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MTW PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Selects 30 PHAs for the First Cohort of the MTW Expansion

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has selected the first 30 PHAs to join the Moving to Work ([MTW](#)) demonstration program through the first cohort of the MTW Expansion.

Through the 30 agencies selected in this initial cohort, HUD will evaluate the overall impact of MTW flexibilities on PHAs with 1,000 or fewer aggregate authorized public housing and HCV units. Selected PHAs represent communities from across the nation, including: Auburn, Alabama; Fayetteville, Arizona; Pocatello, Idaho; Ruston, Louisiana; Ripley, Missouri; Neptune, NJ; and Rosenberg, Texas. For a full list of the selectees in this initial cohort, please visit the [MTW Demonstration Program website](#).

MTW allows PHAs to practice greater program flexibility and encourages housing choice and self-sufficiency among low-income families. According to the press release, the selected PHAs will use MTW designation to offer encouragement through incentives to help families work toward self-sufficiency and homeownership, establish emergency or transitional services to the homeless or otherwise hard to house, leverage financial flexibility to adequately fund all programs, develop creative partnerships with public and private collaborators, address mental health impediments of assisted residents, remove barriers that discourage income increases, achieve the highest level of internal operating efficiency, and much more.

HUD is also inviting agencies interested in participating in the MTW demonstration to submit applications for the third and fourth cohorts of the MTW Expansion, which will evaluate work requirements and landlord incentives. The selectees for the second cohort will be announced later this spring.



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