



Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority

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Moving To Work 2023 Annual Plan

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Mission Statement: The Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority is dedicated to meeting the housing needs of low-income families and individuals of Portage County by developing, managing and supporting decent, affordable housing in cooperation with community partners.

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GENERAL INFORMATION



Demographics:

Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority (PMHA) is located in Portage County, Ohio, a mostly rural county in the midst of northeastern Ohio's urban centers. It offers convenient access to the Greater Cleveland, Akron/Canton, and Warren/Youngstown metropolitan areas. It is the home of Kent State University, Hiram College, and Northeast Ohio Medical University.

Per the United States Census Bureau QuickFacts statistics, Portage County is home to 162,382 persons, of which 90.8% are White, 4.8% are African American, 2.1% are Asian, 2.1% are two or more races, and 0.2% are American Indian and Alaska Native. Of this population, 2.0% are Hispanic or Latino.

According to the United States Census Bureau QuickFacts statistics as of July 1, 2021, 9.9% of Portage County persons live in poverty. The comparable past poverty rate was 9.3% in 1999, 13.5% based on 2006-2010 data, 15.6% based on 2011-2015 data, 15.0% based on 2012-2016 data, 14.5% based on 2013-2017 data, 13.1% based on 2019 data, and 12.5% based on 2020 data.

Based on Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Office of Workforce Development data for April 2022, the Unemployment Rate for Ohio was 3.7% and for Portage County, it was 3.2%.

A study conducted by the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University in 2011 ranked the Akron Metropolitan area (Summit/Portage Counties) 6th in the nation as the "least affordable", based on the comparison of household income to the cost of living. The report cites that nearly a third of renters were paying more than half of their incomes for rent and utilities, which is significantly higher than the federally recommended maximum of 35% of income for housing costs (Ohio Department of Development, Office of Policy, Planning and Research).

The six (6) most populated municipalities in Portage County include:

<u>City</u>	Population
Kent City	29,698
Streetsboro City	16,444
Aurora City	16,165
Ravenna City	11,436
Brimfield Township	10,341
Ravenna Township	9,212

History:

Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority was organized in 1968 by a group of local business professionals to provide rental assistance to Ravenna residents. Over the years, the remaining portion of Portage County was added to the Housing Authority's jurisdiction. PMHA is a political subdivision created by the state of Ohio and is governed by a five-member board of commissioners.

Presently, PMHA provides subsidized housing to low and moderate-income families and individuals. The agency operates two housing programs: The Public Housing program which consists of 303 units owned and managed by the agency, and the Section 8 program which entails the administration of a monthly subsidy paid to private landlords on behalf of specific families or individuals. The Section 8 program provides rental assistance to approximately 1900 households/units in Portage County, which includes 1588 MTW households.

PMHA is the only Public Housing Authority (PHA) in Ohio that is part of the original/"initial" Moving To Work (MTW) demonstration, which consisted of 39 public housing authorities (PHAs). MTW provides PHAs the opportunity to create and test innovative, locally designed strategies that use Federal dollars more efficiently, help residents find employment and become self-sufficient, and increase housing choices for low-income families. MTW allows PHAs exemptions from many existing public housing and voucher program rules and provides funding flexibility with how they use their Federal funds.

PMHA's MTW program began on March 15, 1999. PMHA has participated in MTW since its inception. PMHA signed a Standard Agreement in 2008, extending its participation in MTW until the end of its 2018 fiscal year; however, in 2016, PMHA's participation in the demonstration was extended through year 2028.

Throughout its 50+ year history, PMHA has continued to be a proven leader and innovator in affordable housing and has earned the HUD designation of "High-Performer".



Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority

Board of Commissioners:

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Executive Director:

Pamela Nation Calhoun

PMHA Executive Leadership Team:

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SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

PMHA fosters the opportunity to experiment with and implement activities which encompasses the spirit of Moving to Work and are based on the three statutory goals:

- 1. Reduce cost and achieve greater cost effectiveness in federal expenditures
- 2. Give incentives for families to work, seek work, or prepare for work and become economically self-sufficient
- 3. Increase housing choices for low-income families

Short-Term Goals (For Current Plan Year)

Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority established the following MTW goals and objectives for 2023:

- 1. Achieve and Maintain Excellence in Tenant-Based Housing Programs
 - Two households will become new homeowners through the Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program
- 2. Improve Productivity and Cost Effectiveness
 - Examine opportunities to improve productivity and cost effectiveness through technology
- 3. Collaborate with Community Partners to Leverage Resources to Benefit Households Assisted by PMHA and Portage County
 - PMHA will investigate opportunities to develop and manage permanent supportive housing.
 - PMHA will investigate methods of inter-agency cooperation that will lessen barriers to assistance for applicants and participants.

Long-Term Vision MTW Goals (Extending Through the Duration of the MTW Agreement)

Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority seeks to develop itself as a top-quality real estate organization with the mission of:

- 1. Integrating community services that will assist residents in continual economic improvement leading to either homeownership or private market housing.
- 2. Providing decent, safe, and affordable housing as a choice among elderly and disabled residents in order to promote aging in place and improvement in quality of life.

To accomplish the long-term vision PMHA will:

- 1. Streamline the delivery of housing through improvements in efficiency and effectiveness within its own resources offered by the Federal Government.
- 2. Collaborate with community partners to continue to leverage resources and strengths to improve housing and living conditions within Portage County.
- 3. Continue developing a rent system that:
 - Is easier to administer and understand,
 - Remains affordable to low-income households,
 - Provides incentive for work, and
 - Removes systemic incentives for people to remain unemployed.

SECTION II: GENERAL OPERATING INFORMATION

A. HOUSING STOCK INFORMATION

i. Planned New Public Housing Units

New public housing units that the MTW PHA anticipates will be added during the Plan Year.

ASSET MANAGEMENT PROJECT (AMP) FILL IN NAME AND NUMBER	0/1 Bdm	2 Bdm	3 Bdm	4 Bdm	5 Bdm	6+ Bdm	TOTAL UNITS	POPULATION TYPE**	Section 504 Accessible Units* (Mobility)	Section 504 Units* (Hearing / Vision)
East Side OH031000001	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
West Side OH031000002	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	General	0	0
Total Public Housing Units to be Added in the Plan Year:			2							

* The federal accessibility standard under HUD's Section 504 regulation is the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) for purposes of Section 504 compliance (24 CFR 8.32). HUD recipients may alternatively use the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design under Title II of the ADA, except for certain specific identified provisions, as detailed in HUD's Notice on "Instructions for use of alternative accessibility standard," published in the Federal Register on May 23, 2014 ("Deeming Notice") for purposes of Section 504 compliance, https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2014-05-23/pdf/2014-11844.pdf

** Select "Population Type" from: General, Elderly, Disabled, Elderly/Disabled, Other

If "Population Type" is "Other" please describe:

N/A

ii. Planned Public Housing Units to be Removed

Public housing units that the MTW PHA anticipates will be removed during the Plan Year.

AMP NAME AND NUMBER	NUMBER OF UNITS TO BE REMOVED	EXPLANATION FOR REMOVAL
East Side OH031000001	0	N/A
West Side OH031000002	0	N/A
TOTAL: Public Housing Units to be Removed in the Plan Year	0	

iii. Planned New Project Based Vouchers

Tenant-based vouchers that the MTW PHA anticipates project-basing for the first time during the Plan Year. These include only those in which at least an Agreement to enter into a Housing Assistance Payment (AHAP) will be in place by the end of the Plan Year. Indicate whether the unit is included in the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD).

PROPERTY NAME	NUMBER OF VOUCHERS TO BE PROJECT-BASED	RAD?	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT
None	0	N/A	N/A
TOTAL: Planned new Project Based Units in Plan Year	0		

iv. Existing Project Based Vouchers

Tenant-based vouchers that the MTW PHA is currently project-basing in the Plan Year. These include only those in which at least an AHAP is already in place at the beginning of the Plan Year. Select one of the of the following to indicate the *"Planned Status by the end of the Plan Year: "Committed," "Leased," or "Issued." In column three, indicate whether the unit is included in RAD.

PROPERTY NAME	NUMBER OF PROJECT-BASED VOUCHERS	PLANNED STATUS AT END OF PLAN YEAR*	RAD?	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT	
Maple Grove III	6	Leased	No	One 2-BR, One 3-BR, & Four 4-BR units for families	
Coleman Professional Services #1	9	Leased	No	Nine 1-BR units for disabled individuals	
Coleman Professional Services #2	5	Leased	No	Five 1-BR units for disabled individuals	
Family & Community Services #1	17	Leased	No	Sixteen 2-BR units & One 3-BR unit for families	
Family & Community Services #2	10	Leased	No	Two 1-BR units & Eight 2-BR units for families	
Family & Community Services #3	4	Leased	No	Four 2-BR units for families	
Portage Housing III	3	Leased	No	Two 3-BR units & One 4-BR unit for families	
Prospect House	26	26 Leased No Twenty-		Twenty-six 1-BR units for elderly	
Family & Community Services #6	2	Leased	No	Two 1-BR units for individuals	
Family & Community Services #5	2	Leased	No	One 2-BR unit & One 3-BR unit for families	
Family & Community Services #4	4	4		One studio unit & Three 1-BR units for individuals	
Coleman Professional Services #3	6	Leased	No	Four 1-BR units & Two 2-BR units for persons with disabilities	
Streetsboro Family Homes	27	Leased	No	Twenty-three 3-BR units & Four 2- BR units for families	

Harvest Rose Stage 1	17	Leased	No	Seventeen 2-BR units for elderly	
Harvest Rose Stage 2	2	Leased	No	Two 2-BR units for elderly	
Coleman Professional Services #4	10	Leased	No	Seven 1-BR units, Two 2-BR units, & One 3-BR unit for persons with disabilities	
Coleman Professional Services #5	10	Leased	No	Ten 1-BR units for individuals with disabilities	
Family & Community Services #7	4	Leased	No	Four 1-BR units for individuals with disabilities	
Harvest Rose #4	2	Leased	No	Two 2-BR units for elderly	
Coleman Professional Services #6	4	Leased	No	Two studio units & Two 1-BR units for disabled individuals	
Family & Community Services PARC	23	Leased	No	Twenty-three SRO units for individuals with addiction-related disabilities	
Family & Community Services Eagle	8	Leased	No	Eight 1-BR units for individuals with addiction-related disabilities	
Family & Community Services #12	6	Leased	No	One studio unit & Five 1-BR units for individuals with addiction- related disabilities	
Family & Community Services Kentway	21	Leased	No	Sixteen studio units & Five 1-BR units for elderly	
Family & Community Services Kentway II	7	Leased	No	One studio unit & Six 1-BR units for elderly	
Family & Community Services Kentway III	3	Leased	No	Two 1-BR units & One 2-BR unit for elderly	
Coleman Professional Services #7	11	Leased	No	Eleven 1-BR units for disabled individuals	
Residential Resources for the Develop- mentally Challenged -aka- Brady Lake	8	Leased	No	Eight SRO units for individuals with disabilities	
Prospect House #3	8	Leased	No	Eight 1-BR units for the elderly	
Coleman Professional Services #7	4	Leased	No	Three 1-BR units & One 2-BR unit for disabled individuals	
Family & Community Services #14	1	Leased	No	One 2-BR unit for elderly	
Family & Community Services #15	4	Leased	No	Four 2-BR units for families	
The Wilds at Harvest Rose	23	Leased	No	Five 1-BR units & Eighteen 2-BR units for elderly	
Total: Planned Existing Project- Based Vouchers	297				

v. Planned Other Changes to MTW Housing Stock Anticipated During the Plan Year

Examples of the types of other changes can include (but are not limited to): units held off-line due to relocation or substantial rehabilitation, local, non-traditional units to be acquired/developed, etc.

PLANNED OTHER CHANGES TO MTW HOUSING STOCK ANTICIPATED IN THE PLAN YEAR

PMHA will continue to explore potential purchases of two (2) properties to replace the Willow Street Public Housing units that were previously acquired by Kent State University.

vi. General Description of All Planned Capital Expenditures During the Plan Year

Narrative general description of all planned capital expenditures of MTW funds during the Plan Year.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ALL PLANNED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES DURING THE PLAN YEAR

East Amp1-OH031000001:

Renaissance Place Vanities/Toilets/Tubs/Surrounds - \$114,877.65 Renaissance Place Cabinets/Countertops - \$120,000.00 Ravenna (Harvest) Woods Entry Doors - \$86,448.40 Ravenna (Harvest) Woods Int Blinds - \$10,000.00 Community Estates Interior Doors - \$27,510.00 Community Estates Office Additional - \$40,000.00 **West Amp2-OH03100002:** Athena Gardens Bath Vanities/Toilets/Tubs/Surrounds - \$106,412.00 Heritage Knolls Roofs - \$77,348.75 Athena Gardens Kitchen Cabinets/Countertops - \$100,00.00

B. LEASING INFORMATION

i. Planned Number of Households Served

Snapshot and unit month information on the number of households the MTW PHA plans to serve at the end of the Plan Year.

PLANNED NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS SERVED THROUGH:	PLANNED NUMBER OF UNIT MONTHS OCCUPIED/LEASED*	PLANNED NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD TO BE SERVED**
MTW Public Housing Units Leased	3540	295
MTW Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) Utilized	18,168	1514
Local, Non-Traditional: Tenant-Based^	0	0
Local, Non-Traditional: Property-Based [^]	0	0
Local, Non-Traditional: Homeownership^	0	0
Planned Total Households Served:	21,708	1809

* "Planned Number of Unit Months Occupied/Leased" is the total number of months the MTW PHA plans to have leased/occupied in each category throughout the full Plan Year.

- ** "Planned Number of Households to be Served" is calculated by multiplying the "Planned Number of Unit Months Occupied/Leased" by the number of months in the Plan Year.
- ^ In instances when a local, non-traditional program provides a certain subsidy level but does not specify a number of units/households to be served, the MTW PHA should estimate the number of households to be served.

LOCAL, NON- TRADITIONAL CATEGORY	MTW ACTIVITY NAME/NUMBER	PLANNED NUMBER OF UNIT MONTHS OCCUPIED/LEASED*	PLANNED NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS TO BE SERVED*	
Tenant-Based	N/A	0	0	
Property-Based	N/A	0	0	
Homeownership	N/A	0	0	

* The sum of the figures provided should match the totals provided for each local, non-traditional categories in the previous table. Figures should be given by individual activity. Multiple entries may be made for each category if applicable.

ii. Discussion of Any Anticipated Issues/Possible Solutions Related to Leasing

Discussions of any anticipated issues and solutions in the MTW housing programs listed.

HOUSING PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED LEASING ISSUES AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS
MTW Public Housing	None
MTW Housing Choice Voucher	None
Local, Non-Traditional	N/A

C. WAITING LIST INFORMATION

i. Waiting List Information Anticipated

Snapshot information of waiting list data as anticipated at the beginning of the Plan Year. The "Description" column should detail the structure of the waiting list and the population(s) served.

WAITING LIST NAME	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS ON WAITING LIST	WAITING LIST OPEN, PARTIALLY OPEN OR CLOSED	PLANS TO OPEN THE WAITING LIST DURING THE PLAN YEAR
Section 8 MTW	Voucher waiting list for Section 8 and	3067	Open	Projected to remain open
Public Housing MTW	Mainstream programs Waiting list for Public Housing units	2456	2456 Open	
Scattered Site Public Housing Transfer Waiting List	Current Public Housing residents who may qualify for PMHA's MTW scattered site transfer activity (Activity PH- 15)	38	Open	remain open Projected to remain open
HUD-VASH	Not a waiting list; PMHA receives referrals from the VA	N/A	N/A	N/A
Shelter Plus Care	Not a waiting list; PMHA receives referrals through CoC centralized database	N/A	N/A	N/A

Please describe any duplication of applicants across waiting lists:

Applicants may apply for the Section 8 MTW waiting list and the Public Housing MTW waiting list and therefore appear on these lists simultaneously.

ii. Planned Changes to Waiting List in the Plan Year

Please describe any anticipated changes to the organizational structure or policies of the waiting list(s), including any opening or closing of a waiting list, during the Plan Year.

WAITING LIST NAME	DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED CHANGES TO WAITING LIST
N/A	No anticipated changes to the MTW waiting lists

SECTION III: PROPOSED MTW ACTIVITIES

B-15 <u>Change in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Cost-of-Living</u> <u>Adjustment (COLA) Processing</u>

- A. Activity Description:
 - i. Describe the proposed activity.

Under this proposal, Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) income, including Ohio Works First (OWF) and Refugee Cash Assistance, which result in an increase in a program participant's household income, will not be processed until the household's next annual reexamination effective date. Program participants will not be required to report the COLA income to PMHA until either the household's next annual reexamination or any other event that triggers an interim recertification, whichever occurs first.

The increased income would not be counted until the next annual reexamination unless the household experiences an income *decrease*, which triggers the processing of an interim recertification. As part of the interim recertification calculation, the full amount of TANF, including the COLA, would be counted at that time as replacement income.

This activity will not be used for HCV and Public Housing program applicants who are processing for initial eligibility, or for other circumstances where eligibility for a new HCV voucher is required (i.e., unit changes).

ii. Describe how the proposed activity will achieve one or more of the three statutory objectives and the specific impacts on that statutory objective(s).

The proposed activity would result in an impact on "Cost Effectiveness", as a result of agency cost savings from staff time savings and a decrease in error rate of task execution.

iii. Provide the anticipated schedules for implementing the proposed activity.

PMHA proposes to implement the initiative upon approval of the Plan.

- B. Activity Metrics Information:
 - i. Provide the metrics from the "Standard HUD Metrics" section that are applicable to the proposed activity.
 - ii. Give the baseline performance level for each metric (a numeric value) prior to the implementation of the proposed activity.
 - iii. Give the annual benchmark for each metric (a numeric value).

iv. If applicable, give the overall and/or long-term benchmark(s) for each metric (a numeric value).

Housing Choice Voucher Program

CE#1: Agency Cost Savings		
Unit of	Baseline	Benchmark
Measurement		
Total cost of task in	Cost of task prior to	Expected Cost of task
dollars (decrease)	implementation of the	after implementation of
	activity (in dollars)	the activity (in dollars)
	\$453	\$0
	(27 hours x \$16.76 avg. pay rate)	(0 hours x \$16.76 avg. pay rate)

CE#2: Staff Time Savings		
Unit of	Baseline	Benchmark
Measurement		
Total time to	Total amount of staff	Expected amount of
complete the task	time dedicated to the	staff time dedicated to
in staff hours	task prior to	the task after
(decrease)	implementation of the	implementation of the
	activity (in hours)	activity (in hours)
	27 hours annually	0 hours annually
	(0.75 hours per	(0 hours per household x
	household x 36	36 households)
	households)	

CE#3: Decrease in Error Rate of Task Execution		
Unit of	Baseline	Benchmark
Measurement		
Average error rate	Expected average	Expected average error
in completing a task	error rate of task prior	rate of task after
as a percentage	to implementation of	implementation of the
(decrease)	the activity	activity (percentage)
	(percentage)	
	65%	2%

Public Housing Program

CE#1: Agency Cost Savings		
Unit of	Baseline	Benchmark
Measurement		
Total cost of task in	Cost of task prior to	Expected Cost of task
dollars (decrease)	implementation of the	after implementation of
	activity (in dollars)	the activity (in dollars)
	\$102	\$0
	(5.25 hours x \$19.51 avg. pay rate)	(0 hours x \$19.51 avg. pay rate)

CE#2: Staff Time Savings		
Unit of	Baseline	Benchmark
Measurement		
Total time to	Total amount of staff	Expected amount of
complete the task	time dedicated to the	staff time dedicated to
in staff hours	task prior to	the task after
(decrease)	implementation of the	implementation of the
	activity (in hours)	activity (in hours)
	5.25 hours annually	0 hours annually
	(0.75 hours per	(0 hours per household x
	household x 7	7 households)
	households)	

CE#3: Decrease in Error Rate of Task Execution		
Unit of	Baseline	Benchmark
Measurement		
Average error rate	Expected average	Expected average error
in completing a task	error rate of task prior	rate of task after
as a percentage	to implementation of	implementation of the
(decrease)	the activity	activity (percentage)
	(percentage)	
	53%	2%

- v. Give the data source from which the metric data will be compiled.
 - Financial Reports and Data
 - Management System Reports
 - Departmental Data Tracking
- C. Cost Implications:
 - i. State whether the proposed activity will result in any cost implications (positive and/or negative) for the MTW PHA.

The proposed activity will result in positive cost implications for PMHA, due to decreases in staff time for verification of income and processing interim reexaminations.

ii. If the proposed activity does result in cost implications, provide an estimate of the amount and discuss how the MTW PHA will manage the surplus or deficit anticipated.

This activity is estimated to generate an increase of approximately \$555 per year. PMHA plans to reinvest these cost savings into staff efficiencies and accuracy. These funds, which are currently used for staff salary for time spent verifying income and processing interim reexaminations, will be reallocated into staff salary for their time spent on comprehensive self-audits and peer audits of files, as well as program participant outreach activities and Public Housing property management activities.

- D. Need/Justification for MTW Flexibility:
 - i. Cite the authorization(s) detailed in Attachment C and/or D of the Standard MTW Agreement (or applicable successor section in future iterations of the MTW Agreement) that gives the MTW PHA flexibility to conduct the proposed activity.

Attachment C, Section C(4): The Agency is authorized to restructure the initial, annual and interim review process in the public housing program in order to affect the frequency of the reviews and the methods and process used to establish the integrity of income information provided. In addition, the Agency is expressly authorized to adopt a local system of income verification in lieu of the current HUD system. For example, the Agency may implement alternate time frames for validity of verification or adopt policies for verification of income and assets through sources other than those allowed under the 1937 Act.

Attachment C, Section D(1)(c): The Agency is authorized to define, adopt and implement a reexamination program that differs from the reexamination program currently mandated in the 1937 Act and its implementing regulations.

ii. Explain why the cited authorization(s) is needed to engage in this activity.

MTW flexibility is needed in order to waive certain provisions of Sections 3(a)(1) and 3(a)(2) of the 1937 Act and 24 CFR 966.4 and 960.257, as necessary to implement the Agency's Annual MTW Plan.

MTW flexibility also is needed in order to waive certain provisions of Section 8(o)(5) of the 1937 Act and 24 CFR 982.516, as necessary to implement the Agency's Annual MTW Plan.

SECTION IV: APPROVED MTW ACTIVITIES

A. IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

HCV-1 <u>Restrict portability moves out of Portage County for the Housing Choice</u> <u>Voucher Program</u>

Plan Year Approved: 2009 Implemented: 2010 Amended: N/A

Description/Update: PMHA approves portability only to housing authorities who absorb the incoming family or administer Fair Market Rents at or below the amounts applicable to Portage County. This restriction does not apply to portability moves from Portage County that are justified under laws and regulations applicable to the federal Violence Against Women Act and support reasonable accommodations for disability.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

HCV-2 MTW Homeownership Voucher Program

Plan Year Approved: 1999 Implemented: 2000 Amended: 2010

Description/Update: PMHA identifies families with homeownership as one of their goals, screens the family for eligibility, provides the family with referrals to organizations that assist in overcoming barriers to homeownership, and applies a homeownership assistance payment to monthly mortgage payments of participants who purchase a home under the program. PMHA provides a preference for Public Housing residents to participate in the program and, upon purchase of a home, transfer into the MTW Homeownership Voucher Program. PMHA will continue to expand this program on an ongoing basis.

In 2010, this activity was amended to include households who are presently homeowners and under foreclosure, to receive assistance with resolving issues with bank/mortgage companies seeking foreclosure and including homeownership assistance payments.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None

Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

HCV-3 Initial rent burden cap of 50% of adjusted monthly income

Plan Year Approved: 1999 Implemented: 2000 Amended: 2014, 2017

Description/Update: PMHA offers HCV participants to utilize an initial rent burden of 50% of households' monthly income as an effort to maximize housing choice and maintain a level of affordability.

In 2014, PMHA experimented with a rent burden cap of 70% of households' monthly income in an effort to assist in increasing housing choices for families who desired to use a greater share of income for housing. In 2017, due to negative impact on Section 8 tenants who had difficulties paying higher rent, PMHA re-implemented the original initial rent burden cap of 50% of households' monthly income.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

HCV-4 <u>Project-Based Voucher Program to assist non-profits and developers to</u> <u>increase housing choices for low-income households</u>

Plan Year Approved: 1999 Implemented: 2002 Amended: 2009, 2019

Description/Update: PMHA operates a project-based voucher program under a different set of rules and regulations than those provided for under the standard HUD rules for project-based vouchers.

In 2009, PMHA was granted additional authorizations for the project-based voucher program. PMHA has continued to offer project-based Section 8 assistance to nonprofit organizations and developers to build or rehabilitate properties, in order to increase the supply of rental units available to assist special needs populations in obtaining suitable housing.

In 2019, PMHA was granted additional authorizations for this activity, to allow for changes to be made to the terms of project-based Agreements to enter into Housing Assistance Payments (AHAP) contracts for newly constructed or rehabilitated housing, after the AHAPs have already been signed, contingent upon agreement by the project owner and

PMHA; specifically, these changes include, but are not be limited to, changing the date(s) that units are to be brought online, and changing a single-stage project to a multi-stage project, to allow for units that are ready to come online ahead of schedule to be put under HAP contract and filled as soon as the units are completed and determined eligible.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

HCV-5 Alternative Housing Quality Standards Compliance

Plan Year Approved: 2011 Implemented: 2011 Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2014

Refer to Section D. Closed Out Activities.

HCV-6 Time Limits for Housing Choice Voucher Participants

Plan Year Approved: 2013 Implemented: 2014 Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2017

Refer to Section D. Closed Out Activities.

HCV-7 Capped Utility Reimbursement Checks

Plan Year Approved: 2012 Implemented: N/A Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2017

Refer to D. Closed-Out Activities.

HCV-8 Transitional Housing Vouchers

Plan Year Approved: 2012

Implemented: 2012 Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2017

Refer to D. Closed-Out Activities.

HCV-9 Elimination of Deductions in Total Tenant Payment Calculations

Plan Year Approved: 2014 Implemented: 2015 Amended: N/A

Description/Update: PMHA calculates total tenant payments and bases Housing Choice Voucher assistance for all households on a calculation that is 29.6% of gross monthly income and eliminates deductions and allowances for being elderly or disabled, for dependents, and for unreimbursed medical and childcare expenses. The only exception to the 30% of monthly gross income is a continuation of a \$50 minimum rent for households who otherwise pay less than \$50 per month. This activity reduces the HAP expense.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

HCV-10 Biennial Reviews for Non-Elderly/Non-Disabled Households

Plan Year Approved: 2014 Implemented: 2014 Amended: 2015-2016

Refer to C. Activities on Hold.

HCV-11 Permit Households at \$0 HAP to Self-Certify Income

Plan Year Approved: 2014 Implemented: 2014 Amended: N/A

Description/Update: This activity permits families who are at \$0 HAP to self-certify their income rather than be subjected to a verification process that should have no effect on housing assistance levels, thus reducing costs and staff time while achieving greater cost effectiveness in Federal expenditures.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

HCV-12 <u>Use Lesser of Actual Unit Size or Unit Size of Voucher Issued for Utility</u> <u>Allowances</u>

Plan Year Approved: 2014 Implemented: N/A Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2014

Refer to Section D. Closed Out Activities.

HCV-13 Extend the \$0 HAP Period to 12 Months

Plan Year Approved: 2014 Implemented: 2014 Amended: N/A

Description/Update: PMHA extends the period of time that a \$0 HAP family may be considered a Housing Choice Voucher participant household from the 6 months to up to 12 months.

The impact of this activity asserts that some families either are reluctant to attain \$0 HAP status or when notified that they are at \$0 HAP, they take measures that reduce their income so as to begin receiving HAP assistance again. By increasing the period allowed for \$0 HAP, PMHA expects to see more families achieve \$0 HAP and to exit the program at \$0 HAP rather than to return to HAP payment status. For those who achieve \$0 HAP status through employment, the extended period allows a safety net to the household as they adjust to paying market rents without assistance and stabilize themselves in their new employment situation.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

HCV-14 Permit Decreases in Payment Standards at Next Scheduled Verification

Plan Year Approved: 2014 Implemented: N/A Refer to B. Not Yet Implemented Activities.

HCV-15 <u>Change the Allocation of Interest Earned for the Housing Choice Voucher</u> <u>Family Self-Sufficiency Program</u>

Plan Year Approved: 2014 Implemented: 2015 Amended: N/A

Description/Update: PMHA no longer applies escrow credits for interest earned on funds deposited for the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program. These funds will be made available for ongoing HAP needs for the Housing Choice Voucher Program as a whole. PMHA expects that the impact of this activity will provide minimal additional revenue to the Housing Choice Voucher funds. Minimal staff time savings also will result.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

HCV-16 Section 8 Landlord Incentive Program

Plan Year Approved: 2019 Implemented: 2019 Amended: 2022

Description/Update: In 2019, this activity was proposed as "Incentive for New Landlords". PMHA provided new landlords a one-time additional incentive Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) of \$200.00 upon the execution of a HAP contract for a tenant-based HCV participant. A new landlord was defined as a landlord who has not rented to a voucher holder within the past two (2) years. It was found that this incentive was not adequate and thus the activity underperformed.

This activity was amended and reproposed in 2022. PMHA currently offers the following four (4) incentives:

 New Landlords Incentive- PMHA offers a one-time incentive HAP payment of \$1,000.00 to new landlords, upon the execution of a new HAP contract for an MTW tenant-based HCV participant. A "new landlord" would be defined as a landlord who has not rented to a tenant-based voucher participant within the past twelve (12) months. The landlord would not be eligible for the \$1,000.00 incentive HAP payment if the contract is executed for a transfer of units with the same landlord, or if the contract is executed due to a lease renewal or change. Additionally, properties owned or managed by PMHA or any other PHA would be ineligible for this incentive.

- 2. Existing Landlords Incentive- PMHA proposes to offer a one-time \$500.00 incentive HAP payment to existing landlords who execute a new HAP contract for an MTW tenant-based HCV participant. An "existing landlord" would be defined as a landlord who has rented to a tenant-based voucher participant at any time within the past twelve (12) months. The landlord would not be eligible for the \$500.00 incentive HAP payment if the contract is executed for a transfer of units with the same landlord, or if the contract is executed due to a lease renewal or change. Additionally, properties owned or managed by PMHA or any other PHA would be ineligible for this incentive HAP payment.
- 3. **Rent Affordability Incentive-** PMHA proposes to offer a one-time rent affordability payment when rent must be negotiated down in order for the unit to be affordable for the MTW tenant-based voucher participant. "Affordable" would be defined as an initial rent burden of no more than 50% of the household's monthly income. The rent affordability payment would be equal to the amount the proposed monthly rent is reduced by to make it affordable and allow the voucher holder to qualify, multiplied by 12.
- 4. Limited Damage Claim Incentive- PMHA proposes to offer a limited damage claim not to exceed one month's contract rent to owner in cases where an MTW tenant-based voucher participant's tenancy ends and there is tenant-caused damage to the unit that exceeds the security deposit collected by the owner. The damage claim would be verified by a special inspection conducted by a PMHA HQS inspector. The special inspection will be required to be conducted within 30 calendar days of the MTW tenant-based HCV participant's move-out date.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

HCV-17 Protecting Tenants Living in Foreclosed Rental Properties

Plan Year Approved: 2020 Implemented: N/A

Refer to B. Not Yet Implemented Activities.

PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM

PH-1 Escalating Minimum Rent

Plan Year Approved: 2008 Implemented: 2008 Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2011

Refer to D. Closed-Out Activities.

PH-2 Maximum Rent

Plan Year Approved: 2009 Implemented: 2009 Amended: N/A

Description/Update: The Maximum Rent activity allows for rents set at less than 30% of adjusted income. Maximum rents are \$465 per month for 1- and 2-bedroom units, and \$490 per month for 3- and 4-bedroom units, regardless of income. Income re-verifications are conducted biennially for these households. Households will have no time limit for ceiling rents, except for the over-income limitations set forth by the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA).

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

PH-3 Elderly and Disabled Rent Re-certifications Biennially

Plan Year Approved: 2000 Implemented: 2000 Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2014

Refer to D. Closed-Out Activities.

PH-4 Change in Employment Income

Plan Year Approved: 2008

Implemented: 2012 Amended: N/A

Description/Update: Change in employment income resulting in an increase in annual income of *any amount* is not processed until the next annual re-certification. However, residents are expected to report changes.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

PH-5 Rent Adjustment for Income Decreases

Plan Year Approved: 2009 Implemented: 2009 Amended: N/A

Description/Update: Decreases in income of less than \$1,000, or lasting less than 30 days, will not be processed until the next annual re-certification.

This rent reform activity is seldom used. However, whenever a household experiences an income decrease less than \$1,000, the time to process the decrease is costly to the PMHA and has minimal impact on the household when the income decrease lasts less than 30 days. On many occasions, households locate new employment or other sources of income within 30 days. Thus, the PMHA views this activity as being effective as a costsavings feature. This activity does not give incentives to households to achieve selfsufficiency.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

PH-6 Overall Percentage of Income Amounts for Rent Calculations

Plan Year Approved: 2012 Implemented: 2012 Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2018

Refer to D. Closed-Out Activities.

PH-7 <u>Eliminate Allowance for Non-Reimbursed Childcare Expenses</u> Comment and Replace with 4% Overall percentage of earned income

Plan Year Approved: 2012 Implemented: April 1, 2012 Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2018

Refer to D. Closed-Out Activities.

PH-8 Deduction for Elderly or Disabled Adults

Plan Year Approved: 2009 Implemented: N/A Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2014

Refer to D. Closed-Out Activities.

PH-9 Providing Transitional Housing

Plan Year Approved: 1999 Implemented: 1999 Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2012

Refer to D. Closed Out Activities.

PH-10 PMHA to Operate Two Group Homes as Public Housing

Plan Year Approved: 2009 Implemented: 2009 Amended: N/A

Description/Update: PMHA currently operates two (2) group homes as Public Housing, as follows:

1. **Walnut House**, located in Ravenna, houses persons with severe mental illnesses, in partnership with Coleman Professional Services. Coleman Professional

Services provides on-site services to residents, including mental health services, daily living skills, and transportation. This property has 13 units of housing.

2. Washington Group Home, located in Ravenna Township, has a capacity for 8 individuals to reside in a supportive group home environment. PMHA entered into a partnership with Family and Community Services, Inc. (F&CS) to lease the building for the purposes of providing housing and services to men who are addressing alcohol and drug addiction issues. F&CS provides residents with comprehensive services to facilitate a successful transition back to community living. This project was finalized during the first half of 2013. The program has flourished and is well-received in the community.

Residents are not entered in PIC due to the nature of the specific population served. F&CS screens and selects eligible candidates for this program, known as ROOT. Thus, Standard HUD Metrics do not apply.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

PH-11 Deduction for Absent Child

Plan Year Approved: 2009 Implemented: N/A Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2013

Refer to D. Closed out Activities.

PH-12 Cap on Dependent Child Deduction

Plan Year Approved: 1999 Implemented: 2000 Amended: 2014

Closed Out: 2018

Refer to D. Closed-Out Activities.

PH-13 <u>Residents paying ceiling rents may self-certify income</u>

Plan Year Approved: 2015

Implemented: 2016 Amended: N/A

Description/Update: Residents paying ceiling rents are allowed to self-certify their income for the purposes of the re-verification process. Such families pay the same rental amount regardless of income increases. This activity results in reducing costs by saving staff time devoted to income verification and also achieves greater cost effectiveness in federal expenditures.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

PH-14 Elimination of Deductions in Total Tenant Payment Calculations

Plan Year Approved: 2018 Implemented: 2018 Amended: N/A

Description/Update: PMHA calculates total tenant payments and bases Public Housing assistance for all households on a calculation that is 29.6% of gross monthly income and eliminates deductions and allowances for being elderly or disabled, for dependents, and for unreimbursed medical and childcare expenses. The only exception to the 30% of monthly gross income is a continuation of a \$50 minimum rent for households who otherwise pay less than \$50 per month. This activity reduces the HAP expense.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

PH-15 <u>Scattered Site Transfers</u>

Plan Year Approved: 2020 Implemented: 2020 Amended: N/A

Description/Update: PMHA fills vacancies in Public Housing scattered single family and/or duplex sites by offering unit transfers to select current Public Housing families based on their household size and positive rental histories with PMHA. This activity ensures that families with positive rental histories with PMHA are given first choice to move into vacated scattered site units, which is expected to save on PMHA's costs for staff time and expenses incurred to turn over units between tenancies.

PMHA maintains a formal waiting list of Public Housing residents who are eligible for the bedroom size of the unit available and who meet the following rental history criteria:

- Have been Public Housing residents for at least 12 months,
- Have zero housekeeping violations in the last 12 months,
- Have zero substantiated neighbor complaints in the last 24 months, and
- Have a timely rent payment history for the last 12 months (no 3-day notices issued for late payment and/or non-payment of rent).

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

BOTH HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER AND PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMS

B-1 Exclusions of Overtime, Bonuses, and Income from Assets

Plan Year Approved: 1999 Implemented: 2000 Amended: 2012

Description/Update: To promote the accumulations of assets, PMHA excludes income from new employment income, overtime, bonuses, and interest from bank assets such as checking and savings accounts and certificates of deposit.

This activity was modified in 2012 for the Public Housing program to exclude income from "new" employment until annual re-certification for reporting purposes.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

B-2 Cap on dependent child deduction

Plan Year Approved: 1999 Implemented: 2000 Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2014 (for HCV), 2018 (Public Housing)

Refer to D. Closed-Out Activities.

B-3 <u>Utility Allowance Payments are used to repay participant debts owed to the</u> <u>Housing Authority</u>

Plan Year Approved: 2009 Implemented: 2010 Amended: N/A

Description/Update: PMHA withholds utility allowance checks for households who owe PMHA money to be used to repay those debts. Once the tenant account is returned to zero balance, the utility allowance checks will resume.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

B-4 <u>Pro-ration of the utility allowance schedule up to the percentage of pro-ration</u> of funding as established by HUD due to appropriations

Plan Year Approved: 2009 Implemented: 2014 (Public Housing Program only); Refer to Section B. Not Yet Implemented Activities for HCV Program.

Amended: N/A

Description/Update: To offer an additional tool to deal with reductions in HUD subsidy for Public Housing or Housing Choice Vouchers, PMHA has authority to reduce utility allowance payments to address funding shortfalls. This feature was not utilized from 2017 through 2022, but it will be reviewed for possible Public Housing utilization and HCV implementation in the future.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

B-5 Single Fund Budget Flexibility

Plan Year Approved: 2009 Implemented: 2013 Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2014

Refer to D. Closed out Activities.

B-6 <u>Income verifications conducted for approved government programs may be</u> <u>substituted for PMHA income verifications if performed within the previous 90</u> <u>days</u>

Plan Year Approved: 2009 Implemented: N/A Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2014

Refer to D. Closed out Activities.

B-7 Employment and education deductions

Plan Year Approved: 1999 Implemented: 2000 Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2012 (Public Housing), 2015 (HCV)

Refer to D. Closed-Out Activities.

B-8 Adoption of Local Investment Policies

Plan Year Approved: 2014 Implemented: N/A

Refer to B. Not Yet Implemented Activities.

B-9 Verifications of Income Valid for 180 Days

Plan Year Approved: 2014 Implemented: 2014 Amended: N/A

Description/Update: PMHA extends the length of time for verified application data to be considered valid to 180 days. This activity reduces costs and achieves greater cost effectiveness in Federal expenditures. It also reduces the amount of duplicative work caused by various factors in validating all needed information provided at the time of a completed application and process from the wait list.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

B-10 Eliminate All Excluded Income from the Income Verification Process

Plan Year Approved: 2014 Implemented: 2014 Amended: N/A

Refer to C. Activities on Hold.

B-11 Elderly and Disabled Rent Re-certifications Every Three Years

Plan Year Approved: 2014 Implemented: 2014 Amended: N/A

Refer to C. Activities on Hold.

B-12 <u>Re-Entry Initiative</u>

Plan Year Approved: 2020 Implemented: 2021 Amended: N/A

Description/Update: This activity provides housing assistance to up to 150 eligible participants who were incarcerated, involved in drug court and/or court-ordered diversion programs, and/or released from in-patient treatment within the past twelve (12) months, and are seeking affordable housing upon re-entry into the community. The goal of this activity is to provide an immediate impact for offenders coming out of prison and/or treatment facilities, who need housing and supportive services, and who would otherwise be left homeless and without services needed for successful reintegration into the community.

All eligible participants must be referred to PMHA by its re-entry program partner, Portage County Adult Probation, and are either reuniting with a qualifying family member currently participating in PMHA's Section 8 program or Public Housing Program, or referred to PMHA for a Section 8 MTW tenant-based voucher under the re-entry program, or referred to PMHA for an emergency short-term stay of approximately 30 days at a dedicated PMHA-owned non-Public Housing unit (or a PMHA-owned Public Housing unit, should this be more feasible) while seeking permanent housing through the program's Section 8 MTW tenant-based voucher on the PMHA Section 8 waiting list who otherwise would be denied for criminal activity, but who is currently involved with Portage County Adult Probation, meets all eligibility requirements for the program when

he/she is selected for processing (in the existing waiting list order), and is recommended for participation in the program by Portage County Adult Probation.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

B-13 Self-Certification as Highest Form of Income Verification

Plan Year Approved: 2021 Implemented: 2022 Amended: 2021

Description/Update: PMHA was approved to waive the requirement to use the HUD system of income verification hierarchy when verifying certain types of income and instead to consider self-certification as the highest form of income verification for annual and interim reexaminations in both the HCV and Public Housing programs. The specific types of income were employment income, child support for which no court order exists, in-kind income, miscellaneous income (i.e., handyperson jobs, mowing, babysitting, cleaning, and other similar odd jobs), TANF benefits (given that the amount self-certified is consistent with the amount specified by the State for the household size), zero income status, and asset balance. The self-certification was obtained verbally or in written format from the program participant, and PMHA staff used the self-certification, cross-checked with the EIV income report, to determine the dollar amount of a participant's income for rent calculation purposes.

In March 2021, PMHA proposed and was approved to amend this activity to waive the requirement to use the HUD system of income verification hierarchy described by Notice PIH 2018-18 when verifying *all* types of income and allow PMHA to forgo third-party income verification requirements, except for the use of EIV. PMHA proposed to allow self-certification to serve as the highest form of income verification for *all* types of income, to process new admissions and to process annual and interim reexaminations in both the HCV and Public Housing programs. This occurs over the telephone and is documented by PHA staff with a contemporaneous written record, through an email or postal mail with a self-certification form by the tenant, or through other electronic communications. PMHA is responsible for addressing any material discrepancies (i.e., unreported income or a substantial difference in reported income) that arise from review of EIV in connection with the recertification, as well as any material discrepancies that arise later from any source, and likewise PMHA takes enforcement action in accordance with our policies and procedures.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

B-14 <u>Change in Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI)</u> <u>Processing</u>

Plan Year Approved: 2021 Implemented: 2021 Amended: N/A

Description/Update: Annual Social Security and SSI Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) that result in an increase in a program participant's income are not processed until the household's next annual reexamination effective date. Program participants are not required to report this income to PMHA until the household's annual reexamination. This activity is not used for HCV and Public Housing program applicants who are processing for initial eligibility, or for other circumstances where eligibility for a new HCV voucher is required (i.e., unit changes).

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

B. NOT YET IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

HCV-14 Permit Decreases in Payment Standards at Next Scheduled Verification

Plan Year: 2014

Description/Update: This activity allows PMHA to change the implementation of new payment standards established by the housing authority to be effective at the date of the anniversary of household assistance (formerly known as the annual recertification), rather than be implemented at the second annual recertification following the change. Under present regulations, housing authorities may not lower payment standards until the 2nd annual recertification after the lowering of the payment standards, which hampers a PHA from taking action to lower HAP costs quickly and more fairly across all participant households. In 2013, PMHA raised minimum rents from \$25 to \$50 as part of its response to the federal sequester and the need to reduce HAP costs. This increased the rent burden on the lowest income participants and for lesser results on HAP than if PMHA were permitted to reduce payment standards slightly, across the board for all participants. This activity would allow PMHA to be able to adjust HAP spending quickly and in a more equitable manner (compared to raising minimum rents or adjusting rent calculations) that can spread the cost of budget cuts across a greater portion of the HCV recipient population more quickly.

This activity will be reviewed for possible implementation in the future.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None

Planned Significant Changes: None

HCV-17 Protecting Tenants Living in Foreclosed Rental Properties

Plan Year Approved: 2020

Description/Update: This activity protects renters who are living in foreclosed rental properties. PMHA provides tenant-based vouchers and rental assistance to those who were living in rental properties that have gone through foreclosure and are currently owned by the Portage County Land Bank. This activity is expected to preserve housing units for households who would otherwise be displaced or their rental units not available to them due to the housing costs. The program size will not exceed twenty-four (24) eligible participants in eligible units.

This activity will be reviewed for possible implementation in the future.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

B-4 <u>Pro-ration of the utility allowance schedule up to the percentage of pro-ration</u> of funding as established by HUD due to appropriations

Plan Year: 2009

Description/Update: To offer an additional tool to deal with reductions in HUD subsidy for Public Housing or Housing Choice Vouchers, PMHA has authority to reduce utility allowance payments to address funding shortfalls. This activity was implemented in 2014 for the Public Housing Program. Although this feature was not utilized in 2017 through 2022, it will be reviewed for possible Public Housing utilization in the future.

For the HCV Program, this activity was not implemented, and it will be reviewed for possible implementation in the future.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

B-8 Adoption of Local Investment Policies

Plan Year: 2014

Description/Update: PMHA seeks to evaluate and utilize State of Ohio investment alternatives when appropriate for earning greater returns without compromising asset safety. This activity will allow PMHA to invest in a state government program for state and local governments in Ohio that permits pooled collateralized investment that obtains higher interest rates than is typically available to PMHA on its own while remaining completely liquid as an asset.

PMHA has not implemented new local investment policies; however, this activity will be reviewed for possible implementation in 2023.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

C. ACTIVITIES ON HOLD

HCV-10 Biennial Reviews for Non-Elderly/Non-Disabled Households

Plan Year Approved: 2014 Implemented: 2014 Amended: 2015-2016

Description/Update: PMHA would conduct reviews of income at least once every 24 months as opposed annually. Families may continue to request interim reviews at any time. This activity would be applied to all MTW Vouchers held by households not considered "elderly" or "disabled".

This activity was expected to simplify income verifications, saving time for PMHA staff, participants, and other agencies. PMHA anticipated this activity would reduce the costs of annual re-certifications for the program. Although time and cost savings resulted, these savings were negated by additional administrative burden imposed on other staff to monitor and track households and recertification schedules, to calculate debt resulting from household non-reporting, and to troubleshoot management systems issues related to limited tracking capabilities. Additionally, the implementation of activity HCV-9 is suspected to have contributed to the time and cost savings previously attributed to this activity.

This activity was on hold from May 2015 through April 2016, in order to identify eligible households and create a uniform timetable for re-certifications. The activity was re-implemented in May 2016.

This activity was put back on hold effective January 2019, due to administrative burden and issues with the management system tracking capabilities. This activity may be revisited once data is available to compare time and cost savings with implementation and without.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

B-10 Eliminate All Excluded Income from the Income Verification Process

Plan Year Approved: 2014 Implemented: 2014 Amended: N/A

Description/Update: PMHA would cease verifying any fully excluded income sources for households. This activity is expected to simplify income verifications, saving time for PMHA staff, participants, and other agencies.

While PIH 2013-04 provides guidance for this activity, the approval as a MTW activity would ensure that developed practices would continue if PIH 2013-04 is rescinded, amended, or superseded.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

B-11 Elderly and Disabled Rent Re-certifications Every Three Years

Plan Year Approved: 2014 Implemented: 2014 Amended: N/A

Description/Update: This activity allows PMHA to conduct re-certifications at least once every three years for elderly and disabled households.

This activity was expected to increase administrative efficiency and reduces costs to PHA programs through the reduction of annual re-certifications. Although time and cost savings resulted, the activity placed greater administrative burden on other staff to monitor and track households and recertification schedules, to calculate debt resulting from household non-reporting, and to troubleshoot management systems issues related to limited tracking capabilities. The implementation of activities HCV-9 and PH-14 created time and cost savings that reduced the need for this activity, while bringing to light the

previously overlooked struggles with properly managing this activity and showed that it is no longer as effective as anticipated for the relief of administrative burden.

This activity was put on hold for HCV effective April 2019 and for Public Housing effective December 2019, due to administrative burden and issues with the management system tracking capabilities. This activity may be revisited once data is available to compare time and cost savings with implementation and without.

Planned Non-Significant Changes: None Planned Changes to Metrics/Data Collection: None Planned Significant Changes: None

D. CLOSED OUT ACTIVITIES

HCV-5 Alternative Housing Quality Standards Compliance

Plan Year Approved: 2011 Implemented: 2011 Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2014

PMHA was to use the results of municipal housing/rental housing inspections as an alternative to HQS, where available. This activity did not yield expected outcomes due to changes within inspection programs by local cities and conflict with tenant move-in schedules.

HCV-6 Time Limits for Housing Choice Voucher Participants

Plan Year Approved: 2013 Implemented: 2014 Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2017

PMHA established time limits for the Housing Choice Voucher program. Participants who were able to work (i.e., not considered elderly or disabled, or were a parent of a child under age 1) were expected to work or attend an approved school program, or they would lose a month of eligibility of HCV assistance. Each individual was granted 36 months of unemployment/non-participation in education. When an individual reached the end of his/her 36 months, he/she would be considered ineligible for housing assistance for no less than one year, and all rent calculations for the household would be calculated on a pro-ration basis, like the treatment given to other households with ineligible members.

This activity, as written, proved difficult to track and was prone to errors. No households were impacted by this activity since its full impact would have materialized in 2018.

HCV-7 Capped Utility Reimbursement Checks

Plan Year Approved: 2012 Implemented: N/A Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2017

This activity was intended to eliminate "double dipping" for utility costs by setting utility allowance reimbursement maximums based on the State of Ohio's PIPP Plus program, a program that subsidizes low-income households' utilities by allowing them to pay utility bills on the basis of income, not on the amount of service used. However, these same families were eligible for and receiving utility reimbursement checks with the intention to pay off their entire month's utility bill.

It was determined that the cost for software changes was not affordable for the value gained from the activity.

HCV-8 Transitional Housing Vouchers

Plan Year Approved: 2012 Implemented: 2012 Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2017

This activity provided a one-year voucher to families. Intensive supportive services were provided to participants, with an emphasis on employment and self-sufficiency. The voucher ended after one year and was not renewable.

Requests for transitional housing vouchers elapsed over the last three years this activity was in place. This was due to the service provider not accepting new program families and restrictions limiting the time for participation in the program.

HCV-12 <u>Use Lesser of Actual Unit Size or Unit Size of Voucher Issued for Utility</u> <u>Allowances</u>

Plan Year Approved: 2014 Implemented: N/A Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2014

PMHA applied the lesser utility allowance of either the actual unit size leased by the family, or the unit size of the voucher issued.

This proposed activity was passed into a Federal Law July 2014. This activity was included in the 2014 Plan prior to the passing into Federal Law.

PH-1 <u>Escalating Minimum Rent</u>

Plan Year Approved: 2008 Implemented: 2008 Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2011

PMHA established a schedule of minimum rents that started at \$25 per month and would increase every two years by \$25.

PMHA discarded the activity after recognizing that its implementation was unduly administratively burdensome and was not expected to accomplish the goals of encouraging work activity and self-sufficiency. Other rent reform activities with more promising results made this activity undesirable.

PH-3 Elderly and Disabled Household Rent Recertifications Biennially

Plan Year Approved: 2000 Implemented: 2000 Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2014

PMHA conducted rent re-certifications for elderly and disabled households every two years instead of annually. The activity was expanded to triennial rent re-recertification in 2014 and was identified as Activity B-11.

PH-6 Overall Percentage of Income Amounts for Rent Calculations

Plan Year Approved: 2012 Implemented: 2012 Amended: N/A Closed Out: 2018

The percentage of earned income was set at 26% of income in an effort to promote work activity and offset the elimination of the allowance for non-reimbursed childcare expenses.

This activity was discontinued due to a revised rent-reform policy with a flat 29.6% of income calculation, known as Activity PH-14.

PH-7 Eliminate Allowance for Non-Reimbursed Childcare Expenses and Replace with 4% Overall percentage of earned income

Plan Year Approved: 2012 Implemented: 2012 Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2018

Allowances for non-reimbursed childcare expenses were eliminated from rent calculations in part of an overall rent reform that reduced the percentage of income counted towards rent for households with earned income. The purpose of this feature was to simplify rent calculations for transparency shared by both residents and PHA staff, as well as reduce administrative burden relating to documentation.

This activity was discontinued due to a revised rent-reform policy with a flat 29.6% of income calculation, known as Activity PH-14.

PH-8 Deduction for Elderly and Disabled Adults

Plan Year Approved: 2009 Implemented: N/A Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2014

PMHA was considering increasing the deduction from income from \$400 to a higher amount. It was intended to be included as part of a larger rent reform initiative but was ultimately not included due to cost and funding reasons.

PH-9 Providing Transitional Housing

Plan Year Approved: 1999

Implemented: 1999 Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2012

Up to 42 units of transitional housing were set aside for previously homeless families at Renaissance Place and Community Estates. Through a partnership with Family and Community Services, Inc. (F&CS) and its Portage Area Transitional Housing (PATH) program, residents received on-site intensified case management services as they moved toward self-sufficiency over the course of a two-year time limit.

This program proved to be costly to PMHA due to higher turnover and shorter participation limits. Additionally, funding for transitional housing from HUD and other sources had progressively declined as the emphasis shifted nationally to a Housing First model.

PH-11 Deduction for Absent Child

Plan Year Approved: 2009 Implemented: N/A Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2013

PMHA discarded this activity as it became clear that there would be substantial administrative difficulties in implementing and maintaining the activity. The number of households that had split families, with both families receiving Public Housing assistance at the same time, was also minimal at best. The most frequent, and burdensome to families, scenario was that some subsidized families pay child support to families not being subsidized for housing, and thus not eligible for the activity.

PH-12 Cap on Dependent Child Deduction

Plan Year Approved: 1999 Implemented: 2000 Amended: 2014

Closed Out: 2018

The Public Housing Program gave a \$480 allowance for each family member (other than the head or spouse), who was disabled or a minor, and for family members who were 18 and older who were full-time students or who were disabled. This allowance was not to exceed \$960, except that current residents as of April 23, 1999, were entitled to an allowance of \$480 for each family member who was a minor and for family members who were 18 and older and full-time students or who were disabled as of June 1, 2000.

This activity was discontinued for Public Housing due to a revised rent-reform policy with a flat 29.6% of income calculation, known as Activity PH-14.

B-2 Cap on Dependent Child Deduction

Plan Year Approved: 1999 Implemented: 2000 Amended: 2014

Closed Out: 2018

This activity was amended to end for the Housing Choice Voucher Program in 2014 due to revised rent-reform policies which included a flat 29.6% of income calculation.

This activity was discontinued for Public Housing and closed out in 2018 due to a revised rent-reform policy with a flat 29.6% of income calculation, known as Activity PH-14.

B-5 Single Fund Budget Flexibility

Plan Year Approved: 2009 Implemented: 2009 Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2014

PMHA was authorized to use single fund budgeting and full fungibility for specified funds under the restated MTW agreement and had used this authority in limited measures since that time.

In discussions with the MTW office, it was determined that this activity is no longer considered a MTW activity for the purposes of the current activities section of this plan, and it is no longer reported as such.

B-6 <u>Income Verifications Conducted for Approved Government Programs May</u> <u>Be Substituted for PMHA Income Verifications if Performed Within 90 Days</u>

Plan Year Approved: 2009 Implemented: N/A Amended: N/A

Closed Out: 2014

PMHA would use the information gathered and certified by residents, in their eligibility determinations performed for other means-tested programs, if this information were no older than 90 days.

This activity was not implemented after changes in leadership at other agencies diminished the willingness to exchange information with the Housing Authority.

B-7 Employment and Education Deductions

Plan Year Approved: 1999 Implemented: 2000 Amended: 2012

Closed Out: 2015

PMHA discontinued this activity in 2012 for Public Housing residents. Replacing this activity was the implementation of a 4% deduction on all earned income and an income exclusion for new earnings until annual re-certification.

The activity was discontinued for HCV program in 2015 due to rent reform activities and subsequently closed out.

SECTION V: SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

A. ESTIMATED SOURCES AND USES OF MTW FUNDS

i. Estimated Sources of MTW Funds

The MTW PHA shall provide the estimated sources and amount of MTW funding by Financial Data Schedule (FDS) line item.

<u>Note</u>: the information collected in this section is to fulfill MTW programmatic reporting requirements and does not replace the MTW PHA's obligation to annually complete its audited financial statements through HUD's Financial Data Schedule (FDS).

FDS LINE ITEM NUMBER	FDS LINE ITEM NAME	DOLLAR AMOUNT
70500 (70300+70400)	Total Tenant Revenue	\$792,381
70600	HUD PHA Operating Grants	\$12,473,115
70610	Capital Grants	\$668,968
70700 (70710+70720+70730+70740+70750)	Total Fee Revenue	\$0
71100+72000	Interest Income	\$11,247
71600	Gain or Loss on Sale of Capital Assets	\$950
71200+71300+71310+71400+71500	Other Income	\$152,036
70000	Total Revenue	\$14,098,697

ii. Estimated Uses of MTW Funds

The MTW PHA shall provide the estimated uses and amount of MTW spending by Financial Data Schedule (FDS) line item.

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FDS LINE ITEM NUMBER	FDS LINE ITEM NAME	DOLLAR AMOUNT
91000 (91100+91200+91400+91500+91600+91700+91800+91900)	Total Operating - Administrative	\$1,533,391
91300+91310+92000	Management Fee Expense	\$699,687
91810	Allocated Overhead	\$0
92500 (92100+92200+92300+92400)	Total Tenant Services	\$28,986
93000 (93100+93600+93200+93300+93400+93800)	Total Utilities	\$308,691
93500+93700	Labor	\$0
94000 (94100+94200+94300+94500)	Total Ordinary Maintenance	\$1,369,416
95000 (95100+95200+95300+95500)	Total Protective Services	\$0
96100 (96110+96120+96130+96140)	Total Insurance Premiums	\$125,268
96000 (96200+96210+96300+96400+96500+96600+96800)	Total Other General Expenses	\$133,524
96700 (96710+96720+96730)	Total Interest Expense & Amortization Cost	\$0
97100+97200	Total Extraordinary Maintenance	\$216
97300+97350	HAP + HAP Portability-In	\$9,656,694

97400	Depreciation Expense	\$678,671
97500+97600+97700+97800	All Other Expense	\$0
90000	Total Expenses	\$14,534,544

Please describe any variance between Estimated Total Revenue and Estimated Total Expenses:

Expenses are projected to exceed revenue in 2023. See below regarding MTW Funding Flexibility and planned uses of HUDheld reserves.

iii. Description of Planned Use of MTW Single Fund Flexibility

MTW agencies have the flexibility to apply fungibility across three core funding programs' funding streams – public housing Operating Funds, public housing Capital Funds, and HCV assistance (to include both HAP and Administrative Fees) – hereinafter referred to as "MTW Funding." The MTW PHA shall provide a thorough narrative of planned activities it plans to undertake using its unspent MTW Funding. Where possible, the MTW PHA may provide metrics to track the outcomes of these programs and/or activities. Activities that use other MTW authorizations in Attachment C and/or D of the Standard MTW Agreement (or analogous section in a successor MTW Agreement) do not need to be described here, as they are already found in Section (III) or Section (IV) of the Annual MTW Plan. The MTW PHA shall also provide a thorough description of how it plans to use MTW funding flexibility to direct funding towards specific housing and/or service programs and/or other MTW activity, as included in an approved MTW Plan.

PLANNED APPLICATION OF MTW FUNDING FLEXIBILITY

PMHA plans to use the MTW Single-Fund Flexibility to combine its funding sources to form an MTW Block Grant that will be used to administer current and future MTW projects and activities, and support areas of need, such as operational expenses including salaries, capital fund projects, and housing assistance. PMHA plans to operate its Public Housing, Section 8 assistance, and Capital Fund as a single fund budget with full flexibility.

Uses of MTW single fund flexibility include the following: Utilize MTW funds for extraordinary maintenance, enhanced security, and renovation/rehabilitation of PMHA-owned existing affordable housing; utilize savings achieved through MTW initiatives to over-lease and provide HCV assistance to more households than permissible under our HUD-established baseline; and to continue operations during any current and/or future government shutdown and/or emergencies declared by the Federal, State or local government.

In this plan year, PMHA is also proposing to use its MTW single fund flexibility with respect to its HCV HAP funds and/or any other funds during the fiscal year and ongoing, for other expenses to assist households to lease units. These activities may include the following:

1. Administrative Activities – This includes front-line, day-to-day operational activities including but not limited to applicant intake, lease-up activities, income determinations and reexaminations, unit inspections, disbursing HAP to landlords, as well as policy and operational planning and implementation, financial management, and HCV record-keeping and reporting. These activities also include the indirect overhead activities associated with operating the HCV program including but not limited to PHA management, human resources, legal, finance, accounting and payroll, information technology, procurement, and quality control. Administrative activities could also include housing search assistance activities such as pre-move counseling, helping a family identify and visit potentially available units during their housing search, helping a family find a unit that meets the household's disability-related needs, providing transportation and directions, and assisting with the completion of rental applications. These activities also include post-lease up activities often related to housing search assistance efforts, such as post-move counseling and landlord/tenant mediation. These activities cover HCV owner recruitment and outreach activities, including the costs

associated with materials or webpages specifically geared to owners, as well as landlord liaison staff and associated expenses.

2. Security Deposit Assistance – PMHA may provide security deposit assistance for the family. The amount of the security deposit assistance will not exceed the actual security deposit required by the owner or the maximum security deposit allowed under applicable state and/or local law. PMHA may pay the security deposit directly to the owner or may pay the assistance to the family provided PMHA verifies the family paid the security deposit. PMHA may place conditions on the security deposit assistance, such as requiring the owner or family to return the security deposit assistance to PMHA at the end of the family's tenancy (less any amounts retained by the owner in accordance with the lease).

3. Utility Deposit Assistance / Utility Arrears – PMHA may provide utility deposit assistance for some or all of the family's utility deposit expenses. Assistance can be provided for deposits (including connection fees) required for the utilities to be supplied by the tenant under the lease. PMHA may choose to pay the utility deposit assistance directly to the utility company or may pay the assistance to the family, provided PMHA verifies the family paid the utility deposit. PMHA may place conditions on the utility deposit assistance, such as requiring the utility supplier or family to return the utility deposit assistance to PMHA at such time the deposit is returned by the utility supplier (less any amounts retained by the utility supplier.) In addition, some families may have large balances with gas, electric, water, sewer, or trash companies prior to admission to the HCV program that will make it difficult if not impossible to establish services for tenant-supplied utilities. PMHA may also provide the family with assistance to help address these utility arrears to facilitate leasing and their admission to the HCV program.

4. Application Fees – PMHA may assist the family with some or all of the following expenses: application fees/non-refundable administrative or processing fees3/refundable application deposit assistance/broker fees.

5. Holding Fees – PMHA may cover part or all of the holding fee for units where the fee is required by the owner after a tenant's application has been accepted but before the lease signing. PMHA and owner must agree how the holding fee gets rolled into the deposit and under what conditions the fee will be returned. Furthermore, owners need to accept responsibility for making needed repairs to a unit required by the initial housing quality standards (HQS) inspection and can only keep the holding fee if the family is at fault for not entering into the lease.

6. Renter's Insurance (if required by the lease) – PMHA may assist the family with some or all of the cost of renter's insurance but only in cases where the purchase of renter's insurance is a condition of the lease and is also required of unassisted families on the premises.

Prior to undertaking any of these activities, PMHA will first adopt a policy in the PMHA Section 8 Administrative Plan that governs the terms and conditions of the activity, including any limitations or eligibility criteria for these activities (e.g., to support families leasing units in areas of opportunity, or to support vulnerable populations such as homeless families, etc.). PMHA will not create policies, criteria, or methods of administration that result in discrimination against individuals with protected characteristics under fair housing and civil rights laws and regulations. As such, PMHA will provide reasonable accommodations when necessary to policies established for these activities to ensure equal access to their programs and activities by individuals with disabilities.

iv. Planned Application of PHA Unspent Operating Fund and HCV Funding

Original Funding Source	Beginning of FY - Unspent Balances	Planned Application of PHA Unspent Funds during FY
HCV HAP*	\$1,590,996	\$0
HCV Admin Fee	\$0	\$0
PH Operating Subsidy	\$0	\$0
TOTAL:	\$1,590,996	\$0

Description of Planned Expenditures of Unspent Operating Fund and HCV Funding

The MTW PHA shall provide a description of planned activities and/or use(s) for unexpended Operating Fund and HCV Funding. The original funding source is defined as the legacy MTW PHA's appropriated Section 8 and Section 9 funding source(s) (HCV HAP, HCV Admin Fee, and PH Operating Subsidy). The MTW agency receives this information in their Annual Renewal Allocation, which provides a breakdown of the annual obligations for HCV HAP. For HCV Admin Fee, the biannual cash management reconciliation includes the HCV Admin Fee that has been earned at two points during the year; midyear at June 30th and end-of-year at December 31st. For the public housing operating fund unspent balance, the MTW PHA may derive their unspent funds by subtracting current assets from current liabilities in the most recent FDS submission. Current assets are the sums of FDS lines 111, 114, 115, 120, 131, 135, 142, 144, and 145. Current liabilities are the sums of FDS line 310 and 343. Table XX below represents the applicable FDS lines with definitions that MTW PHA(s) should utilize to calculate public housing operating fund unspent funds. More information on FDS line items can be found at: https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/FDSLineDefinitionGuide_vJuly2020.pdf.

FDS Line Number	FDS Line Item	Definition
Current Assets		
111	Cash-Unrestricted	This FDS line represents cash and cash equivalents in any form available for use to support any activity of the program or project.
114	Cash-Tenant Security Deposits	This FDS line represents cash in the Security Deposit Fund.
115	Cash-Restricted for Payment of Current Liabilities	This line represents restricted cash and cash equivalents that are only to be expended for specified purposes.
120	Total Receivables	This line represents the total of all receivables less the amounts established as allowances for estimated uncollectible amounts.
131	Investments- Unrestricted	This line represents the fair market value of all investments which can be used to support any activity of a program, project, activity, COCC, or entities.
135	Investments-Restricted for Payment of Current Liability	This line represents the fair market value of all investments designated for specific purposes that will be used to liquidate a current liability in the next fiscal year or offset unearned revenue.
142	Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	This line represents all prepaid expenses. These are not expected to be converted.
144	Inter-program-Due From	This line represents amounts due from other PHA projects, programs, and activities of a temporary nature.
145	Assets Held for Sale	This line item represents assets that the entity expects to sell to qualified applicants. This line item is typically used as part of the homeownership program.
Current Liabilities		
310	Total Current Liabilities	This FDS line is the sum of lines 311 through 348 and represents the total of all current liabilities.
343	Current Portion of Long-Term Debt (Capital Projects/Bonds)	This line includes the current portion of debts acquired and debts issued for capital purposes of the PHA/entity.

For HCV funding, the biannual cash management reconciliation for HUD-held reserves includes both HCV and SPV reserves. MTW PHA(s)' accounting records should include sufficient detail to report on the amount that are HCV versus SPV reserves. Where possible, please identify the planned use, the estimated amount, to which funding source the planned use(s) is attributable, as well as the projected timeline or timeline update.

<u>Note</u>: the information collected in this section is to fulfill MTW programmatic reporting requirements and does not replace the MTW PHA's obligation to annually complete its audited financial statements through HUD's Financial Data Schedule.

Estimated uses of MTW funds exceed estimated sources of funds for 2023. The planned uses of HUD-held reserves during the fiscal year are described in the Additional Appendix Items section of this Plan.

* Unspent HAP funding should not include amounts recognized as Special Purpose Vouchers reserves.

** HUD's approval of the MTW Plan does not extend to a PHA's planned usage of unspent funds amount entered as an agency's operating reserve. Such recording is to ensure agencies are actively monitoring unspent funding levels and usage(s) to ensure successful outcomes as per the short- and long-term goals detailed in the Plan.

B. LOCAL ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

- i. Is the MTW PHA allocating costs within statute?
- ii. Is the MTW PHA implementing a local asset management plan (LAMP)?
- iii. Has the MTW PHA provide a LAMP in the appendix?
- iv. If the MTW PHA has provided a LAMP in the appendix, please describe any proposed changes to the LAMP in the Plan Year or state that the MTW PHA does not plan to make any changes in the Plan Year.

Yes

N/A

No

N/A

C. RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION (RAD) PARTICIPATION

i. Description of RAD Participation

The MTW PHA shall provide a brief description of its participation in RAD. This description must include the proposed and/or planned number of units to be converted under RAD, under which component the conversion(s) will occur, and approximate timing of major milestones. The MTW PHA should also give the planned/actual submission dates of all RAD Significant Amendments. Dates of any approved RAD Significant Amendments should also be provided.

RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION (RAD) PARTICIPATION

N/A – None

ii. Has the MTW PHA submitted a RAD Significant Amendment in the appendix? A RAD Significant Amendment should only be included if it is a new or amended version that requires HUD approval.

No

iii. If the MTW PHA has provided a RAD Significant Amendment in the appendix, please state whether it is the first RAD Significant Amendment submitted or describe any proposed changes from the prior RAD Significant Amendment?

N/A

SECTION VI: ADMINISTRATIVE

A. BOARD RESOLUTION AND CERTIFICATIONS OF COMPLIANCE

The PMHA Board Resolution, the Certifications of Compliance (HUD Form 50900), and the Certifications by State or Local Officials of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (form HUD-50077-SL) appear below.

Resolution No	. <u>22-36</u>
APPROVING 2023 MOVING TO	WORK ANNUAL PLAN
WHEREAS, as directed by the Moving To requirement that all Public Housing Authoritie 5-Year Plan, the Portage Metropolitan Hous Plan and related policies following a public he	es prepare and submit an Annual and ing Authority has drafted an Agency
WHEREAS, the Board of Portage Metropolita draft documents and resident comments;	n Housing Authority has reviewed the
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Housing Authority hereby certifies that the put and further approves the following:	
1. 2023 Moving To Work Annual Pla	an
2. HUD Form 50077, Certification of	f Compliance
Passed by the PMHA September 27, 2022	н. -
PORTAGE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTH	IORITY
BY:	
Chairman <u>Pamel</u> Action Celloum Secretary	
	I, Pamela Nation Calhoun, Secretary of the Board of the PMHA, do hereby certify that the aforegoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution of the PMHA duly adopted September 27, 2022, and that all deliberations of this Board were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Sec. 121.22 of the ORC.

	OMB Approval No. 2577-0216 (exp. 3/31		
	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 Annual Moving to Work Plan		
othe for t follo	ng on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Moving to Work Public Housing Agency (MTW PHA) listed below, as its Chair or r authorized MTW PHA official if there is no Board of Commissioners, I approve the submission of the Annual Moving to Work Plan he MTW PHA Plan Year beginning <u>01/01/2023</u> , hereinafter referred to as "the Plan", of which this document is a part and make the wing certifications and agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in connection with the mission of the Plan and implementation thereof:		
(1)	The MTW PHA published a notice that a hearing would be held, that the Plan and all information relevant to the public hearing was available for public inspection for at least 30 days, that there were no less than 15 days between the public hearing and the approval of the Plan by the Board of Commissioners, and that the MTW PHA conducted a public hearing to discuss the Plan and invited public comment.		
(2)	The MTW PHA took into consideration public and resident comments (including those of its Resident Advisory Board or Boards) before approval of the Plan by the Board of Commissioners or Board of Directors in order to incorporate any public comments into the Annual MTW Plan.		
(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 Plan in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.		
(5)	The Plan 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 Plan contains a certification by the appropriate state or local officials that the Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan.		
(7)	The MTW PHA will affirmatively further fair housing by fulfilling the requirements set out in HUD regulations found at Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, including regulations in place at the time of this certification, and any subsequently promulgated regulations governing the obligation to affirmatively further fair housing. The MTW PHA is always responsible for understanding and implementing the requirements of HUD regulations and policies, and has a continuing obligation to affirmatively further fair housing in compliance with the 1968 Fair Housing Act, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, The Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, and the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. (42 U.S.C. 3608, 5304(b)(2), 5306(d)(7)(8), 12705(b)(15), and 1437C–1(d)(16)). The MTW PHA will affirmatively further fair housing by fulfilling the requirements at 24 CFR 903.7(o) and 24 CFR 903.15, which means that it will take meaningful actions to further the goals identified in its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice(AI), Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH), and/or other fair housing planning documents or 24 CFR 903.7(o), and will address impediments to fair housing issues and contributing factors in its programs, in accordance with 24 CFR 903.7(o), and will address impediments to fair housing choice identified in Its Al, AFH, and/or other fair housing planning documents associated with any applicable Consolidated or Annual Action Plan under 24 CFR Part 91.		
(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 identity, or marital status.		
(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 75.		
(12)	The MTW PHA will comply with requirements with regard to a drug free workplace required by 24 CFR Part 24, Subpart F.		

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I/W WA	e, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjur RNING: Anyone who knowingly submits a false cla alties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fin 0, 1012; 31 U.S.C. §3729, 3802).	ry that the information provided above is true and correct. aim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil les, and civil and administrative penalties. (18 U.S.C. §§ 287, 1001,		
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(23)	public inspection. All required supporting documents ha	e to be available at all times and all locations that the Plan is available for ave been made available for public inspection along with the Plan and		
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	24 CFR Part 982 or as approved by HUD, for any Housing			
(20)	The MTW PHA will comply with the policies, guidelines, Indian Tribal Governments) and 2 CFR Part 200.	and requirements of 2 CFR Part 225 (Cost Principles for State, Local and		
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(18)	The MTW PHA will keep records in accordance with 24 0 program requirements.	CFR 85.20 and facilitate an effective audit to determine compliance with		
(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.			
(16)	Environmental Policy Act and other related authorities i	ty any documentation needed to carry out its review under the National in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58. Regardless of who acts as the entation that verifies compliance with environmental requirements pursuant umentation available to HUD upon its request.		
(15)	The MTW PHA will take appropriate affirmative action t CFR 5.105(a).	to award contracts to minority and women's business enterprises under 24		
	The MTW PHA will comply with acquisition and relocation Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and implementing regul	ion requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property lations at 49 CFR Part 24 as applicable.		
(14)		and with restrictions on payments to influence Federal Transactions, in ng regulations at 49 CFR Part 24.		

Certification by State or Local
Official of PHA Plans Consistency
with the Consolidated Plan or
State Consolidated Plan
(All PHAs)

U. S Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing OMB No. 2577-0226 Expires 2/29/2016

Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan

I, <u>Todd Peetz, Director</u> of the <u>Portage County Regional Planning Commission</u> Official's Name/Title

certify that the 5-Year PHA Plan and/or Annual PHA Plan of the:

Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority

PHA Name

is consistent with the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan and the Analysis of

Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice of the:

<u>County of Portage, State of Ohio</u> pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91. Local Jurisdiction

Provide a description of how the PHA Plan is consistent with the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan and the AL.

PMHA provides and implements public and subsidized housing programs to address the housing needs of low-to-moderate income households within Portage County, Ohio. It also offers opportunity for homeownership. Portage County sees an increase in the number of residents over 55 years of age as well as residents with fewer job opportunities since the decline of jobs in manufacturing. Thus, affordable housing is integral to meeting the needs of those aging and those employed but receiving low wages. Indicators, such as Section 8 Administrative Plan and Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan demonstrate that PMHA complies with Fair Housing principles.

I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accumte. 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)

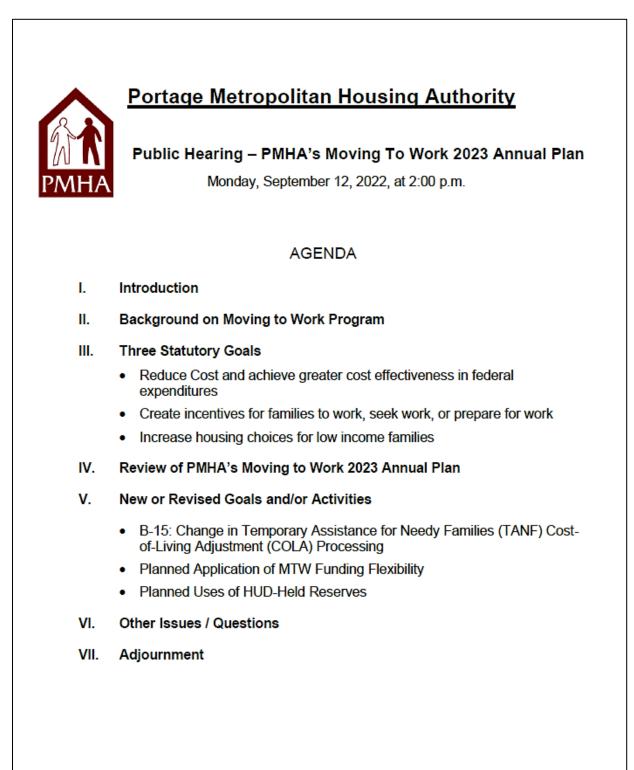
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Todd Peetz	Director
Signature	Date 7/20/22
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B. DOCUMENTATION OF PUBLIC PROCESS

Due to COVID-19 safety precautions, PMHA did not hold in-person public meetings in April 2022, as were typically held in prior non-pandemic effected years, to develop and discuss ideas for the 2023 Annual Plan. Instead, surveys were distributed to all Public Housing residents, with the option to mail it back in, place it in the office drop box, or scan/photograph and email it to Carolyn Budd. The survey was also emailed to all residents for which PMHA had current email addresses, via Survey Monkey, and the link to the survey on SurveyMonkey was put onto PMHA's social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram). Residents were invited to participate in the survey from March 14, 2022 through April 14, 2022. A total of 55 households participated in the survey. Records of all survey responses are kept at the PMHA main office.

The final draft of the 2022 MTW Plan was made available for public review on August 12, 2022, with a public hearing held on September 12, 2022.

PMHA utilizes existing PMHA staff members for collecting information for the purposes of evaluating MTW program activities, for reporting program results in the annual MTW Report to HUD, and for the purposes of planning and developing future MTW Plans. PMHA does not hire any independent outside evaluators to perform assessments of the activities or of the MTW program, as a whole.



Public Hearing Minutes

Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority Public Hearing - 2023 Moving To Work Annual Plan Monday, September 12, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. 2832 State Route 59, Ravenna, OH 44266 **MINUTES** The Public Hearing convened at 2:00 p.m. at the PMHA office by Carolyn Budd, PMHA Special Programs Manager. No other persons were in attendance. No verbal comments were made for recording. No written comments were submitted for review, and no issues were brought forward. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. Respectfully Submitted by: Carolyn Bas Carolyn Budd Special Programs Manager

Public Hearing Attendance Record

Attendance Sheet for the 2023 Moving To Work Annual Plan Public Hearing Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority 2832 State Route 59, Ravenna OH 44266 Monday, September 12, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.				
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Classified Advertisement in the Record-Courier

Documentations of Public Notice, as published in newspaper and flyer format, are below:



C. PLANNED AND ONGOING EVALUATIONS

There are no planned or ongoing PMHA-directed evaluations of the demonstration for the overall MTW program or any specific MTW activities, with the exception of regular reviews of program data and reports by affiliated managers including Public Housing, Section 8, Finance, and Capital Funds.

PMHA chooses not to be evaluated under the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) until required to do so by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

D. LOBBYING DISCLOSURES

N/A: No lobbying activities.

A signed copy of the Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) and the related Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions (form HUD-50071) are on the next page:

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ADDITIONAL APPENDIX ITEMS

Significant Changes to Activities: HUD requires MTW PHAs to re-propose activities that require "significant changes." A "significant change" occurs when the nature of the activity has changed such that an additional MTW authorization is needed OR when an MTW PHA fundamentally changes the nature and scope of an activity to the extent that there is the potential for a different impact on residents (e.g., changing the calculation of rent). In these cases, the activity must undergo a new public process. HUD reserves the right to determine on a case-by-case basis if the change made to an activity crosses this threshold and therefore requires the activity to be re-proposed.

Resident Commissioner: The City Manager of Kent, Ohio appoints the resident commissioner position. This position is currently occupied by Michael Edwards.

Non-Smoking Policy in Public Housing: PMHA designated all Public Housing properties as smoke free effective July 30, 2018, per HUD's Final Rule "Instituting Smoke-Free Public Housing" published on December 6, 2016 and HUD Notice PIH-2017-03 issued on February 15, 2017. In 2018, PMHA conducted resident meetings for input on the draft smoke-free policy and modified the draft policy based on resident input. PMHA issued the revised draft policy to all Public Housing residents for a 30-day comment period. The policy was implemented by the effective date of July 30, 2018. Under this policy, PMHA bans the use of all prohibited tobacco products in all PMHA owned and/or managed dwelling units, within all units, indoor common areas, administrative offices and buildings, and in outdoor areas within 25 feet of any PMHA housing or administrative offices, buildings, or structures along with outdoor common areas that include but are not limited to playgrounds, mailbox and dumpster areas, and school bus stops. PMHA offered residents information regarding and referrals to community organizations that provide smoking cessation services, as well as brought the Portage County Health District to one PMHA-owned building, the Opportunity Resource Center, to assist residents in preparation for smoke-free housing by providing a series of 5 tobacco cessation classes. PMHA will adopt any further non-smoking policies as required by law or HUD regulation.

Public Housing Over-Income Limit under the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA) Policy in Public Housing: HOTMA was signed into law on July 29, 2016 (Public Law 114-201, 130 Stat. 782); section 103 of HOTMA amends section 16(a) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437n(a)) (1937 Act) and established income limitations for continued occupancy in Public Housing. The law requires that after a family's income has exceeded 120 percent of the area median income (AMI), or a different limitation as may be established by the Secretary, for two consecutive years, a PHA must terminate the family's tenancy within 6 months of the second income determination or charge the family a monthly rent equal to the greater of: (1) the applicable Fair Market Rent (FMR); or (2) the amount of monthly subsidy for the unit, including amounts from the operating and capital fund, as determined by regulations. Section 103 of HOTMA requires PHAs to implement this over-income limit and, as such, PMHA has updated its Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policies (ACOP) to implement these changes and to establish policies for continued occupancy in Public Housing. PMHA will update its over-income limits annually in the ACOP, as required by HOTMA, no later than 60 days after HUD publishes new income limits each year. PMHA will adopt any further income limitation policies as required by law or HUD regulation.

Violence Against Women Act Policies: PMHA is committed to assisting victims of domestic violence. PMHA's Section 8 Administrative Plan and Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan (ACOP) are written to protect victims of either gender from unfair evictions and program terminations due to the violence perpetuated against them. PMHA reviews police reports for Public Housing to identify the need to refer residents to counseling and other necessary domestic violence programs. PMHA also will pursue evictions against residents responsible for domestic violence. For the purposes of discussion here, these activities include victims of all criminal activity covered under the VAWA.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Policy in Section 8: It is a goal of the Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority (PMHA) to promote nondiscrimination and to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all. To that end, PMHA undertakes extraordinary efforts to affirmatively further fair housing.

The PMHA's Section 8 Program is designed to achieve three major goals: (1) to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for very low-income families while maintaining their rent payments at an affordable level; (2) to promote freedom of housing choice and spatial de-concentration of very low-income families of all races and ethnic backgrounds; and (3) to provide an incentive to private property owners to rent to very low-income families by offering timely assistance payments. In addition, PMHA strives to encourage self-sufficiency of assisted families.

In furtherance of its commitment to full compliance with applicable civil rights laws, the PMHA provides information to Section 8 program participants regarding discrimination and corrective actions that are available to them if they feel they have been victims of discrimination. This information is made available to participating families during the Section 8 Briefing Session. All applicable Fair Housing information and Discrimination Complaint forms are also provided to program participants at the time of the Section 8 Briefing Session.

The PMHA strives for objectivity and consistency in the application of eligibility guidelines governing the administration of the Section 8 program. PMHA staff reviews family information without regard to any factors other than the eligibility determinants set forth in the Section 8 Administrative Plan. Each family is provided with the opportunity to explain their circumstances, to furnish additional supporting documents/information, and to

receive an explanation of any decisions made by PMHA in connection with their application for housing assistance.

The ultimate goals of all of these actions are the elimination of impediments to fair housing, to remedy discrimination in housing, and to promote fair housing rights and fair housing choice.

PMHA will also take steps to affirmatively further fair housing in its Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program and will maintain records of those steps and their impacts. PMHA will: (1) advertise widely in the community for the coordinator position, (2) market the FSS program to all eligible persons, including persons with disabilities and person with limited English proficiency, (3) make buildings and communications that facilitate applications and service delivery accessible to persons with disabilities, (3) provide fair housing counseling services or referrals to fair housing agencies to program participants, (5) inform program participants of how to file a fair housing complaint, including providing the toll-free number for the Housing Discrimination Hotline, and (6) recruit landlords and service providers in areas that expand housing choice to program participants.

The City of Kent is the only community in Portage County that has a Consolidated Plan and thus, prepares an analysis of impediments to fair housing. According to Kent's Consolidated Plan, the impediments to affordable housing include: high cost of rental housing fueled by competition from university students, lack of public transportation and prejudice towards minorities and special needs populations. PMHA works with the City of Kent and other local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require PMHA's involvement to affirmatively further fair housing.

The local fair housing advocacy agency, Fair Housing Contact Service, offers many services to landlords and tenants in order to educate them on fair housing laws. The PMHA, as a paying member of Fair Housing Contact Service, receives newsletters and brochures for distribution to Section 8 landlords and tenants. In the past, PMHA sponsored a workshop conducted by Fair Housing Contact Service aimed at educating Section 8 landlords. In addition, Fair Housing Contact Services completed a staff development session for employees of PMHA.

The steps above are in addition to the on-going administrative efforts followed in order to comply with civil rights laws. PMHA works with local partner agencies to assist families with accessing supportive services. The agency also provides assistance to voucher holders searching for units, approves higher rents for accessible units and provides assistance to owners regarding program access. Additionally, PMHA works to identify potential funds for accessibility.

PMHA routinely furthers fair housing by distributing fair housing materials and discrimination complaint forms at all briefing sessions and maintains a landlord discrimination complaint log. PMHA distributes information on how to file a fair housing complaint and the toll-free number (1.800.669.9777) for the Housing Discrimination

Hotline (and the Federal Information Relay Service, 1.800.887.8339) in the Section 8 Briefing packet. In addition, complaint forms and hotline number are displayed in the PMHA lobby and are available at the front desk. In addition, PMHA completes ongoing reviews of its programs.

At least annually, staff prepares demographic reports of various components of the Section 8 program, in order to ensure the fair treatment of applicants and participants. PMHA maintains records of the analyses and actions relating to steps taking to affirmatively further fair housing requirements of 24 CFR Part 903.7(o).

Security Improvements Project (from 2021 Plan) – Update: PMHA is taking steps to improve upon security at our six (6) Public Housing family sites, which are Athena Gardens, Community Estates, Ravenna (Harvest) Woods, Heritage Knolls, Renaissance Place, and Townsquare Villas. The primary purpose of this project is to improve the safety, security, and monitoring at these sites. This project was first included in PMHA's approved 2021 MTW Annual Plan.

PMHA plans to equip each site with security cameras mounted to either buildings or light posts, to offer surveillance coverage for the protection of our sites and our residents. Each site will also receive necessary lighting upgrades to help with camera surveillance under night or low daylight conditions. Each site will have multiple cameras, with either wired or wireless connection, connected to a central digital video recorder (DVR) located in either a locked property garage or locked community space office. Each DVR will be accessible remotely and viewable by select PMHA staff as a way to monitor site activity. This will serve as a resource if an incident would occur, and footage would be needed by PMHA to enforce a lease or by law enforcement. In addition to the lighting upgrades and security camera system installation, the units at each site, except for Ravenna (Harvest) Woods, will receive new front and rear exterior entry doors and code-compliant lever hardware to ensure the safety of every resident and of PMHA's properties. The replacement doors and hardware at Ravenna (Harvest) Woods were already incorporated into a separate project under the Capital Funds grant.

As of the date of submission on this Plan, PMHA is in the process of obtaining price quotes for security cameras and Wi-Fi for the sites listed above. It is anticipated work on this project will begin prior to the end of the 2022 calendar year and may be completed by year-end or in the first half of 2023

This project is being solely funded by HUD held reserves and will not utilize current HAP funds.

Athena Gardens & Renaissance Place HVAC Project (from 2022 Plan) – Update: Upon approval of PMHA's 2022 MTW Annual Plan, PMHA commenced an HVAC project at two (2) Public Housing family sites, Athena Gardens and Renaissance Place. The primary purpose of this project was to replace the aging furnace systems at these sites as well as provide central air conditioning, which is currently not present at either site.

This project is solely funded by HUD held reserves and does not utilize current HAP funds.

It is anticipated that PMHA will utilize approximately \$300,000 of reserves for the project at the two (2) sites. The actual cost for installation at Athena Gardens is \$138,528 and the estimate for installation is \$161,472 for Renaissance. This will include removing and disposing of existing forced air furnaces and replacing them with new, energy-efficient furnaces and installing condenser units for central air conditioning.

The HVAC replacement at Athena Gardens has been completed as of the date of the writing of PMHA's MTW 2023 Annual Plan. The HVAC replacement at Renaissance Place is still in progress. Project documentation and the bid package is being prepared and will go out to bid by late-summer 2022. The entire project is anticipated to be completed in late-2022 or early-2023.

Planned Uses of HUD-Held Reserves in 2023: PMHA plans to use its HUD-held Reserves for the projects described below.

Eastowne Manor & Etna House

- Full Modernization of Eastowne & Etna Elevators- Both the Eastowne Manor and Etna House elevators are in need of replacement. The modernization would PMHA to keep the elevators running safely, reliably and in an energy-efficient manner. Completion of the project will require temporary displacement of residents. The estimate for the replacement of the elevators at both properties is approximately \$293,500. The buildings' machine rooms, elevator shafts, and pits all must be brought up to existing code requirements whenever the controller is replaced. The cost associated is not included in the budget estimates.
- 2. <u>Roof Replacement-</u> Roofs at both properties will be replaced.
- 3. <u>Intercom & Door System Replacement</u>- The properties currently utilize key fob security doors and individual intercom systems for the added security and safety of tenants. The systems are in disrepair and in need of replacement.
- 4. <u>Community Room, Computer Lab and Lobby Upgrade</u>- The community spaces are essential to the socialization of the elderly and disabled residents of these properties. The spaces are used as gathering rooms, the venue for social events, and recreational activities. Service providers also use the space to host events pertaining to the health and welfare of residents. The spaces are in need of upgrades. The community room upgrades will include the replacement of tables, chairs, flooring, window coverings, and upgrades to the kitchenettes. Computer Lab upgrades will include new flooring, the installation of new computer

workstations, and the removal of existing plumbing and cabinetry. The lobby upgrades will include the purchase of replacement furniture and accessories. All spaces will include painting/wallpaper.

Etna House

1. <u>Installation of air conditioning</u>- The property is occupied by elderly and disabled residents, many of which require air conditioning due to chronic health conditions. Unlike the other elderly disabled property in PMHA's Public Housing inventory, the units at Etna House do not have air conditioning.

Eastowne Manor

 <u>Upgrade of office space</u>- Eastowne Manor contains office space that is currently unused. The space will be upgraded and serve as a satellite office to be used by PMHA staff and community partners who provide services to the elderly and disabled residents at the property. The upgrade will include the purchase of office furniture, electronics (computer, printer, phone, etc.) and other items needed to bring the space online as a usable office.

Scattered Sites

1. <u>Installation of new HVAC systems</u>- PMHA will install new HVAC systems, including energy efficient furnaces and central air at the thirty-seven (37) scattered single-family homes and duplexes that are part of PMHA's Public Housing portfolio.

PHA-Wide Appliance Replacement

1. <u>Replacements</u>- Stoves, refrigerators, and rangehoods at all Public Housing properties will be replaced with energy efficient appliances

Capital Fund Program – The Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report (HUD 50075.1) or subsequent form required by HUD: In lieu of HUD 50075.1, PMHA chooses to include its Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan (HUD 50075.2). Historically, PMHA was permitted under MTW to either submit the 50075.1 or the 50075.2. PMHA has submitted the 50075.2 because it gives the agency the flexibility of a rolling 5 Year Action Plan. However, a 50075.1 is always submitted annually in the spring to the HUD Field Office, based off the information in the 50075.2 that was submitted with the Annual MTW Plan the previous fall. PMHA's concern is that submitting the 50075.1 will limit the agency's flexibility as to what we will be able to do until next year's Annual MTW Plan submission. Submitting the 50075.2 (5 Year Plan) gives flexibility to make changes within the coming year's annual plan submittal if we see the need. For clarity, PMHA can list 20 potential projects in the 50075.2 for its 5 Year Plan, and when the agency's greatest needs. It is PMHA's understanding that MTW agencies are allowed this flexibility.

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Capital Fund Program – Five Year Action Plan

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Tubs/Surrounds			Athena Gardens Bath Vanities, toilet, tub/surround	All	106,412.00
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Kitchen Cabinets and Countertops	All	120,000.00			
			Athena Gardens	All	
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Ravenna Woods Interior Blinds		10,000.00			
Comm Estates Interior Doors		27,510.00			
Comm Estates Office Addition		40,000.00			
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Statement for Year 1 FFY 2022	Development Number/Name General Description of Major Work Categories	Quantity	Estimated Cost	Development Number/Name General Description of Major Work Categories	Quantity	Estimated Cost
Annual	OH31000001 - EAST AMP			OH31000002 - WEST AMP		
Statement	Interior Doors PHA Wide	All	55,566.75	Roofs Town Square		50,000.00
	Central Air Renaissance	All	56,207.20	Interior Doors Town Square	·	46,500.00
	Renaissance Roofs	All	65,000.00	Townsquare Cabinets/Countertop Bath Vanities and fixtures		57,426.65
	Etna Elevator Repair/Replacement		50,000.00			
	Comm. Est. Bath Vanities and fixtures		36,000.00	Townsquare Plygrnd/Spray Pool		10,000.00
	Ravenna Woods Site-Wide Internet		15,000.00	514 Harris Int and Ext Renovation		30,000.00
	Renaissance			Town Square Site Lighting		32,302.80
	Siding/gutters/downspts/storm doors Entry Doors, brick repair		92,145.00	220-228 W Elm Exterior Upgradee		86,448.40
	Subtotal of Estimated Costs		\$ 369,918.95	Subtotal of Estimated Costs		\$ 312,677.85

	pporting Pages - Physical Need	s Work Sta	tement(s)				
	Work Statement			Work Statement for Year: 4			
Work Statement for Year 1 FFY 2022	FFY: 20 Development Number/Name General Description of Major Work Categories	25 Quantity	Estimated Cost	FFY: Development Number/Name General Description of Major Work Categories	2025 Quantity		Estimated Cost
Annual	OH31000001 - EAST AMP			OH31000002 - WEST AMP			
Statement		All		Security Cameras Walter Street			14,223.1
	Ravenna Woods Roofs	All	106,215.23	Security Cameras Town Square			15,224.8
			04.454.00	Town Square Office Addition			86,448.4
	Secur. Cameras Community Estates		24,154.22				
	Renaissance Site-Wide Internet		27,451.00	Security Cameras Athena Gardens			15,000.0
	Eastowne Elevator Replacement		55,207.20	Athena Gardens Plygrnd/Spray Pool			15,000.0
	Eastowne Roof		29,553.00	Athena Gardens Site-Wide Internet			62,302.
	Eastowne Intercom System		50,000.00				
	4325-4327 Marks Ave Septic Upgrade Interior Upgrade		54,295.75	PHA Interior Doors			127,521.2
	Subtotal of Estimated Costs		\$ 346,876.40	Subtotal of Estimated Costs		\$	335,720.4

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	FFY [.]	Work Statement for Year: 5 FFY: 2026			Work Statement for Year: 5			
	Development Number/Name Estimated			FFY: 2026 Development Number/Name				
Statement for fear 1 FFY 2022	General Description of Major Work Categories	Quantity	Cost	General Description of Major Work Categories	Quantity	Estimated Cost		
Annual	OH31000001 - EAST AMP			OH31000002 - WEST AMP				
Statement F	Renaissance Comm. Space Upgrade		32,214.56	Heritage Knolls Community Space		27629.52		
5	Security Cameras Ravenna Woods		20,000.00	Heritage Knolls Storm/Entry Doors		25,207.20		
F	Ravenna Woods plygrnd/Spray Pool		13,768.00	Athena Office Addition		52,302.80		
	4222 4220 Marks Ave Cartis Dalamet		E4 005 75					
Chick States design of designed data avarante	4333-4339 Marks Ave Septic Rplcmt Interior upgrade		54,295.75	Heritage Knolls Plygrnd/Spray Pool		15,000.00		
				Themage Kholis Hyghid/Opray Foor		10,000.00		
F	Ravenna Woods Office Addition		86,448.40	Heritage Knolls Site Lighting		20,000.00		
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E	Etna Intercom System		75,000.00	Heritage Knolls Cabinets/Counters/ Shower/surround, toilets, vanities		94,498.57		
(Community Estates Cabinets/		101,232.00	Shower/surround, tonets, variates				
	Countertops		101,202.00	Heritage Knolls Site-Wide Internet		50,000.00		
F	Renaissance Plygrnd/Spray Pool		15,000.00					
	Subtotal of Estimated Costs		\$ 397,958.71	Subtotal of Estimated Costs		\$ 284,638.09		

art III: Su	pporting Pages - Management Needs	Work Statement(s)			
Work	Work Statement for Year 2023		Work Statement for Year: 2 2023		
Statement for Year 1 FFY 2022	Development Number/Name General Description of Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost	Development Number/Name General Description of Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost	
Annual	OH31000001 - EAST AMP		OH31000002 - WEST AMP		
Statement					
	Fees & Costs- Advertising Bids & Architect Fee	39,500.00	Fees & Costs- Advertising Bids & Architect Fee	20,500.0	
	Administration- CFP Management Fee	64,977.20	Administration- CFP Management Fee	27,847.4	
	Operating Fund	64,977.20	Operating Fund	27,847.4	
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	Subtotal of Estimated Costs	\$ 169,454.40	Subtotal of Estimated Costs	\$ 76,194.8	

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er: 3	Work Statement for Yea FFY: 2024	3	Work Statement for Year FFY: 2024	Work
Estimated Cost	Development Number/Name General Description of Major	Estimated Cost	Development Number/Name General Description of Major	Statement for
	Work Categories		Work Categories	Year 1 FFY 2022
	OH31000002 - WEST AMP		OH31000001 - EAST AMP	Annual
				Statement
20,500.0	Fees & Costs- Advertising Bids & Architect Fee	39,500.00	Fees & Costs- Advertising Bids & Architect Fee	
27,847.4	Administration- CFP Management Fee	64,977.20	Administration- CFP Management Fee	
27,847.4	Operations	64,977.20	Operations	
\$ 76,194.8	Subtotal of Estimated Costs	\$ 169,454.40	Subtotal of Estimated Costs	

C	Capital Fund Program - Five -Year Ac	tion Plan		ing and Urban Developmen of Public and Indian Housin Expires 4/30/201
art III: Supp	porting Pages - Management Needs		I	
Work	Work Statement for Year FFY: 2026	r: 5	Work Statement for Ye FFY: 2026	ar: 5
for ear 1 FFY 2022	Development Number/Name General Description of Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost	Development Number/Name General Description of Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost
Annual	OH31000001 - EAST AMP		OH31000002 - WEST AMP	
itatement				
Fe	ees & Costs- Advertising Bids & Architect Fee	39,500.00	Fees & Costs- Advertising Bids & Architect Fee	20,500.0
Ac	dministration- CFP Management Fee	64,977.20	Administration- CFP Management Fee	27,847.4
Or	perating	64,977.20	Operating	27,847.4
			Site Acquisition	1,000.0
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Sı	ubtotal of Estimated Costs	\$ 169,454.40	Subtotal of Estimated Costs	\$ 77,194.80