



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: GOVERNING BOARD

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Board Meeting Date: 5/4/2021

Special Notice / Hearing: Yes
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors (Sitting as the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the County of San Mateo)

From: Raymond Hodges, Executive Director, Housing Authority of the County of San Mateo

Subject: FY 2021-2022 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 the FY 2021-2022 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 FY 2021-2022 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 MTW program is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) with the goals of increasing administrative efficiencies, encouraging self-sufficiency and increasing housing choice.

The Housing Authority of the County of San Mateo (“HACSM”) has been an MTW agency since May 2000 and is currently one of 70 housing authorities with the MTW designation, up from 39 housing authorities. The success of the MTW program has allowed HUD to add 31 housing authorities to its MTW portfolio, and there will be more agencies added to the portfolio in the future. Because of its MTW status, HACSM has implemented activities such as creating an affordable housing fund to assist in the development of affordable housing, increasing HACSM’s percentage of budget authority allowed for the Project-Based Voucher program, developing landlord incentives for new and continuing landlords and enhancing its Provider-Based Assistance Program portfolio.

The MTW program process requires housing authorities to prepare an MTW Annual Plan, obtain input from the public about the Plan and receive approval from the Governing Board of Commissioners prior to submitting the Plan to HUD for its review and approval. The MTW Annual Plan includes information such as proposed and ongoing activities for the housing authorities, as well as discussion of long-term goals and strategies of the agencies within their communities.

DISCUSSION:

The FY 2021-2022 MTW Annual Plan covers the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022 and was completed in accordance with HUD regulations and requirements, including that all documents are available to the public for review for a prescribed period prior to adoption by the Governing Board of Commissioners.

A public hearing was advertised in local newspapers and online at the San Mateo County Department of Housing website; a copy of the proposed MTW Annual Plan was posted on the Department of Housing website from April 1 through April 30, 2021, and any public comments received will be incorporated into the final MTW Annual Plan submitted to HUD. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, HACSM received approval from HUD to extend its MTW Annual Plan submission from April 15, 2021, to June 15, 2021.

For the FY 2021-2022 MTW Annual Plan, HACSM is not proposing any new activities. HACSM has 36 ongoing activities, which will continue to be monitored and evaluated.

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

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