

PHA Name : Housing Authority Of Joliet

PHA Code : IL024

MTW Supplement for PHA Fiscal Year Beginning : (MM/DD/YYYY): 7/1/2024

PHA Program Type: Combined

MTW Cohort Number: Landlord Incentives

MTW Supplement Submission Type: Annual Submission

B. MTW Supplement Narrative.

The Housing Authority of Joliet is dedicated to increasing the quality of life for those clients we serve, improving our operations, working along side our landlords as partners and increasing the quality affordable housing options within the city of Joliet and the greater Will County area. We plan to host landlord lunch and learns and partner with Real Estate agents/property managers to teach them about our program and encourage them to consider working with the families we serve. We think this effort will increase the number of landlords participating in our programs and plan to offer incentives to the new landlords who are joining. The lunch and learns are intended to teach landlords the benefits of joining our program, how to interact with their tenants as well as with our HCV Specialists and to encourage landlords in high opportunity areas to participate.

C. The policies that the MTW agency is using or has used (currently implement, plan to implement in the submission year, plan to discontinue, previously discontinued).

1. Tenant Rent Policies	
a. Tiered Rent (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
b. Tiered Rent (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
c. Stepped Rent (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
d. Stepped Rent (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
e. Minimum Rent (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
f. Minimum Rent (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
g. Total Tenant Payment as a Percentage of Gross Income (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
h. Total Tenant Payment as a Percentage of Gross Income (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
i. Alternative Utility Allowance (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
j. Alternative Utility Allowance (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
k. Fixed Rents (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
l. Fixed Subsidy (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
m. Utility Reimbursements (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
n. Utility Reimbursements (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
o. Initial Rent Burden (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
p. Imputed Income (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
q. Imputed Income (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
r. Elimination of Deduction(s) (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
s. Elimination of Deduction(s) (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
t. Standard Deductions (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
u. Standard Deductions (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
v. Alternative Income Inclusions/Exclusions (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
w. Alternative Income Inclusions/Exclusions (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
2. Payment Standards and Rent Reasonableness	
a. Payment Standards- Small Area Fair Market Rents (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
b. Payment Standards- Fair Market Rents (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
c. Rent Reasonableness – Process (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
d. Rent Reasonableness – Third-Party Requirement (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
3. Reexaminations	
a. Alternative Reexamination Schedule for Households (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
b. Alternative Reexamination Schedule for Households (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
c. Self-Certification of Assets (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
d. Self-Certification of Assets (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
4. Landlord Leasing Incentives	
a. Vacancy Loss (HCV-Tenant-based Assistance)	Currently Implementing
b. Damage Claims (HCV-Tenant-based Assistance)	Currently Implementing
c. Other Landlord Incentives (HCV- Tenant-based Assistance)	Currently Implementing
5. Housing Quality Standards (HQS)	
a. Pre-Qualifying Unit Inspections (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
b. Reasonable Penalty Payments for Landlords (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
c. Third-Party Requirement (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
d. Alternative Inspection Schedule (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
6. Short-Term Assistance	
a. Short-Term Assistance (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
b. Short-Term Assistance (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
7. Term-Limited Assistance	
a. Term-Limited Assistance (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
b. Term-Limited Assistance (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
8. Increase Elderly Age (PH & HCV)	

Increase Elderly Age (PH & HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
9. Project-Based Voucher Program Flexibilities	
a. Increase PBV Program Cap (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
b. Increase PBV Project Cap (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
c. Elimination of PBV Selection Process for PHA-owned Projects Without Improvement, Development, or Replacement (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
d. Alternative PBV Selection Process (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
e. Alternative PBV Unit Types (Shared Housing and Manufactured Housing) (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
f. Increase PBV HAP Contract Length (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
g. Increase PBV Rent to Owner (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
h. Limit Portability for PBV Units (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
10. Family Self-Sufficiency Program with MTW Flexibility	
a.PH Waive Operating a Required FSS Program (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
a.HCV Waive Operating a Required FSS Program (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
b.PH Alternative Structure for Establishing Program Coordinating Committee (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
b. HCV Alternative Structure for Establishing Program Coordinating Committee (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
c.PH Alternative Family Selection Procedures (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
c.HCV Alternative Family Selection Procedures (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
d.PH Modify or Eliminate the Contract of Participation (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
d.HCV Modify or Eliminate the Contract of Participation (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
e.PH Policies for Addressing Increases in Family Income (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
e.HCV Policies for Addressing Increases in Family Income (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
11. MTW Self-Sufficiency Program	
a.PH Alternative Family Selection Procedures (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
a.HCV Alternative Family Selection Procedures (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
b.PH Policies for Addressing Increases in Family Income (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
b.HCV Policies for Addressing Increases in Family Income (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
12. Work Requirement	
a. Work Requirement (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
b. Work Requirement (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
13. Use of Public Housing as an Incentive for Economic Progress (PH)	
Use of Public Housing as an Incentive for Economic Progress (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
14. Moving on Policy	
a. Waive Initial HQS Inspection Requirement (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
b.PH Allow Income Calculations from Partner Agencies (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
b.HCV Allow Income Calculations from Partner Agencies (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
c.PH Aligning Tenant Rents and Utility Payments Between Partner Agencies (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
c.HCV Aligning Tenant Rents and Utility Payments Between Partner Agencies (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
15. Acquisition without Prior HUD Approval (PH)	
Acquisition without Prior HUD Approval (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
16. Deconcentration of Poverty in Public Housing Policy (PH)	
Deconcentration of Poverty in Public Housing Policy (PH)	Not Currently Implemented
17. Local, Non-Traditional Activities	
a. Rental Subsidy Programs	Not Currently Implemented
b. Service Provision	Not Currently Implemented

C. MTW Activities Plan that Housing Authority Of Joliet Plans to Implement in the Submission Year or Is Currently Implementing

4.a. - Vacancy Loss (HCV-Tenant-based Assistance)

Describe the MTW activity, the MTW agency's goal(s) for the MTW activity, and, if applicable, how the MTW activity contributes to a larger initiative

HAI's MTW activity is Vacancy Loss Payments. The first goal is to retain units that are scarce in the local private rental market inventory. The second goal is to retain owners/landlords currently participating in HAI's HCV program by providing: Payments to owners for up to 2 months HAP if they re-rent a unit previously occupied by an HCV family to another HCV family within 3 months of contract cancellation. Amount of monthly vacancy payment will be equal to the most recently approved contract rent. HAI will review this policy every year and make adjustments based on the data of what types of units have been in limited supply for voucher holders in the past year.

Which of the MTW statutory objectives does this MTW activity serve?

Housing choice

What are the cost implications of this MTW activity? Pick the best description of the cost implications based on what you know today.

Increased expenditures

Does the MTW activity under this waiver apply to all assisted households or only to a subset or subsets of assisted households?

The MTW activity applies to all assisted households

Based on the Fiscal Year goals listed in the activity's previous Fiscal Year's narrative, provide a description about what has been accomplished or changed during the implementation.

This was not implemented in the previous FY. We are currently implementing this activity.

Does the MTW agency need a Safe Harbor Waiver to implement this MTW activity as described?

No

Does this policy apply to certain types of units or to all units all HCV units or only certain types of units (for example, accessible units, units in a low-poverty neighborhood, or units/landlords new to the HCV program?)

To all units

What is the maximum payment that can be made to a landlord under this policy?

Landlords can receive up to two months of HAP if they re-rent the unit previously occupied by an HCV family to another HCV family within three months of prior tenant contract cancellation.

How many payments were issued under this policy in the most recently completed PHA fiscal year?

0

What is the total dollar value of payments issued under this policy in the most recently completed PHA fiscal year?

\$0

4.b. - Damage Claims (HCV-Tenant-based Assistance)

Describe the MTW activity, the MTW agency's goal(s) for the MTW activity, and, if applicable, how the MTW activity contributes to a larger initiative

To incentivize landlord/owners continued participation in the HCV program, HAJ will allow owners to submit a claim for damages to the unit above and beyond normal wear and tear, and that exceed the amount of the security deposit. The damage claim payment will be paid out to the owner/landlord when the next HAP contract is executed between the owner and the PHA. The goal is to encourage owners/landlords to continue their participation in the HCV program.

Which of the MTW statutory objectives does this MTW activity serve?

Housing choice

Does the MTW activity under this waiver apply to all assisted households or only to a subset or subsets of assisted households?

The MTW activity applies to all assisted households

Based on the Fiscal Year goals listed in the activity's previous Fiscal Year's narrative, provide a description about what has been accomplished or changed during the implementation.

We are currently implementing.

Does the MTW agency need a Safe Harbor Waiver to implement this MTW activity as described?

No

Does this policy apply to certain types of units or to all units all HCV units or only certain types of units (for example, accessible units, units in a low-poverty neighborhood, or units/landlords new to the HCV program?)

To all units

What is the maximum payment that can be made to a landlord under this policy?

Up to two months of HAP or amount of damages or amount of damages whichever is less.

How many payments were issued under this policy in the most recently completed PHA fiscal year?

0

What is the total dollar value of payments issued under this policy in the most recently completed PHA fiscal year?

\$0

4.c. - Other Landlord Incentives (HCV- Tenant-based Assistance)

Describe the MTW activity, the MTW agency's goal(s) for the MTW activity, and, if applicable, how the MTW activity contributes to a larger initiative

To incentivize participation in the HCV program, HAJ will provide a one-time signing bonus of \$500.00 for each new owner (that has not received HAP in the past 5 years upon execution of the HAP contract. At the time of receiving payment new landlords will be encourages to complete a survey to provide feedback on their experience with the lease-up process to help HAJ continue to improve processes, policies and procedures. HAJ projects that the owner/landlord pool will increase by 10% due to new owners participating in the program because of this incentive. HAJ will review this policy every 5 years and make adjustment to the targeted units based on the data of the types of units have been in limited supply for voucher holders in past years. **New owner is defined as a person regardless of newly created property management entities and/or LLCs.

Which of the MTW statutory objectives does this MTW activity serve?

Housing choice

What are the cost implications of this MTW activity? Pick the best description of the cost implications based on what you know today.

Increased expenditures

Does the MTW activity under this waiver apply to all assisted households or only to a subset or subsets of assisted households?

The MTW activity applies to all assisted households

Based on the Fiscal Year goals listed in the activity's previous Fiscal Year's narrative, provide a description about what has been accomplished or changed during the implementation.

Implementation is planned for this FY.

Does the MTW agency need a Safe Harbor Waiver to implement this MTW activity as described?

No

Does this policy apply to certain types of units or to all units all HCV units or only certain types of units (for example, accessible units, units in a low-poverty neighborhood, or units/landlords new to the HCV program?)

To all units

What is the maximum payment that can be made to a landlord under this policy?

\$500.00

How many payments were issued under this policy in the most recently completed PHA fiscal year?

0

What is the total dollar value of payments issued under this policy in the most recently completed PHA fiscal year?

\$0

D.	Safe Harbor Waivers.
D.1	<p>Will the MTW agency submit request for approval of a Safe Harbor Waiver this year?</p> <p>No Safe Harbor Waivers are being requested.</p>

E.	Agency-Specific Waiver(s).
E.1	<p>Agency-Specific Waiver(s) for HUD Approval:</p> <p>The MTW demonstration program is intended to foster innovation and HUD encourages MTW agencies, in consultation with their residents and stakeholders, to be creative in their approach to solving affordable housing issues facing their local communities. For this reason, flexibilities beyond those provided for in Appendix I may be needed. Agency-Specific Waivers may be requested if an MTW agency wishes to implement additional activities, or waive a statutory and/or regulatory requirement not included in Appendix I.</p> <p>In order to pursue an Agency-Specific Waiver, an MTW agency must include an Agency-Specific Waiver request, an impact analysis, and a hardship policy (as applicable), and respond to all of the mandatory core questions as applicable.</p> <p>For each Agency-Specific Waiver(s) request, please upload supporting documentation, that includes: a) a full description of the activity, including what the agency is proposing to waive (i.e., statute, regulation, and/or Operations Notice), b) how the initiative achieves one or more of the 3 MTW statutory objectives, c) a description of which population groups and household types that will be impacted by this activity, d) any cost implications associated with the activity, e) an implementation timeline for the initiative, f) an impact analysis, g) a description of the hardship policy for the initiative, and h) a copy of all comments received at the public hearing along with the MTW agency's description of how the comments were considered, as a required attachment to the MTW Supplement.</p> <p>Will the MTW agency submit a request for approval of an Agency-Specific Waiver this year?</p> <p>No</p>

E.2	<p>Agency-Specific Waiver(s) for which HUD Approval has been Received:</p> <p>Does the MTW agency have any approved Agency-Specific Waivers? No</p>

F.	Public Housing Operating Subsidy Grant Reporting.
F.1	Total Public Housing Operating subsidy amount authorized, disbursed by 9/30, remaining, and deadline for disbursement, by Federal Fiscal Year for each year the PHA is designated an MTW agency.

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY)	Total Operating Subsidy Authorized Amount	How Much PHA Disbursed by the 9/30 Reporting Period	Remaining Not Yet Disbursed	Deadline
2025	\$905,351	\$754,450	\$150,981	

G.	MTW Statutory Requirements.	
G.1	75% Very Low Income – Local, Non-Traditional. HUD will verify compliance with the statutory requirement that at least 75% of the households assisted by the MTW agency are very low-income for MTW public housing units and MTW HCVs through HUD systems. The MTW PHA must provide data for the actual families housed upon admission during the PHA's most recently completed Fiscal Year for its Local, Non-Traditional program households.	
	Income Level	Number of Local, Non-Traditional Households Admitted in the Fiscal Year*
	80%-50% Area Median Income	0
	49%-30% Area Median Income	0
	Below 30% Area Median Income	0
	Total Local, Non-Traditional Households	0

*Local, non-traditional income data must be provided in the MTW Supplement form until such time that it can be submitted in IMS-PIC or other HUD system.

G.2	Establishing Reasonable Rent Policy.
Has the MTW agency established a rent reform policy to encourage employment and self-sufficiency? Yes	

G.3	Substantially the Same (STS) – Local, Non-Traditional.
The total number of unit months that families were housed in a local, non-traditional rental subsidy for the prior full calendar year.	0 # of unit months
The total number of unit months that families were housed in a local, non-traditional housing development program for the prior full calendar year.	0 # of unit months

Number of units developed under the local, non-traditional housing development activity that were available for occupancy during the prior full calendar year:

PROPERTY NAME/ ADDRESS	0/1 BR	2 BR	3 BR	4 BR	5 BR	6+ BR	TOTAL UNITS	POPULATION TYPE*	if 'Population Type' is Other	# of Section 504 Accessible (Mobility)**	# of Section 504 Accessible (Hearing/ Vision)	Was this Property Made Available for Initial Occupancy during the Prior Full Calendar Year?	What was the Total Amount of MTW Funds Invested into the Property?
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G.4	Comparable Mix (by Family Size) – Local, Non-Traditional.
To demonstrate compliance with the statutory requirement to continue serving a 'comparable mix' of families by family size to that which would have been served without MTW, the MTW agency will provide the number of families occupying local, non-traditional units by household size for the most recently completed Fiscal Year in the provided table.	

Family Size:	Occupied Number of Local, Non-Traditional units by Household Size
1 Person	0
2 Person	0
3 Person	0
4 Person	0
5 Person	0
6+ Person	0
Totals	0

H.	Public Comment
Attached you will find a copy of all of the comments received and a description of how the agency analyzed the comments, as well as any decisions made based on those comments.	

I.	Evaluations.
No known evaluations.	

MTW CERTIFICATIONS OF COMPLIANCE**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING****Certifications of Compliance with Regulations:
Board Resolution to Accompany the MTW Supplement to the Annual PHA Plan**

Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Moving to Work Public Housing Agency (MTW PHA) listed below, as its Chairperson or other authorized MTW PHA official if there is no Board of Commissioners, I approve the submission of the MTW Supplement to the Annual PHA Plan for the MTW PHA Fiscal Year beginning (07/01/2024), hereinafter referred to as "the Supplement", of which this document is a part and make the following certifications and agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in connection with the submission of the MTW Supplement and implementation thereof:

- (1) The PHA made the proposed MTW Supplement and all information relevant to the public hearing available for public inspection at least 45 days before the hearing, published a notice that a hearing would be held and conducted a hearing to discuss the MTW Supplement and invited public comment.
- (2) The MTW PHA took into consideration public and resident comments (including those of its Resident Advisory Board(s) or tenant associations, as applicable) before approval of the MTW Supplement by the Board of Commissioners or Board of Directors in order to incorporate any public comments into the annual MTW Supplement.
- (3) The MTW PHA certifies that the Board of Directors has reviewed and approved the budget for the Capital Fund Program grants contained in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report, form HUD-50075.1 (or successor form as required by HUD).
- (4) The MTW PHA will carry out the MTW Supplement in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d-2000d-4), the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19), section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), and title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) all regulations implementing these authorities; and other applicable Federal, State, and local civil rights laws.
- (5) The MTW Supplement is consistent with the applicable comprehensive housing affordability strategy (or any plan incorporating such strategy) for the jurisdiction in which the PHA is located.
- (6) The MTW Supplement contains a certification by the appropriate state or local officials that the Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan, which includes a certification that requires the preparation of an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, for the MTW PHA's jurisdiction and a description of the manner in which the MTW Supplement is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan.
- (7) The MTW PHA will affirmatively further fair housing, which means that it will: (i) take meaningful actions to further the goals identified by the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) conducted in accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR 5.150-5.180 and 903.15; (ii) take no action that is materially inconsistent with its obligation to affirmatively further fair housing; and (iii) address fair housing issues and contributing factors in its programs, in accordance with 24 CFR 903.7(o)(3) and 903.15(d). Note: Until the PHA is required to submit an AFH, and that AFH has been accepted by HUD, the PHA must follow the certification requirements of 24 CFR 903.7(o) in effect prior to August 17, 2015. Under these requirements, the PHA will be considered in compliance with the certification requirements of 24 CFR 903.7(o)(1)-(3) and 903.15(d) if it: (i) examines its programs or proposed programs; (ii) identifies any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs; (iii) addresses those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available; (iv) works with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement; and (v) maintains records reflecting these analyses and actions.
- (8) The MTW PHA will comply with the prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age pursuant to the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 C.F.R. Part 146.
- (9) In accordance with 24 CFR 5.105(a)(2), HUD's Equal Access Rule, the MTW PHA will not make a determination of eligibility for housing based on sexual orientation, gender identify, or marital status and will make no inquiries concerning the gender identification or sexual orientation of an applicant for or occupant of HUD-assisted housing.
- (10) The MTW PHA will comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and 24 CFR Part 41, Policies and Procedures for the Enforcement of Standards and Requirements for Accessibility by the Physically Handicapped.
- (11) The MTW PHA will comply with the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Employment Opportunities for Low- or Very-Low Income Persons, and with its implementing regulation at 24 CFR Part 135.
- (12) The MTW PHA will comply with requirements with regard to a drug free workplace required by 24 CFR Part 24, Subpart F.
- (13) The MTW PHA will comply with requirements with regard to compliance with restrictions on lobbying required by 24 CFR Part 87, together with disclosure forms if required by this Part, and with restrictions on payments to influence Federal Transactions, in accordance with the Byrd Amendment.
- (14) The MTW PHA will comply with acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24 as applicable.

- (15) The MTW PHA will take appropriate affirmative action to award contracts to minority and women's business enterprises under 24 CFR 5.105(a).
- (16) The MTW PHA will provide HUD or the responsible entity any documentation needed to carry out its review under the National Environmental Policy Act and other related authorities in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58. Regardless of who acts as the responsible entity, the MTW PHA will maintain documentation that verifies compliance with environmental requirements pursuant to 24 Part 58 and 24 CFR Part 50 and will make this documentation available to HUD upon its request.
- (17) With respect to public housing and applicable local, non-traditional development the MTW PHA will comply with Davis-Bacon or HUD determined wage rate requirements under section 12 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.
- (18) The MTW PHA will keep records in accordance with 2 CFR 200.333-200.337 and facilitate an effective audit to determine compliance with program requirements.
- (19) The MTW PHA will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act and 24 CFR Part 35.
- (20) The MTW PHA will comply with the policies, guidelines, and requirements of 2 CFR Part 200.
- (21) The MTW PHA must fulfill its responsibilities to comply with and ensure enforcement of housing quality standards as required in PIH Notice 2011-45, or successor notice, for any local, non-traditional program units. The MTW PHA must fulfill its responsibilities to comply with and ensure enforcement of Housing Quality Standards, as defined in 24 CFR Part 982, for any Housing Choice Voucher units under administration.
- (22) The MTW PHA will undertake only activities and programs covered by the Moving to Work Operations Notice in a manner consistent with its MTW Supplement and will utilize covered grant funds only for activities that are approvable under the Moving to Work Operations Notice and included in its MTW Supplement. MTW Waivers activities being implemented by the agency must fall within the safe harbors outlined in Appendix I of the Moving to Work Operations Notice and/or HUD approved Agency-Specific or Safe Harbor Waivers.
- (23) All attachments to the MTW Supplement have been and will continue to be available at all times and all locations that the MTW Supplement is available for public inspection. All required supporting documents have been made available for public inspection along with the MTW Supplement and additional requirements at the primary business office of the PHA and at all other times and locations identified by the MTW PHA in its MTW Supplement and will continue to be made available at least at the primary business office of the MTW PHA.

Housing Authority of Joliet

IL024

MTW PHA NAME

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I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate. Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802).

Dr. Glenda McCullum

Chairperson

NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL

TITLE



4-15-24

SIGNATURE

DATE

** Must be signed by either the Chairperson or Secretary of the Board of the MTW PHA's legislative body. This certification cannot be signed by an employee unless authorized by the MTW PHA Board to do so. If this document is not signed by the Chairperson or Secretary, documentation such as the by-laws or authorizing board resolution must accompany this certification.*

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF JOLIET

HOUSING AGENCY PLAN

RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

March 27th, 2024 AT 10:00AM

- I. Welcome**
- II. Introductions**
- III. FY 2025 Agency Plan**
 - A. Goals and Objectives – Five (5)-Year Plan (2024-2026)**
 - B. Public Housing Program Changes**
 - C. HCV Program Changes**
- IV. Comments & Questions**
- V. Adjourn**

PUBLIC / RESIDENT ADVISORY MEETING TRANSCRIPT

3/27/2024

10AM

INTRODUCTION

10:15 AM

Natasha introduced herself to the public audience as the COO for the Housing Authority of Joliet (HAJ);

Natasha explained about her roles and the programs that she administering and additional information ; serves all of Will's County . Natasha discussed the different programs HAJ manages and explained the purpose of the annual plan and why it is important to have a public hearing.

The discussion continued to the challenges during COVID and Natasha reminded everyone we are still taking COVID precautions by scheduling appointments and minimizing in person meetings.

Natasha explained the three programs and briefly described how they work:

The Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV) was formerly known as Section 8 and gives families the right to choose where they want to live. Families can port to other jurisdictions with to another PHA. The Public Housing Program is for families who live in the properties and buildings that HAJ owns. The final program is Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) investors developers and in this case HAJ partnered to build market rate units at affordable rental prices. There was a brief explanation of the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) and that it is a tool in which HUD allows PHA's to convert obsolete properties in to new units at affordable prices through a rehabilitation or modernization of the property. HAJ has used this tool to perform a complete gut of the 102 Stryker building and bring back larger and more modernized units for persons 62 and older.

Natasha explained the families in 311 Ottawa were issued vouchers in the HCV program and relocated to new homes and HAJ intends to sell the building. There was a brief discussion about 400, 401 and 419 Bluff and the plans to relocate the families in that development and create affordable modernized housing and that HAJ is still assessing whether the building will be demolished and rebuilt or renovated.

Natasha spoke about a new Homeownership programs. In this initiative HAJ plans to bring in partners from the community including mortgages companies, financial counseling, to educated the families that are accepted to the program. Natasha explained it is important to create homeownership opportunities for the families on the program. To join, families must be employed and for a period of time the subsidy along with the family portion of rent will go towards the monthly mortgage payment with the goal of the family eventually owning their home.

As the HAJ develops the Homeownership program, this will go hand-in-hand with the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program. In the FSS program the goal is family self-sufficiency. The lower the income, the better your savings opportunities will be. The savings of which will hopefully be used as a down-payment or to further education.

Natasha discussed the Move To Work (MTW) program explaining the intention is to allow PHA's to develop creative uses for a portion of the funds to further assist families in a variety of areas. HAJ has chosen to join the Landlord incentive cohort to encourage more landlords to participate in the program especially those with rental units in high opportunity areas. Natasha explained high opportunity areas as those in which there are more jobs, better neighborhoods and better school districts. Encouraging families to consider these areas, also helps to deconcentrate poverty. HAJ plans to provide signing bonuses for new landlords and cover damages beyond normal wear and tear that the exceed family's security deposit.

Natasha shared HAJ's mission statement of "Creating Opportunities, Changing Lives"; stating the plans that we are putting in place intend to do just that for the families HAJ serves.

Natasha also addressed the staff challenges that HAJ has had over the past few months. To address these challenges, HAJ contracted with Nan McKay an affordable housing industry leader in training and policy of HUD based programs. Natasha also plans for hiring new staff as well as new plans to train staff to insure better service to our clients.

Finally, Natasha explained a more streamlined process for families and landlords to send in required paperwork. No longer will clients have to drop documents off or wait for a mailed packet for completion. For most clients and landlords they will be able to complete required documents on line and submit paperwork through a secure internet portal.

Natasha concluded her remarks and opened the floor for questions and discussions.

QUESTIONS

Q: What are next steps graduating from the HCV program?

A: It depends on what your goals are and where you are in the program. If you are making enough that HAJ is paying zero HAP you have a 6 month safety net incase of reduction/loss of income. If that happens just reach out to your case worker.

Q: How long is the homeownership program?

A: HAJ hasn't decided on the timeframe yet, however it also will depend on the family.

Q: If I have issues with Nan McKay what should I do?

A: You can reach out to the Client Service Manager, or COO. Our names, phone numbers and email addresses are on our website.

Q: How long will Nan McKay handle files?

A: We have contracted with them for 1 year

Q: Can I drop off my documents at the main office even if Nan McKay is handling my file?

A: Yes you are more than welcome to drop your files in the drop box with your name, caseworker.

Q: What are the business hours?

A: Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, but there is a secure drop box outside the office where you can drop documents after hours.

Q: I been living in 15 years in Liberty Meadows, how can I be in the homeownership?

A: Families will have to qualify for a loan to participate in this program. We are working with banks and lenders to bring in credit counseling and begin talking to those families interested in Homeownership at the development. Start now, make sure you are paying all bills on time every month. If you have past due balances that need to be paid off work on that now.

Q: Who is my point of contact?

A: That will be your caseworker or your property manager.

Q: What about any conflicts or escalation?

A: The Client Service Manager (CSM) or COO, me. If you are not getting a response from your caseworker reach out to the CSM, if she is unresponsive or doesn't resolve the issue reach out to me. Please give each person time to respond to your issue. Don't send them an email, call them to ask if they got your email and if they don't answer begin the escalation process. We all need time to research your issue and provide an appropriate solution. Especially me. I don't handle paperwork and I am often away from the office or in meetings and that may delay paperwork being processed.

Q: Where can we find all the point of contacts?

A: At HAJ website, www.hajoliet.org under contact us and departments. We are working on updating the website very soon, but during updates the old site will be live and have current contact information.

Q: What if I move to another unit in Liberty Landing Phase 1, will everything follow me? What if I move to Liberty landing Phase II?

A: Phase 1 has reached it's maturity so if you are able to qualify for a mortgage you will be able to purchase the home you move to when we start that process. Regardless of phase your tenancy in good standing will follow you. However, each phase has a different maturity rate so before you can purchase, the phase has to have reached its maturity date.

Additional Comments

The portal sounds very helpful.