

## HOPE BUILDING FACT SHEET

Permanent supportive housing provided by the Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority in collaboration with the Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center and DCCCA.

Applicants for HOPE BUILDING Must:

### **Be chronically homeless**

A chronically homeless person is an unaccompanied homeless individual who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more OR has had at least four separate occasions of homelessness in the past three years—four occasions must total 12 months. Homeless means the person has been sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency or other shelter, or has been institutionalized and will not have housing upon release. Sharing housing with friends or family is not considered homeless.

### **Be a person with disabilities that includes mental illness or substance use disorders Or both.**

A person with disabilities is someone one with one or more disabling conditions: diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability or chronic physical illness or disability.

### **Have a gross annual income below the Douglas Co. Kansas low-income guideline for a household of one.**

### **Be a citizen of the United States or have INS documentation of eligible immigration status.**

Birth certificates, Social Security or Alien Identification, and photo identification cards must be submitted for each family member.

### **Not be listed on any State's Sexual Predator List.**

### **Not be convicted of the manufacture, production or sale of methamphetamine.**

### **Not have a history of violent behavior.**

### **Not intentionally falsify an application, owe a debt to any housing authority AND not commit fraud against a housing authority, now or in the past**

This means all applications must include consistent complete and accurate information. Falsifying information on an application is considered fraud. Applicants with prior debts may enter into a repayment agreement and begin making payments while on the waiting list. The debt must be paid in full before housing is offered.

### **Be medically compliant with any psychiatric treatment plan in effect.**

### **Be psychiatrically stable and willing to accept services.**

All Hope Building residents must participate in support services.