



CITY OF POMONA

COUNCIL REPORT

October 18, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor Chairperson and Governing Board of the City of Pomona
Housing Authority

From: James W. Makshanoff, Executive Director

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE POMONA HOUSING AUTHORITY'S MOVING TO
WORK SUPPLEMENT TO THE ANNUAL PHA PLAN AND
AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council, sitting as the Governing Board of the City of Pomona Housing Authority, take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-138 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, SITTING AS THE GOVERNING
BOARD OF THE POMONA HOUSING AUTHORITY (PHA), APPROVING THE
PHA'S MOVING TO WORK (MTW) SUPPLEMENT TO THE ANNUAL PHA
PLAN AND TO RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT TO THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR FINAL
REVIEW AND APPROVAL.**

- 2) Authorizes the Executive Director of the Housing Authority or his designee, to execute the MTW Certifications of Compliance and authorizing the submission of the PHA's MTW Supplement Plan to the Annual PHA Plan to HUD.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has selected the Pomona Housing Authority (PHA) to participate in the Moving to Work (MTW) Demonstration Expansion Program to design and test new ways of providing housing policies, assistance and services to low-income households. The PHA completed a public hearing process to receive public comment and feedback on the MTW Supplement Plan to the Annual Plan, which outlines activities the PHA plans to implement under the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program. The PHA must now receive Board approval of the MTW Supplement Plan to the Annual Plan. The Board must complete the MTW Certifications of Compliance to accompany the MTW Supplement to the Annual Plan authorizing the submission to HUD for their final review and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact with this action.

PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:

On December 17, 2018, the City Council authorized staff to submit an application to HUD requesting admission to the MTW Demonstration Program for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. During the November 16, 2020 City Council meeting, the PHA hosted a public hearing on the MTW Plan and the City Council adopted a resolution approving the City of Pomona Housing Authority's MTW Plan, and was submitted to HUD on December 4, 2020 and received admission to the MTW Demonstration Expansion Program on January 7, 2021. On May 3, 2021 the City Council authorized the PHA to execute the MTW Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) Amendment. On June 1, 2021, the Pomona PHA received the signed MTW Annual Contributions Contract (MTW ACC) Amendment from HUD designating the Pomona PHA as a MTW Agency. On September 20, 2021, the PHA conducted a public hearing on the MTW Supplement Plan to receive testimony and comments.

DISCUSSION:

As an official designated MTW Agency, the PHA must complete and submit the MTW Supplement to the Annual Plan, a HUD-50075 fillable form (Attachment No. 2). The MTW Supplement collects information about policies implemented by MTW expansion agencies. It communicates the PHA's plans to residents and to the community through the required public comment processes, and HUD uses the information collected to monitor and evaluate the MTW Program. It provides information about Safe Harbor Waivers, Agency-Specific Waivers, compliance with MTW statutory requirements, and evaluations. All information collected will be stored in a database to be analyzed by HUD. Once HUD approves the PHA's MTW Supplement, HUD will post it to the MTW website for public viewing.

The PHA proposed to implement several activities which meet the three MTW statutory objectives: **Cost Effectiveness**, **Self-Sufficiency**, and **Housing Choice**. All proposed activities can be found in the HUD-50075 form. All activities will help improve the quality of lives of HCV program participants, work in partnership with community organizations to develop a comprehensive approach to ending homelessness, and promote self-sufficiency and assist in the implementation of activities stated in the City of Pomona's Strategic Plan on Homelessness.

HUD requires that the PHA conduct a public process to receive feedback on the proposed activities and incorporate the feedback into the MTW Supplement Plan. The PHA mailed a flyer to all current HCV households about the opportunity to present feedback and comments on the MTW Supplement Plan by attending a resident meeting. The PHA hosted two resident meetings on August 18, 2021, at 10 AM and 4 PM to receive feedback from HCV households on proposed program policies and activities. A total of 13 residents participated in the meetings. An outline of the public process has been included (Attachment No. 3) and highlights the public comments that were received during the resident meetings.

In addition, the PHA submitted a public notice to the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin and published the draft plan on the City's website on August 25, 2021 for Pomona residents to review. The draft

plan was made available for public comment for 45 days. The PHA did not receive any formal written comments during the 45-day comment period or any time thereafter. On September 20, 2021, the PHA conducted a public hearing on the MTW Supplement Plan to receive testimony and comments. However, no public comments were received.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES & GOALS: This item supports City Council Goal K: – to reduce the unsheltered homeless population by 10% annually and take actions to mitigate the impacts of homelessness on the community.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment No. 1 – Resolution No. 2021-138

Attachment No. 2 – HUD-50075 Form-MTW Supplement to the Annual Plan & MTW
Certifications of Compliance

Attachment No. 3 – Resident Meetings/Public Comments – MTW Supplement to the Annual
Plan