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Moving to Work Demonstration Program is Open for Applications

On February 27, 2012, HUD issued Notice PIH 2012-16 that requests public housing agencies (PHAs) to apply for admission to the Moving to Work (MTW) demonstration program. The HUD appropriations acts of 2010 and 2011 authorized the addition of three additional MTW agencies per year. Only two of the three new MTW slots were filled under the 2010 appropriations act; therefore, the Department will accept applications for a total of four new MTW agencies – one under 2010 and three under 2011. The four selected PHAs will enter into HUD’s Standard MTW Agreement which will run until the end of the PHAs 2018 fiscal year.

The minimum statutory eligibility requirements for a PHA becoming a MTW agency are: (1) The PHA is currently designated as a High Performing agency under the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS), and (2) the PHA administers no more than 5,000 aggregate housing vouchers and public housing units. Based on these criteria, HUD estimates that over 1,500 PHAs are eligible to apply; therefore, to select the four most highly qualified PHAs, HUD has adopted additional eligibility requirements. The following eligibility requirements must be met as of the date of application:

1. Designated as a High Performer under the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS);
2. No more than 5,000 total public housing units and HCVs;
3. Reporting rate in the Inventory Management System-Public and Indian Housing Information Center (IMS-PIC) of at least 95% of households in both the public housing and HCV programs;
4. All required submissions into the Voucher Management System (VMS) must have been submitted and up-to-date;
5. All required submissions for the preceding three fiscal years into the Financial Assessment Sub-System (FASS-PH), Financial Data Schedule (FDS) must have been submitted;
6. Absence of unaddressed findings from Inspector General (IG) audits, Independent Public Accountant (IPA) audits, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) reviews, Tier I or II reviews, Rental Integrity Monitoring (RIM) reviews, American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) monitoring, litigation, or from any other on-site or remote reviews;
7. Obligation and expenditure of Capital Fund Program (CFP) grants in accordance with the requirements of Section 9(j) of the 1937 Act for the past three years;
8. Compliance with the Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) for tenant income verifications, reexaminations, and recertifications as required by the December 29, 2009 Final Rule (74 FR 68923);
9. Obligation and expenditure of ARRA grants, if applicable, in accordance with ARRA requirements, including all reporting requirements;
10. If an outstanding repayment agreement with the Department is in place, payments must be being made according to that agreement; and
11. The applicant meets requirements under Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 135.

The applicant must also test two priority policy initiatives if selected as an MTW agency. The first priority policy initiative is the Rent Reform Controlled Study. The PHA will select the second priority policy initiative from either, (1) Housing Choice Mobility Demonstration or (2) Detailed MTW Block Grant Evaluation.

Applications in PDF or Microsoft Word format must be received by 5pm Eastern Standard Time on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 via email to Dominique Blom; Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing Investments at mtw-info@hud.gov.

Notice PIH 2012-16 with the application attachments and criteria can be viewed at: <http://portal.hud.gov/huddoc/pih2012-16.pdf>.

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Delivering Together is part of HUD's Transformation Initiative led by Secretary Shaun Donovan. As part of the overall goal of "Transforming the Way HUD Does Business," the Office of Public and Indian Housing is looking for ways to reduce Public Housing Agency (PHA) burden. When the Delivering Together team asked about HUD forms, many PHAs, particularly smaller agencies, requested that we automate Form HUD 50075.1, the Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report for the Capital Fund Program and Form HUD 50075.2, Capital Fund Program – Five Year Action Plan. PHAs were spending too much time inputting the information into the form, then inputting data again into a spreadsheet or calculator to perform the required calculations.



What Was Done

Forms HUD 50075.1 and HUD 50075.2 have been automated and placed on HUD's website at <http://1.usa.gov/HBxlrp>. Once you enter the webpage, scroll down to the bottom and look under Forms.

What You Can Expect

The automation of forms HUD 50075.1 and HUD 50075.2 will continue. The Department eventually plans to incorporate the information system.



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HUD Issues New Guidance on the Demolition / Disposition Process

HUD issued PIH 2012-7 "Demolition/disposition of public housing and associated requirements for PHA Plans, resident consultation, Section 3 and application processing to explain the requirements PHAs must follow when requesting HUD approval to demolish and/or dispose of public housing units. This Notice is guidance and to be used along with applicable regulatory requirements pertaining to demolition and disposition located at 24 CFR part 970, rules pertaining to environmental assessment at 24 CFR parts 50 and 58, PHA Plan requirements at 24 CFR part 903, and Public Housing Development at 24 CFR part 941.

The Notice reviews general requirements and related information for PHAs seeking demolition or disposition of public housing units including PHA Plan requirements, resident consultation, HUD civil rights review, environmental reviews, existing financial transactions, security and utility deposits as relocation expenses, processing SAC applications, disposition justification criteria, Section 3 compliance, and use restrictions.

Details regarding submission requirements and how HUD reviews the required criteria are explained in this Notice. The Notice affirms that PHAs must ensure all information and documentation required by 24 CFR part 970 and the HUD-52860 form be completed prior to submission. An environmental review must also be completed before submission for a proposed demolition or disposition in accordance with 24 CFR part 50 or 58. The notice explains that HUD will not process any application that is incomplete.

The Notice also provides detailed information regarding disposition justification criteria including a project's physical obsolescence when PHAs seek to demolish public housing units. PHAs must include a detailed description of the project's physical obsolescence including a description of work items and other issues that have diminished marketability, usefulness or management of the project.

PIH Notice 2012-7 reminds PHAs that they may not begin any demolition or disposition prior to HUD written approval. PHAs must continue to occupy the units and resident relocation is not permitted until a written approval is received. PHAs may receive technical assistance directly from the SAC on any proposed SAC application by calling 312-353-6236 or send an email to SACTA@hud.gov. For additional information: <http://1.usa.gov/uBAGLE>.

Upcoming Conference

Energy Performance Contracting: Use Performance Contracting to Green Your Housing Authority

August 6 – 11, 2012 | Chicago, IL

For more information regarding course registration, course agenda, or lodging, please visit: <http://www.cvent.com/d/wcqp3p/1Q>.

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PIH Notice

PIH 2012-19, "Implementation of Funding for Tenant-Protection Vouchers for Certain At-Risk Households in Low-Vacancy Areas" issued March 16, 2012. This Notice provides information and instructions on the funding process for tenant protection vouchers for certain at-risk households in low-vacancy areas, as provided for in the "Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012" (PL 112-55), enacted on November 18, 2011.

HUD's PIH Notices can be viewed online at: <http://1.usa.gov/uBAGLE>.

