What is Earned Income Disregard?

Am I Eligible?

PLEASE call PHAR if you think you are eligible and are having problems getting the disregard!

PHAR: (434) 984-3255

Earned Income Disregard is a federal regulation, 24CFR 960.255, that requires the Housing Authority to not count increased income towards your rent for twelve months if someone has been unemployed or under-employed for a year or more and then gets re-employed. During the second 12-month period, the housing authority would not count 50% of the increased earning.

A family in public housing is eligible if:

- A previously unemployed household member (for one or more years) becomes employed, OR
- Whose annual income increases due to a family member participating in any “economic self-sufficiency” program, OR
- A household member earned only 500 hours at minimum wage ($3625.00) for one or more years, OR
- The family’s earned income increases AND if any member of household currently receives or in the past 6 months has received at least $500 of welfare benefits (TANF, WTW). The individual whose income increases does not have to be the one who received the benefits.

To qualify for the Earned Income Disregard call Tatiana Eames at (434) 326-4672 or visit the rental office at 500 S. First Street (Crescent Halls) OR ask about Earned Income Disregard when reporting your increased earnings! PHAR wants to hear from you if you have trouble accessing this important program call us at (434) 984-3255.