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## Housing Authority of the City of Alameda granted admission to HUD's Moving to Work (MTW) National Demonstration Program



Alameda, CA – On January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Housing Authority of the City of Alameda (AHA) was selected by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for admission to the Landlord Incentives Cohort of the Moving to Work (MTW) Demonstration Program. AHA was one of only twenty-nine housing agencies from across the nation that was granted admission to the MTW Demonstration Program. In the selection letter, HUD noted that AHA "was selected because of AHA's excellent work and desire to be even more effective in supporting low-income individuals and families."

MTW is key in moving away from a "one-size-fits-all" approach to affordable housing and allows AHA to effectively address the distinct local issues regarding housing needs. This cohort of the MTW Expansion will evaluate landlord incentives and their effect on landlord participation in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. MTW enables AHA to exercise administrative flexibilities to respond to the unique needs of the City of Alameda community. The locally tailored policies will also inform HUD about "what works" in housing here in the City of Alameda.

AHA currently works with hundreds of landlords in the City of Alameda and looks forward to engaging new prospective landlords, which will result in more low-income families finding a home in Alameda.



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"The Housing Authority of the City of Alameda is thrilled to be accepted as a Moving To Work (MTW) agency. This allows the agency to build on its existing housing and social services programs to provide additional, robust services to low-income families and landlords in Alameda. The award also puts AHA in the national spotlight for Housing Authority innovation." said Vanessa Cooper, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Alameda.

## About AHA

For over 80 years, The Housing Authority of the City of Alameda (AHA) has provided a range of housing assistance to low-income households. The primary goal of the Housing Authority is to provide quality, affordable, and safe housing in the City of Alameda. Our programs include Housing Choice Vouchers, Project-Based Vouchers, specialized housing assistance, family self-sufficiency, affordable real estate development, resident services, and management of AHA owned property.

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