

Preference

Elderly and/or Disabled

An elderly family must meet any one of the following criteria:

- A family whose head, spouse, or sole member is a person who is at least 62 years of age
- Two or more persons who are at least 62 years of age living together
- One or more persons who are at least 62 years of age living with one or more live-in aides

A disabled family must meet any one of the following criteria:

- A family whose head, spouse, or sole member is a person with disabilities
- Two or more adults with disabilities living together
- One or more adults with disabilities living with one or more live-in aides

High Rent Burdened: Rent & utility payments are equal to or greater than 50% of the family's income.

Involuntarily Displaced: Individuals or families displaced by governmental action, or whose dwelling has been extensively damaged or destroyed as a result of a declared disaster, or otherwise formally recognized pursuant to Federal Disaster Relief laws.

Victim of Physical Abuse: An applicant who has vacated due to actual or threatened physical violence directed against the applicant or one or more members of the applicant's family by a spouse or other household member, or who lives in housing with an individual who engages in such violence.

Working with a Community Service Organization: Receiving services such as case management, counseling, and/or supportive services at the time of application through the local Community Service Board, Department of Social Services or Disability service organization (VAIL, VDARS).

Working: Employed at least 20 hours per week or receiving income based on their inability to work.

Live / Work in the Jurisdiction: Currently living and/or working in the City of Harrisonburg or Rockingham County

Developmental or Intellectual Disabled: Individuals who are part of the Commonwealth of Virginia's Olmstead Ruling needing housing rental assistance

Homeless or Substandard Living Conditions

Lacks a fixed regular, & adequate nighttime residence and has a primary residence that is:

- A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations, (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill)
- An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized
- A public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings

A "homeless family" does not include any individual imprisoned or otherwise detained pursuant to state or federal law.

"Substandard living" includes, but is not limited to, conditions such as lack of running water, sanitary facilities, or electricity.

Veteran: Any currently serving or honorably discharged member of the U.S. Armed Forces listed as the head of household, spouse, or co-head, or a surviving spouse.

Upwardly Mobile: Head of household, spouse or sole member is (a) attending school full-time; (b) attending a certified General Equivalency Diploma (GED) program; or (c) participating in a verifiable job training program