



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: GOVERNING BOARD

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Board Meeting Date: 3/13/2018

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors (Sitting as the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority)

From: Ken Cole, Executive Director, Housing Authority

Subject: FY2018-2019 Moving To Work Annual Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Acting as the Governing Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the County of San Mateo, conduct a public hearing to consider FY2018-2019 Moving To Work Annual Plan:

- A) Open public hearing
- B) Close public hearing
- C) Adopt a resolution approving the Housing Authority of the County of San Mateo's FY2018-2019 Moving To Work Annual Plan.

BACKGROUND:

Moving To Work ("MTW") is a demonstration program that offers participating housing authorities the opportunity to design and test innovative, locally-designed housing and self-sufficiency strategies for low-income households by allowing exceptions from certain housing regulations. The Housing Authority of the County of San Mateo ("HACSM") has implemented many activities that align with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's ("HUD") goals of increasing administrative efficiencies, encouraging self-sufficiency, and increasing housing choice. Some of the activities include conducting biennial inspections on units, creating an affordable housing fund to assist in the development of affordable housing, increasing the Housing Authority's percentage of budget authority allowed for the Project-Based program, and implementing a Leasing Success Program that includes housing locator services and landlord incentives for new and continuing landlords.

As part of the MTW program process, HUD requires housing authorities to submit an MTW Annual Plan each year. The MTW Annual Plan includes information related to proposed and ongoing activities for the housing authorities, as well as long term goals and strategies.

The MTW Annual Plan process requires obtaining input from the public and approval from the Board of Commissioners and HUD.

DISCUSSION:

The FY2018-2019 MTW Annual Plan covers the period of July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. The MTW Annual Plan was completed in accordance with all HUD regulations and requirements, including that all documents are made available to the public for review for a prescribed period prior to adoption by the Governing Board.

A public hearing was advertised in local newspapers and online at the San Mateo County Department of Housing website; the public hearing was held on February 26, 2018, at the Department of Housing office to receive comments. A copy of the proposed MTW Annual Plan was posted on the Department of Housing website and a paper copy of the proposed Plan was available for review during the department's regular office hours. No public comments were received.

HACSM has 36 activities because of its MTW authority and HACSM continues to monitor and evaluate those activities. For the FY2018-2019 MTW Annual Plan, HACSM is proposing the following:

In partnership with the Mental Health Association, provide housing subsidy assistance for up to 20 Support and Advocacy for Young Adults in Transition (SAYAT)-eligible young adults to move from literal homelessness to stable housing and ultimately self-sufficiency. HACSM would provide housing subsidy assistance for up to five years through its self-sufficiency program. During the term of participation, the youth would receive intensive case management and supportive services from the Mental Health Association on topics ranging from housing location, vocational training, education, employment, health services, and increased independence.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

Approval of this Resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of the Livable Community by enabling HACSM to provide housing subsidies to low-income households while reducing its administrative burden by modifying stringent rules and regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no net County cost associated with this action. All funds required to operate the MTW program are provided by HUD.