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MTW PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Selects PHAs for the Asset Building Cohort

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has selected the PHAs to join the Moving to Work ([MTW](#)) Demonstration program through the [asset building cohort](#) of the [MTW Expansion](#). This cohort will be comprised of 18 PHAs that are high performers with under 6,000 combined housing choice vouchers and public housing units.

The selected agencies will test asset building initiatives, which are defined, for purposes of this cohort, as activities that encourage the growth of savings accounts and/or aim to build credit for assisted households. These PHAs will have access to a “community of practice” to help develop ideas and best practices to further the goals of the asset building initiatives. You can find a list of the selectees at the bottom of the press release. Click [here](#) to read the summaries.

According to the announcement, with the addition of the 18 PHAs selected for this cohort, HUD will have added a total of 87 PHAs to the MTW Demonstration program since January 2021. MTW PHAs are now in 40 states and the District of Columbia. MTW allows PHAs to practice greater program flexibility and encourages housing choice and self-sufficiency among low-income families.

HUD Posts Q&As Regarding Updated VMS Fields

On the Moving to Work ([MTW](#)) Demonstration program webpage, HUD posted a [document](#) titled “Questions and Answers Regarding Updated VMS Fields for MTW PHAs.” The six-page document, dated September 2022, contains a list of questions and answers regarding how MTW PHAs should report the planned uses of their Housing Choice Voucher program ([HCV](#)) funds and HUD-held reserves for purposes other than leasing and administering vouchers.

The document states that HUD will publish the commitments and obligations data reported into the Voucher Management System ([VMS](#)) on the public [HCV data dashboard](#) as part of the Department’s efforts to increase data transparency. The document will be updated periodically as questions arise that can be addressed by HUD.

In March 2022, HUD released a new version of the VMS, which included changes to the non-housing assistance payment (HAP) expense fields for all MTW PHAs. That is, VMS fields that are used by MTW PHAs for expenses incurred for activities not normally covered by HAP funds.

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Updates Two-Year Projection Tool and Tool of Tools

On the [Tools](#) page on the Housing Choice Vouchers ([HCV](#)) website, HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) has posted updated versions of the two-year projection tool ([TYT](#)) and the Tool of Tools ([ToT](#)) for the HCV program. Both tools are current as of September 27, 2022. For further details, visit the [Tools](#) page.

PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Posts Prior Year Errors Obligation Letters

HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) has [posted](#) the public housing operating subsidy obligation letters for errors in calendar years 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. As usual, the letters to all PHAs in the same state are combined in a single file, which you can access through the map on [this webpage](#). You’ll find links to the obligation letters on the [2022 operating fund grant processing page](#) at the [operating fund website](#).

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Awards \$5 Million in Veteran Housing Rehab Grants

In a [press release](#) yesterday, HUD announced that, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), it has awarded \$5 million in \$1 million allotments to five nonprofits in support of the Veterans Housing Rehabilitation and Modification Pilot Program ([VHRMP](#)). The awardees of the competitive grants were selected by HUD’s Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development (ORHED).

According to the press release, the funding will help support 330 veterans with low incomes and disabilities by covering costs for home repairs, adaptive housing, and utilities. The purpose of the program is to assist the nation’s low-income veterans living with disabilities who need adaptive housing to help them regain or maintain their independence.

A complete list of awardees and the amounts they will receive can be found in the press release. To read the awardee project summaries, click [here](#).



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