



Overview of MTW Program

Moving to Work (MTW) is a demonstration program, established by Congress in 1996, that offers a limited number of “high performing” Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) the opportunity to propose and test innovative, locally designed approaches to administering housing programs and self-sufficiency strategies. The program permits PHAs to combine federal funds from the Public Housing (PH) operating fund, Capital Fund Program (CFP) and Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program into a single, agency-wide funding source known as a “block grant.” It is important to note that the MTW designation does not provide PHAs with additional funding from HUD, but rather allows each agency to use their funding in a more flexible manner.

With the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) approval, PHAs participating in the MTW program are allowed to waive certain statutes and regulations in the United States Housing Act of 1937 to explore different and creative ways to improve their housing programs. These policy changes allow PHAs to address challenges for low-income families that are unique to their local needs. In doing so, each of the activities proposed and implemented must address at least one of three MTW statutory objectives:

- Increase housing choices for low-income families.
- Give incentives to families with children where the head of household is working, is seeking work, or is preparing for work by participating in job training, educational programs, or programs that assist people to obtain employment and become economically self-sufficient.
- Reduce costs and achieve greater cost effectiveness in federal expenditures.

RHA’s Approved FY 2021 MTW Annual Plan activities:

1. Affordable Housing Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Preservation. Authorization to utilize MTW funds to assist in the acquisition/development of new affordable units, the rehabilitation of newly acquired properties, and the preservation and revitalization of existing affordable housing properties.
2. Skills Training Achieves Results (STAR) Apprenticeship Program. This 24-week program will provide career-connected learning opportunities for PH residents and HCV participants 18 years of age and older.
3. Establish a partnership to assist homeless youth by assisting Eddy House with their 24-hour drop-in center. Through this partnership, RHA will provide shallow subsidies to fund up to 48 overnight beds.