

Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority's Intention to Participate Moving to Work(MtW) Expansion Cohort #1

September 4, 2020





HRHA MtW Application

- 2016 Congress authorized expansion of MtW Demonstration program from 39 agencies to an 100 additional agencies
- November 14, 2018, HRHA's Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution of the Authority's desire to become a MtW agency
- January 2, 2019, HRHA submitted an "Letter of Interest" to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development(HUD) to participate in Cohort #1
- July 2019, HRHA was notified by HUD of eligibility to participate in regional lottery
- August 28, 2020 HRHA received notification from HUD of invitation to submit full application to Cohort#1





HRHA MtW Application-Why?

- Opportunity to develop policies and procedures that improve residents/program participant's self sufficiency outcomes; increase housing choice/mobility and access to supportive housing; and improve program's cost effectiveness and efficiency
- Ability to implement innovative housing policies “specifically tailored” to address community/local housing challenges
- Financial flexibility-fungibility between housing assistance payment funds and administrative fees
- MtW agencies remain subject to the full range of HUD monitoring, oversight, and evaluation efforts





HRHA MtW Application-Plan Elements

- Proposed use of innovative MtW activities that promote self sufficiency, housing choice, and cost effectiveness
- Proposed use of MtW, Safe Harbor, and/or Agency-Specific waivers to allow flexibility and conduct permissible activities
- Proposed use of MtW funds
- HRHA Operating and Inventory Information
- Evidence of Significant Partnerships
- Significant Dates and Milestones for HRHA's MtW program
- Public Engagement Plan





HRHA MtW Application-Schedule

- September 4, 2020 notices sent to HRHA residents/program participants of the Authority's intention to participate in the MtW demonstration
- September 16, 2020 resident/program participant meeting-HRHA Board of Commissioners Meeting
- September 30, 2020 resident/program participant meeting
- October 16, 2020 draft MtW plan available for public inspection-30 day public comment period(10/16-11/16)
- October 21, 2020 Public Comment-HRHA Board of Commissioners Meeting
- November 16, 2020 Public Comment period ends
- November 18, 2020 HRHA Board of Commissioners approve MtW plan by resolution
- December 4, 2020 Application is due to HUD





HRHA MtW Application-Public Engagement Plan

- Notices mailed or delivered to HRHA residents/program participants of intention to participate in the MtW demonstration
- Website and Facebook page will be updated on a regular basis with information concerning HRHA's MtW plan@ www.harrisonburgrha.com
- Two schedule resident/program participant meetings with opportunity to meet individually to explain the plan
- Survey link for residents/program participants to provide input on waivers
- 30 day public comment period on proposed plan





HRHA MtW Application Anticipated Outcomes

- Rent reform and incentive program to increase residents/program participants self sufficiency outcomes
- Landlord recruitment and retention program to increase housing access and choice
- Reduced administrative burden and improved program effectiveness
- Enhanced community partnerships to support activities that improve residents/program participants health, education, economic, and housing success





HRHA MtW Application-Next Steps

- December 4, 2020 HRHA's MtW plan submitted to HUD
- Upon notification of HUD's approval, HRHA will revise its annual, administrative, admissions and continued occupancy plan's to reflect the MtW plan-45 day public comment period-Anticipate 1/1/2021 HUD notice
- Implementation of HRHA's MtW 2 year timeline





**HRHA MtW plan updates will be located at
[www. harrisonburgrha.com/mtw](http://www.harrisonburgrha.com/mtw)**

**If you have any questions concerning HRHA's
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