voucher issuance and lease up.
- Continued Fair Housing efforts in the community.
- Increase number of VASH participants within jurisdiction.
- Improve service delivery efforts through effective and efficient program management.
- Seek problem-solving partnerships with participants, landlords and community and government leadership.

- To assist the local economy by increasing the occupancy rate and the amount of money flowing into the community.

The division of Ashland Assisted Housing is under the umbrella of the City of Ashland: Department of Community and Economic Development. The program is under the direction of Chris Pullem, Director and supervised by Lorraine Woolery, Section 8 Voucher/Grant Coordinator overseeing two Housing Specialists and a Program & Grants Specialist.

Ashland Assisted Housing is proud to be a community partner with the Veterans Administration on the administration of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers. As of January 1, 2020, the agency's allocation funded 15 vouchers to assist homeless veterans.

Ashland Assisted Housing is committed to the implementation of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Every opportunity is used to educate tenants of their protections and landlords of their responsibilities. Applicants are informed of their rights in the initial and second application. Information is provided to tenants during the briefing and in the briefing packet they take home. Information is given during voucher issuance, re-certifications and when cancellation letters are mailed out. Information on landlord responsibilities under VAWA are placed in landlord briefing handbooks, training materials, and landlord housing assistance payments periodically. Additional information concerning VAWA is available at [www.ashlandky.gov](http://www.ashlandky.gov).

Full documents may be found at: [www.ashlandky.gov](http://www.ashlandky.gov) under the Community Development tab.

Comments may be submitted during teleconference on March 30, 2020 and by phone to 606-385-3317 or emailing [drymer@ashlandky.gov](mailto:drymer@ashlandky.gov) until April 9, 2020.

Copies of the Action Plan will be provided to citizens and groups upon request and free of charge during the above comment period. Copies may also be converted to electronic media, Spanish and large print for the visually impaired and be delivered to homebound persons upon request.

All Department of Housing & Urban Development Plans will be submitted to the Department of Housing & Urban Development upon approval from the Ashland Board of Commissioners.

