

May 18, 2021

**Resident Notification of Moving to Work Application
Cohort #3 – Work Requirements**

Dear Residents and Participants,

On behalf of the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA), I am writing to let you know that the RRHA is applying for the Moving to Work (MTW) demonstration program, and we would like your input.

Moving to Work (MTW) is a demonstration program for public housing authorities (PHAs) that provides them the opportunity to design and test innovative, locally-designed strategies that use Federal dollars more efficiently, help residents find employment and become self-sufficient and increase housing choices for low-income families. MTW allows PHAs exemptions from many existing public housing and voucher rules and provides funding flexibility with how they use their Federal funds.

MTW agencies have the flexibility to find new approaches that accomplish three primary statutory goals:

1. Reducing cost and achieving greater cost-effectiveness in federal expenditures;
2. Giving incentives to families with children where the head of household is working, is seeking work or is preparing for work by participating in job training, educational programs or programs that assist people to obtain employment and become economically self-sufficient; and
3. Increasing housing choices for low-income families.

The RRHA will be applying for Cohort #3 of the MTW Expansion, which will test work requirements that aim to increase self-sufficiency.



PARTNERS IN PROGRESS

The RRHA will host **two** resident meetings, to be held via video conference on:

- **Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 3:00 pm**
- **Thursday, June 3, 2021, at 3:00 pm**

If you would like to join the meeting via Zoom video conference, please go to the following link via Zoom:

<https://nanmckay.zoom.us/j/6763926565>

During these resident meetings, the RRHA will:

- Provide a timeline for implementing the local work requirement policy, if selected. HUD notes that it may take a PHA up to 18 months to prepare for the implementation of the local work requirement policy.
- Give an overview of the Eligible Households for the local work requirement policy and an explanation that random assignment (i.e., a lottery) will be used to determine which eligible Households are subject to the local work requirement policy; and
- Provide an explanation of how the hardship policy will help assisted households if compliance with the local work requirement policy creates a significant hardship for families.

During these meetings, the RRHA will discuss other waivers that may be implemented with the MTW demonstration program that we hope will provide greater housing choice for our families and improve the economic growth of our Roanoke community. If you require a reasonable accommodation to participate in these discussions or have any questions about these meetings, please contact Melanie Reid, Director of Community Support, at (540) 983-9281 or MTW@rkehousing.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,



David Bustamante
Executive Director

