

## INTRODUCTION

**The overall mission of the New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) is Partnering to Improve and Preserve our Homes and Communities.**

The New York State Homes and Community Renewal comprises all of the State's major housing and community renewal agencies, among which are the Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) and the Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC), a subsidiary public benefit corporation of the NYS Housing Finance Agency (HFA). HTFC contracts with DHCR to administer some of the activities of the Section 8 program.

Within the overall mission of the agency, this Administrative Plan serves as the HCR operational handbook for implementing the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program, including Enhanced and Project-based Vouchers). This Plan has been prepared in such a manner as to ensure compliance with all requirements set forth in 24 CFR §982.54 (Administrative Plan).

In the implementation of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program, HCR acts as the Public Housing Agency (PHA) for all local programs under its purview. In this capacity as PHA, HCR has full responsibility for the satisfactory completion of all contractual obligations with HUD. The Section 8 tenant-based assistance programs are federally funded and administered for the State of New York by HCR through its Statewide Section 8 Voucher Program Office.

In order to effectively and efficiently implement the program over its entire Statewide jurisdiction, HCR has contracted with Local Administrators (LAs) to undertake necessary field activities. Day-to-day responsibility for local administration of the HCV Program in the field is assumed by each LA in its designated local area of operation. The divisions of responsibilities are detailed in a contract between HCR and each of its LAs.

The NYS HCR/Statewide Section 8 Voucher Program is authorized to administer the Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher Program in the following NYS jurisdictions: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Chenango, Clinton, Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Essex, Franklin, Genesee, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Livingston, Madison, Nassau, New York (*Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island*), Niagara, Oneida, Ontario, Orange, Orleans, Oswego, Otsego, Putnam, Rockland, Saratoga, Seneca, Schuyler, Steuben, St. Lawrence, Suffolk, Sullivan, Tioga, Tompkins, Ulster, Washington, Wayne, Westchester, Wyoming and Yates Counties. HCR is also authorized to administer a mobility counseling program in Westchester County, the Enhanced Section 8 Outreach Program (ESOP).

Administration of the Section 8 Program and the functions and responsibilities of the HCR staff will be in compliance with the HCR Personnel Policy and HUD's Section 8 Regulations as well as all Federal, State and local Fair Housing Laws and Regulations.

## **Charges Against Section 8 Administrative Fee Reserve**

As a New York State government department, HCR does not have a Board of Commissioners.

The Commissioner of HCR or, for usual and customary business in the implementation of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, the Commissioner's designee is responsible for review and approval of all proposed expenditures that may be made from an operating reserve for "other housing purposes."