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MTW PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Publishes Final Operations Notice for MTW Expansion

Today in the *Federal Register*, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) published its final [operations notice](#) for the expansion of the Moving to Work ([MTW](#)) program. The notice establishes the requirements for the implementation and continued operation of the MTW demonstration program pursuant to the 2016 MTW Expansion Statute, which authorizes HUD to increase the size of the program from 39 to 139 agencies over a seven-year period. MTW agencies are given flexibility to develop alternative housing program policies aimed at reducing program costs, increasing self-sufficiency of assisted families, and increasing housing choice.

HUD had previously published two operations notices and requests for comments on [January 2017](#) and [October 2018](#). Today's notice, which is effective immediately, includes changes that incorporate feedback from the previous drafts and reflect final policy decisions. The primary changes are as follows:

- The term of participation is now 20 years from designation
- Simplified agency-specific waiver request process
- Revised safe harbor waivers
- Modifications to the impact analysis and hardship policy requirements
- Clarification on factors for discontinuing an activity
- Funding cap for local, nontraditional activities to be ten percent of HAP funding
- Updated approach to the substantially the same (STS) requirement

HUD has also added additional MTW activities and waivers that do not require HUD approval before implementation. You can find them in Appendix I. HUD is providing an opportunity to comment on the activities and waivers listed in section III of the notice. The due date for comments is October 27, 2020.

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Updates Two-Year Projection Tool and Tool of Tools

On the [Tools](#) page on the Housing Choice Vouchers ([HCV](#)) website, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) posted updated versions of the two-year projection tool ([TYT](#)) and the Tool of Tools ([ToT](#)) for the HCV program. The tools are current as of August 21, 2020. You can access the tools through HUD's Secure Systems.



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