

HUD Moving to
Work (MTW)

Demonstration
Program

PUBLIC
HEARING

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LAKELAND HOUSING AUTHORITY (LHA)

WHAT IS MTW (MOVING TO WORK)?

- MTW is a HUD demonstration program that allows selected Public Housing Authorities the opportunity to be innovative and become industry leaders.
- Once selected, MTW agencies are given the flexibility to design things locally based on local needs.
- MTW agencies are also given the flexibility to apply fungibility across their budgets to fund local needs.
- HUD then applies what is learned to other PHA's.

BACKGROUND OF MTW PROGRAM

- MTW was established 25 years ago to allow selected Housing Authorities to design and test innovations.
- Currently, there are 109 MTW PHAs nationwide and HUD plans to expand the program by an additional 30 PHAs this year.
- This has allowed them more regulatory flexibility, and more local budget control to try out local innovations.
- 6 years ago, the MTW Program was expanded to allow additional local PHAs to apply and be designated as MTW agencies to test specific types of innovations.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF MTW FOR MY HOUSING AUTHORITY AND COMMUNITY?

- Under MTW, the Housing Authority is provided the opportunity to waive statutory and/or regulatory barriers - As an MTW agency the PHA is exempted from certain Sections 8 & 9 regulations. These exemptions allow MTW PHA's to implement new rent policies, increase self-sufficiency for families, provide incentives to landlords for participation in the voucher program, and many other things.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF MTW FOR MY COMMUNITY? (CONTINUED)

- As an MTW agency, the Housing Authority can target assistance to specific populations or address priority issues within the local community.
- Having MTW status allows the Housing Authority the opportunity to rethink the current administrative procedures which saves staff time and costs. The money saved can be used to create additional resources for residents, help them achieve self-sufficiency, reach educational goals or increase their earned income.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF MTW FOR MY COMMUNITY? (CONTINUED)

- There are about 3,500 Public Housing Authorities in the U.S. Innovative policies implemented by MTW agencies have been instrumental in improving the overall public housing and voucher programs for all public housing authorities.
- Is there a policy you wish your agency could implement but Section 8 and/or 9 requirements or regulations stand in your way? If so, MTW may be the program that will allow you to do that, according to HUD.

CURRENT MTW OPPORTUNITIES

Currently, there is **only one MTW application possibility:**

Asset Building Cohort

The Lakeland Housing Authority has decided to apply for MTW Cohort # 4: The Asset Building Cohort.

Within Cohort #4 HUD offers 3 options.

#1: Opt-Out Savings Accounts

#2: Credit Building

#3: Local prerogative including Options #1 and #2

#1: Opt-Out Savings Accounts: Under this option, the PHA would create an "opt-out" savings program to deposit at least \$10 per month into randomly-selected Residents' Savings Accounts for 24 months. Residents could access the funds after 12 month.

#2: Credit Building Option: Under this option, the PHA would report the public housing rent payments of public housing households that enroll in the program through an informed consent process to one or more credit bureaus with the goal of building credit for those households.

#3: PHA-Designed Asset Building Option: The PHA would design a local approach based on Option #1 and/or Option #2.

CURRENT STATUS

As an MTW applicant, the Lakeland Housing Authority has to select one of these options for its MTW Plan.

LHA has put a draft Plan together to give residents and the public the opportunity to review the Housing Authority's Plan for MTW status.

In finalizing its MTW Plan, the LHA will have to decide which Option to select. Your comments will be helpful to this process.

After the Public Hearing and Comments Period, the Plan goes before the LHA Board of Commissioners for final review and approval.

CURRENT STATUS

MTW COHORT #4 SELECTION PROCESS

1. LHA must develop an MTW Plan for Cohort # 4.
2. The LHA Board of Commissioners must approve the Plan.
3. LHA must submit its MTW Plan & Application to HUD by the deadline.
4. All qualifying Applicants will be entered into a lottery if there are enough Applicants.
5. If selected in the lottery, HUD will review the Plan and the Application, and if the LHA meets all requirements, it will be approved for MTW Status.
6. The HABC will be required to administer its MTW Plan for 2 years.
7. The Housing Authority will have permanent MTW status.

RESOURCES

- MTW Program Information:

<https://www.hud.gov/mtw>

- Cohort # 4: Asset Building Cohort

https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PIH_2022-11.pdf

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

- Please feel free to ask any questions or make any comments about the Housing Authority's MTW Plans within the Public Hearing.
- If you would like to e-mail other questions or comments, please e-mail them to:

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