



Moving to Work (MTW) Demonstration Program: MTW Flexibility II Cohort

# MTW Flexibility II Cohort Application Due Date: <u>December 8, 2023</u>

## Today's Webinar will Provide...

- An update on the MTW Expansion and how MTW designation may benefit your PHA
- An overview of the evaluation goals of the MTW Flexibility II Cohort
- A walk-through of the MTW Flexibility II Cohort application process in PIH Notice 2023-20
- An opportunity for you to ask questions

## What is the "Moving to Work" Demonstration?

"MTW is about local solutions, and MTW PHAs can make smart decisions about how to use their resources. Residents benefit from those innovations, and we use lessons learned to inform the industry."

—HUD Deputy Secretary Adrianne Todman





"The MTW program has empowered us to go above and beyond for the communities we serve."

Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Designated 2000



### What's Different about MTW?

No one-size-fits-all solution for challenges public housing agencies face.

#### MTW lets PHAs:

- Identify local needs and customize a program to meet those needs
- Waive certain public housing and voucher statutory and regulatory provisions
- Rethink and streamline administration of public housing and voucher programs



"We have been able to create innovative programming and help establish new best practices in affordable housing through MTW, America's Housing Policy Lab."

Cambridge Housing Authority, Massachusetts
Designated 1999

## Impacting the Industry

## MTW PHAs have been directly influencing national assisted housing policy for over 25 years.

- MTW agencies piloted and tested key policies that are now included in:
  - HOTMA
  - Administrative Streamlining Rule
  - Community Choice Demonstration
  - COVID-19 Emergency Waivers
  - And many more!

### **MTW Cohorts**

Pre-Expansion: 39

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**Asset Building Initiatives: 17** 

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## **MTW** Agencies





"MTW has been absolutely life changing in terms of our organization and what we are able to do."

Housing Authority of the City of New Haven, Connecticut
Designated 2001

## **Key Components of MTW**

- Use funding flexibly
- Waive certain public housing and voucher statutory and regulatory provisions
- Meet MTW statutory objectives:
  - Cost effectiveness
  - Self-sufficiency
  - Housing choice



"MTW single fund flexibility is a critical asset. By leveraging MTW dollars, we have been able to redevelop entire communities, bringing opportunity and resources to areas that are historically underinvested in."

Tacoma Housing Authority, Washington
Designated 2010

### MTW Funding Flexibilities

MTW opens the door to new possibilities.

#### MTW lets PHAs:

- Use Public Housing Operating, Capital funds, and Housing Choice Voucher funds flexibly
- Assist substantially the same total number of families



## Examples of Flexibilities Available to MTW Agencies



**Objective 1: Cost Savings** 



**Objective 2: Self-Sufficiency** 

- Use MTW funding flexibility to leverage additional funds
- Streamline HUD processes
- Simplify rent calculations
- Link rental assistance with supportive services
- Implement earned income exclusions
- Implement self-sufficiency/ employment requirements

"We are proud to be an MTW agency. Through MTW's singlefund flexibility and other cost-saving processes, we are able to invest in services which benefit residents holistically."

Seattle Housing Authority, Washington
Designated 1998



#### **Objective 3: Housing Choice**

- Develop mixed-income, tax credit properties, and other affordable housing
- Develop sponsor-based voucher program to assist homeless individuals and other at-risk groups
- Encourage moves to opportunity areas

## Application Due Date: December 8, 2023

## Apply to be an MTW Agency!

PIH Notice 2023-20 - Request for Applications under the MTW Demonstration Program:

#### MTW Flexibility II

- Invites PHAs to submit applications for the MTW Flexibility II cohort
- 14 agencies with 1,000 or fewer combined public housing and voucher units to be selected
- Now is your opportunity to apply to an MTW Expansion cohort!



"We really believe in Moving to Work. The flexibilities it provides will allow us to provide opportunities for our residents to meet their financial goals, whether that's completing school, getting a better job, or providing for their family."

Fort Wayne Housing Authority, Indiana MTW Expansion Agency, Designated 2021

## MTW Flexibility II Cohort Evaluation

- The evaluation of this cohort will seek to further test outcome measures developed as a part of the evaluation for the first cohort of the MTW Expansion organized around the MTW statutory objectives of cost efficiency, self-sufficiency, and housing choice.
- HUD will also capture how/whether PHAs applying to the MTW Flexibility II Cohort will be pursuing MTW flexibilities aimed at achieving administrative efficiencies in their local MTW program.
- PHAs in the MTW Flexibility II Cohort can exercise the full power of MTW

## **Eligibility Requirements**

## Eligibility Requirements are detailed on pages 6-9 of PIH Notice 2023-20.

#### STATUTORY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Administration of 1,000 pr fewer aggregate public housing and/or HCV units as verified by HUD;
- Designation as a High Performer under the PHAS <u>or</u> Designation as a High Performer under SEMAP as verified by HUD; and
- The applicant is a PHA.

#### **ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

**COMPLETENESS REQUIREMENTS** 

ELIGIBILITY WILL BE ASSESSED AS OF THE SUBMISSION DUE DATE OF December 8, 2023, at 11:59 pm (Eastern Time).

## **Application Overview**

Requirements on how to submit an MTW Plan and application package to HUD are detailed on pages 9-15 of PIH Notice 2023-20.

#### The MTW Plan and application consists of two parts:

- PART I: MTW Plan (suggested to be no more than 10 pages) and Administrative Efficiencies Information (suggested to be no more than 5 pages)
- PART II: Appendices 1-4 (which include other forms and documentation)

Public Process requirements can be found on page 10 of PIH Notice 2023-20.

THE DUE DATE TO SUBMIT THE MTW PLAN AND APPLICATION IS December 8, 2023, at 11:59 pm (Eastern Time).

All resource materials, updated FAQs and any announcements will be available on the MTW Flexibility II Cohort webpage at:

https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/public\_indian\_housing/programs/ph/mtw/expansion/mtwflexibilityii

## PART I: MTW PLAN

The first section of Part I is the MTW Plan Section (explained on pages 11-13 of PIH Notice 2023-20).

It is suggested to be no more than 10 pages (with numbered pages).

#### Narrative information will be provided on:

- Vision for PHA's Local MTW Program
- Plan for Future Community/Resident Engagement
- PHA Operating and Inventory Information
- Plan for Local MTW Program
- Proposed Use of MTW Funds
- Evidence of Significant Partnerships

If your PHA has applied under a prior cohort of the MTW Expansion, you'll notice the questions in this section are the same as in prior selection notices.

PART I:

ADMINISTRATIVE

EFFICIENCIES

INFORMATION

The second section of Part I is the Administrative Efficiencies Information Section (explained on pages 13-14 of PIH Notice 2023-20).

It is suggested to be no more than 5 pages (with numbered pages).

Applicant PHAs should provide their best assessment of which administrative efficiencies that they plan to pursue.

These plans are not binding should the PHA receive MTW designation.

## PART II: APPENDICES

Part II includes four appendices (explained on pages 14-15 of PIH Notice 2023-20).

In Part II, appendices 1, 2, and 3 do not have page/format suggestions and pages do not need to be numbered. Appendix 4 is suggested to be 10 pages and has no specific format except that pages be numbered.

#### The four appendices are:

**Appendix 1: Moving to Work Certifications of Compliance** 

Attachment 1 of PIH Notice 2023-20

**Appendix 2: Public Process Documentation** 

**Appendix 3: Required Standard Forms** 

Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (form HUD-2991)

Certification of Payments (form HUD-50071)

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)

**Appendix 4: Other Supporting Documentation** 

## **Public Process Requirements**

Public Process Requirements can be found on page 10 of PIH Notice 2023-20.

Applicant PHAs must meet ALL of the following elements by the submission due date of December 8, 2023:

- The PHA must publish a notice that a hearing will be held on the full MTW Plan and application package. The draft MTW Plan and Administrative Efficiencies Information must be available for public inspection for at least 30 days before submission of the MTW Plan and application package to HUD;
- The PHA must conduct a public hearing to discuss the MTW Plan and invite public comment; and
- The PHA's Board of Commissioners (or equivalent governing body) must approve the MTW Plan and application package by resolution no less than 15 days after that public hearing.



MTW is a game changer for our PHA because it allows funding flexibility. We are going to be able to increase payment standards for our voucher program and set aside some of our capital fund money to create more affordable housing.

Maryville Housing Authority, Tennessee MTW Expansion Agency, Designated 2021

### Is MTW for My Agency?

If your PHA is:
☐ High-performing in either PHAS or SEMAP
Engaged with the community
☐ Striving to become an industry leader
☐ Seeking to create policies tailored to local needs
<ul> <li>Seeking authority to waive statutory and/or regulatory barriers</li> </ul>
☐ Looking to rethink current program administration
<ul> <li>Seeking greater ability to partner, leverage, and create a local, non-traditional housing program</li> </ul>
☐ Interested in incentivizing creating assets for families

...then MTW is for you!

## Helping PHAs Transform Lives

MTW facilitates programs that give low-income families resources and tools to transform their lives.

"The Moving to Work program gave me the opportunity to go to school, the opportunity to better my situation without having to worry about the increase in rent I would have to pay."

Cindy Lopez, Tulare Co. Housing Authority, California



### **Questions & Resources**

### Learn More!

What are the benefits of MTW for my community?

https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/MTWMarketingBrochureFinal.pdf

Moving to Work page on hud.gov

https://www.hud.gov/mtw

Moving to Work Expansion page on HUD Exchange

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/mtw/

MTW Operations Notice

https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/FinalMTWExOpsNoticePartVI Web.pdf

- MTW Expansion Getting Started Webinars
  - MTW Waivers

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9noKRpll2U

 MTW Funding Flexibilities, Funding Calculation, and Statutory Requirements

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KgLT7HMl3nk



## Where to go With Questions

For more information on the Moving to Work Program;



Email MTWFlexibilityII@hud.gov



Visit the MTW website at <a href="https://www.hud.gov/mtw">www.hud.gov/mtw</a>

"We've always felt like we could approach the MTW team as a partner and as a resource."

Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, California
Designated 2008