

Questions and Answers about PIH Notice 2023-20: Request for Applications under the Moving to Work Demonstration Program: MTW Flexibility II Cohort

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Background

This document contains a listing of questions regarding PIH Notice 2023-20 (HA). The contents of this document will be updated periodically as questions arise that can be addressed by HUD. Additional questions and answers will be added to the top of the document as they become available. The footer will be updated to denote the revision date.

For more information on the MTW Flexibility II Cohort of the MTW Expansion please visit: www.hud.gov/mtw and go to the MTW Flexibility II Cohort page (MTW Flexibility II Cohort Website).

July 2023 Questions and Answers

- 1. What are the requirements for public housing agencies (PHAs) applying for the MTW demonstration under this Notice? Must applicant PHAs meet all of the requirements? Is there a way to obtain an exception to one or more of the requirements?**

Section 239 of the Fiscal Year 2016 Appropriations Act, P.L. 114-113 (2016 MTW Expansion Statute) requires that applicant PHAs be designated as a High Performing agency under either the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) OR the Section Eight Management Assessment System (SEMAP). Additional eligibility criteria established by HUD can be found in the Notice on pages 5-7. PHAs applying for the MTW demonstration under this Notice must meet all the eligibility requirements. Exceptions to one or more of the requirements is not be available.
- 2. How many PHAs does HUD expect to designate under the MTW Flexibility II Cohort of the MTW Expansion?**

HUD will select up to 14 PHAs under this cohort. There are currently 14 slots left in the MTW Expansion for PHAs in the size category with 1,000 or fewer public housing and HCV units. There are no slots remaining in the MTW Expansion for PHAs in the size categories with more than 1,000 public housing and HCV units.
- 3. Where can I find blank copies of the standard forms needed for Appendix 3 (HUD-2991, HUD-50071 and SF-LLL)?**

Links to blank versions of these forms are available on the MTW Flexibility II Cohort website.
- 4. Please provide more clarification on the “15 day” requirement for the Board approval (that is, that the board resolution must be signed no less than 15 days after the public hearing). Is there any requirement on when the public hearing must be held during the public comment window (should it be at the beginning or at the end)?**

To give an example, if the public hearing was held on June 10th, the Board approval would need to be on June 25th or later (assuming the public comment period had already closed). The Board approval should occur after, not during, the public comment window.

There are many different ways to schedule these requirements to provide flexibility with the existing processes of your local community. For example, say, the public comment period runs from June 1st through June 30th and the public hearing is on June 10th, the soonest the Board could provide approval would be July 1st. If the public comment period runs from June 1st through June 30th and the public hearing is on June 20th, the soonest the Board could provide approval would be July 5th.

5. Can MTW activities work in both Project Based Voucher (PBV) and Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) units under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD)?

No. PBRA units are not included in the MTW program. No MTW flexibility may be extended to PBRA units whether they are PBRA RAD units or not. MTW flexibility may be applied to PBV units as described in the MTW Operations Notice. If PBV units are PBV RAD units, then the PHA must also follow the requirements of the RAD Notice, which may expressly limit which MTW flexibilities and/or activities can be applied to an MTW PHA's PBV RAD units.

6. What if I have a question not addressed in this document?

Please direct any questions in email to: MTWFlexibilityII@hud.gov.