

PHA Name : City Of Alameda Housing Authority

PHA Code : CA062

MTW Supplement for PHA Fiscal Year Beginning : (MM/DD/YYYY): 7/1/2025

PHA Program Type: Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) only

MTW Cohort Number: Landlord Incentives

MTW Supplement Submission Type: Annual Submission

B. MTW Supplement Narrative.

The Housing Authority of the City of Alameda (AHA) advocates for and provides quality, affordable, safe housing; encourages self-sufficiency; and builds community partnerships. AHA's Vision Statement is: "The Housing Authority of the City of Alameda shall continue to be recognized for creatively seeking ways to expand the availability of affordable housing throughout Alameda, for caring professional staff, and excellent service."

During participation in the Landlord Incentives Cohort the AHA will be using creative methods to encourage new landlord participation and continued landlord partnerships expanding housing choice for all voucher holders. During this cohort study, the AHA will continue to develop and maintain quality affordable housing for low-income residents, providing more housing choice along the entire spectrum of housing continuum. The AHA would like to design, implement, and sustain exceptional programs that invest in the residents to become self-sufficient through an array of educational, employment, and economic platforms including exploring the possibility of offering incentives to families to participate in training programs or increasing the ability of participants to attend community college or universities.

The AHA will strive to further the MTW statutory objective to reduce cost and achieve greater cost effectiveness in federal expenditures by continuing the activities proposed for FY 2022-2023 such as moving to a triennial reexamination and inspection schedule and allowing for the self-certification of assets and continuing activities proposed for FY 2023-2024 such as increasing rents for PBV units at AHA's fiscal year rather than the contract's anniversary date.

The AHA will strive to further the MTW statutory objective to give incentives to families with children whose heads of household are either working, seeking work, or are participating in job training, educational or other programs that assist in obtaining employment and becoming economically self-sufficient by continuing the activities proposed for FY 2022-2023.

The AHA proposes to use MTW funds flexibly to increase housing choice through acquisition, rehabilitation, and/or development. AHA may use MTW funds flexibly to make Restore-Rebuild (formerly known as Faircloth-to-RAD) transactions feasible by supplementing the RAD rents as housing assistance payments or to pay for acquisition, rehabilitation or construction costs or contributing to development costs in another manner. The AHA is increasing housing choices for low-income families by using its 120-unit Restore-Rebuild authorization to produce additional project-based vouchers at Independence Plaza. The AHA will accept the Faircloth limit as offered by other jurisdictions to expand affordable housing by using these Faircloth limits in a manner similarly to the AHA's limit with Restore-Rebuild with additional MTW funds.

Effective January 1, 2024, MTW Activity 2022-01 2.b. Payment Standards – Fair Market Rents (HCV) was applied to Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH), Stability Voucher (SV), and Emergency Housing Choice Voucher (EHV) participants. On February 19, 2025, the AHA received approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to apply MTW flexibilities under MTW Activity 2022-15 1.w. Alternative Income Inclusions/Exclusions (HCV), MTW Activity 2022-03 3.d. Self-Certification of Assets, and MTW Activity 2022-07 5.d. Alternative Inspection Schedule to its VASH, EHV, and SV programs. In the same letter of approval, the AHA received approval to apply MTW flexibilities under MTW Activity 2022-06 5.a. Pre-Qualifying Unit Inspections to its EHV and SV programs (AHA doesn't need MTW approval to apply this activity to the VASH program as it is already allowed under the revised HUD-VASH Operating Requirements). After receiving approval from its Board of Commissioners, the AHA plans to implement the approvals received in its February 19, 2025 letter from HUD starting on April 17, 2025.

C. The policies that the MTW agency is using or has used (currently implement, plan to implement in the submission year, plan to discontinue, previously discontinued).

1. Tenant Rent Policies	
b. Tiered Rent (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
d. Stepped Rent (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
f. Minimum Rent (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
h. Total Tenant Payment as a Percentage of Gross Income (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
j. Alternative Utility Allowance (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
l. Fixed Subsidy (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
n. Utility Reimbursements (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
o. Initial Rent Burden (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
q. Imputed Income (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
s. Elimination of Deduction(s) (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
u. Standard Deductions (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
w. Alternative Income Inclusions/Exclusions (HCV)	Currently Implementing
2. Payment Standards and Rent Reasonableness	
a. Payment Standards- Small Area Fair Market Rents (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
b. Payment Standards- Fair Market Rents (HCV)	Currently Implementing
c. Rent Reasonableness – Process (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
d. Rent Reasonableness – Third-Party Requirement (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
3. Reexaminations	
b. Alternative Reexamination Schedule for Households (HCV)	Currently Implementing
d. Self-Certification of Assets (HCV)	Currently Implementing
4. Landlord Leasing Incentives	
a. Vacancy Loss (HCV-Tenant-based Assistance)	Currently Implementing
b. Damage Claims (HCV-Tenant-based Assistance)	Not Currently Implemented
c. Other Landlord Incentives (HCV- Tenant-based Assistance)	Currently Implementing
5. Housing Quality Standards (HQS)	
a. Pre-Qualifying Unit Inspections (HCV)	Currently Implementing
b. Reasonable Penalty Payments for Landlords (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
c. Third-Party Requirement (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
d. Alternative Inspection Schedule (HCV)	Currently Implementing
6. Short-Term Assistance	
b. Short-Term Assistance (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
7. Term-Limited Assistance	
b. Term-Limited Assistance (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
8. Increase Elderly Age (PH & HCV)	
Increase Elderly Age (PH & HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
9. Project-Based Voucher Program Flexibilities	
a. Increase PBV Program Cap (HCV)	Currently Implementing
b. Increase PBV Project Cap (HCV)	Currently Implementing
c. Elimination of PBV Selection Process for PHA-owned Projects Without Improvement, Development, or Replacement (HCV)	Currently Implementing
d. Alternative PBV Selection Process (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
e. Alternative PBV Unit Types (Shared Housing and Manufactured Housing) (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
f. Increase PBV HAP Contract Length (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
g. Increase PBV Rent to Owner (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
h. Limit Portability for PBV Units (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
10. Family Self-Sufficiency Program with MTW Flexibility	
a. HCV Waive Operating a Required FSS Program (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
b. HCV Alternative Structure for Establishing Program	

Coordinating Committee (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
c.HCV Alternative Family Selection Procedures (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
d.HCV Modify or Eliminate the Contract of Participation (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
e.HCV Policies for Addressing Increases in Family Income (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
11. MTW Self-Sufficiency Program	
a.HCV Alternative Family Selection Procedures (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
b.HCV Policies for Addressing Increases in Family Income (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
12. Work Requirement	
b. Work Requirement (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
13. Use of Public Housing as an Incentive for Economic Progress (PH)	
14. Moving on Policy	
a. Waive Initial HQS Inspection Requirement (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
b.HCV Allow Income Calculations from Partner Agencies (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
c.HCV Aligning Tenant Rents and Utility Payments Between Partner Agencies (HCV)	Not Currently Implemented
15. Acquisition without Prior HUD Approval (PH)	
16. Deconcentration of Poverty in Public Housing Policy (PH)	
17. Local, Non-Traditional Activities	
a. Rental Subsidy Programs	Not Currently Implemented
b. Service Provision	Not Currently Implemented
c. Housing Development Programs	Currently Implementing

C. MTW Activities Plan that City Of Alameda Housing Authority Plans to Implement in the Submission Year or Is Currently Implementing

1.w. - Alternative Income Inclusions/Exclusions (HCV)
<p>Describe the MTW activity, the MTW agency's goal(s) for the MTW activity, and, if applicable, how the MTW activity contributes to a larger initiative</p> <p>ACTIVITY 2022-15: The AHA excludes the Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program, which is a City of Alameda initiative to provide a flat monthly cash payment of \$1,000 to approximately 150 low-income City of Alameda households over a two-year period called Rise Up Alameda. The AHA excludes these payments from the income review and rent calculation process of applicants or participants receiving these payments.</p> <p>The AHA will also exclude income from United Way Bay Area's (UWBA) Community-Based Roads to Prosperity program which is a privately funded guaranteed basic income (GBI) pilot program in Alameda County, California. Starting in late 2024, 100 families will be randomly selected from SparkPoint Centers based in Oakland, Fremont, and Hayward and provided \$18,000 in unconditional cash transfers over the course of 18 months.</p>
<p>Which of the MTW statutory objectives does this MTW activity serve?</p> <p>Self-sufficiency</p>
<p>What are the cost implications of this MTW activity? Pick the best description of the cost implications based on what you know today.</p> <p>Increased expenditures</p>
<p>Does the MTW activity under this waiver apply to all assisted households or only to a subset or subsets of assisted households?</p> <p>The MTW activity applies to all assisted households</p>
<p>Based on the Fiscal Year goals listed in the activity's previous Fiscal Year's narrative, provide a description about</p>

what has been accomplished or changed during the implementation.

The AHA implemented this activity on July 1, 2023 and payments for the Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program were distributed starting in October 2023. Of the 150 households that are a part of this pilot program, 44% or 67 participants receive rental assistance through the voucher program. Starting on April 17, 2025, the AHA plans to apply this activity to the VASH, EHV, and SV programs.

Does the MTW agency need a Safe Harbor Waiver to implement this MTW activity as described?

No

What inclusions or exclusions will be eliminated, modified, or added?

Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program - City of Alameda called Rise Up Alameda and United Way Bay Area's (UWBA) Community-Based Roads to Prosperity program

2.b. - Payment Standards- Fair Market Rents (HCV)**Describe the MTW activity, the MTW agency's goal(s) for the MTW activity, and, if applicable, how the MTW activity contributes to a larger initiative**

ACTIVITY 2022-01: The Housing Authority of the City of Alameda strives to house families in a small community in the Bay Area. The area is perceived to be one with good schools, high quality local businesses, picturesque neighborhoods, and a caring, involved community resulting in families wanting to rent or buy in the area resulting in high housing costs and limited housing choice. Payment standards set between 80% to 150% of FMR will hopefully allow the market to cap rents through rent reasonableness testing and not the payment standards.

If the payment standard amount is increased during the term of the HAP contract, the increased payment standard amount shall be used to calculate the monthly housing assistance payment for the family at the interim or regular reexamination, whichever comes first.

The Alameda Housing Authority has Waived: 24 CFR 982.505 (c) (4), which falls under 2.b. MTW waiver, 2.b. Payment Standards – Fair Market Rents (HCV). CFR982.503-505 and 983.301. This request will allow owners to request rent increases during the HAP contract and the payment standard to be updated to the current one if higher than the one used at the last annual.

Which of the MTW statutory objectives does this MTW activity serve?

Housing choice

What are the cost implications of this MTW activity? Pick the best description of the cost implications based on what you know today.

Increased expenditures

Does the MTW activity under this waiver apply to all assisted households or only to a subset or subsets of assisted households?

The MTW activity applies to all assisted households

Based on the Fiscal Year goals listed in the activity's previous Fiscal Year's narrative, provide a description about what has been accomplished or changed during the implementation.

The AHA implemented this activity on July 1, 2023 and since then the AHA went through the significant amendment process to allow increases in payment standards to be applied at the interim or regular reexamination, whichever comes first. In the most recently completed fiscal year (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024) the AHA kept payment standards at 120% of FMR.

Does this MTW activity require a hardship policy?

Provided Already

<p>Does the MTW agency need a Safe Harbor Waiver to implement this MTW activity as described?</p> <p>Yes</p>
<p>What is the status of the Safe Harbor Waiver request?</p> <p>The waiver was previously approved.</p>
<p>Please describe the extent to which the Safe Harbor Waiver is supporting the MTW agency's goal in implementing this MTW activity.</p> <p>The AHA has been approved under its Safe Harbor to increase payment standards up to 150% of FMR, however, the AHA has kept payment standards at 120% of FMR.</p>
<p>Does the MTW activity require an impact analysis?</p> <p>Provided Already</p>
<p>Please explain the payment standards by FMR:</p> <p>The agency may apply a payment standard between 80% and 150% of FMR.</p>

<p>3.b. - Alternative Reexamination Schedule for Households (HCV)</p>
<p>Describe the MTW activity, the MTW agency's goal(s) for the MTW activity, and, if applicable, how the MTW activity contributes to a larger initiative</p> <p>ACTIVITY 2022-02: The AHA has switched to a triennial reexamination schedule for all households except families receiving zero income or less than \$5,000 per adult annually in income, VASH, SV or EHV participants who will receive annual recertifications. AHA will check for families meeting the zero income conditions twice a year (normally January and July) and schedule an annual reexamination as appropriate.</p> <p>Households are only allowed 1 interim reexamination every calendar year for an income decrease of more than 10% from the reexamination or interim, whichever was conducted last.</p> <p>Increases and cumulative increases between regular reexaminations resulting in more than a 10% income increase need to be reported when the 10% level is reached.</p> <p>If the payment standard increases when an interim is conducted, the AHA will use the new payment standard to be effective at the interim effective date as allowed under HOTMA.</p>
<p>Which of the MTW statutory objectives does this MTW activity serve?</p> <p>Cost effectiveness; Self-sufficiency</p>
<p>What are the cost implications of this MTW activity? Pick the best description of the cost implications based on what you know today.</p> <p>Decreased expenditures</p>
<p>Does the MTW activity under this waiver apply to all assisted households or only to a subset or subsets of assisted households?</p> <p>The MTW activity applies only to a subset or subsets of assisted households</p>
<p>Does the MTW activity apply only to new admissions, only to currently assisted households, or to both new admissions and currently assisted households?</p> <p>New admissions and currently assisted households</p>

<p>Does the MTW activity apply to all family types or only to selected family types?</p> <p>The MTW activity applies to all family types</p>
<p>Does the MTW activity apply to all HCV tenant-based units and properties with project-based vouchers?</p> <p>The MTW activity applies to specific tenant-based units and/or properties with project-based vouchers</p>
<p>Please describe which tenant-based units and/or properties with project-based vouchers participate in the MTW activity.</p> <p>Does not apply to VASH, SV, or EHV participants.</p>
<p>Based on the Fiscal Year goals listed in the activity's previous Fiscal Year's narrative, provide a description about what has been accomplished or changed during the implementation.</p> <p>The AHA implemented this activity on July 1, 2023. Since then, the AHA has been working to spread out reexaminations across the 3-year reexamination cycle and plans to have this fully in place starting in the 2025 calendar year. Effective February 20, 2025, the AHA revised its hardship policy to be aligned with the requirements in the MTW Operations Notice.</p>
<p>Does this MTW activity require a hardship policy?</p> <p>Provided Already</p>
<p>Does the MTW agency need a Safe Harbor Waiver to implement this MTW activity as described?</p> <p>No</p>
<p>Does the MTW activity require an impact analysis?</p> <p>Provided Already</p>
<p>What is the recertification schedule?</p> <p>Once every three years</p>
<p>How many interim recertifications per year may a household request?</p> <p>1</p>
<p>Please describe briefly how the MTW agency plans to address changes in family/household circumstances under the alternative reexamination schedule.</p> <p>The AHA is limiting households to one interim per calendar year if the household gross income has decreased by 10% or more.</p> <p>If a household would like to receive an interim for an income decrease of less than 10% or has already received an interim in the calendar year and would like a second interim, the household may submit a hardship request if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The family has experienced a decrease in income because of changed circumstances, including loss or reduction of employment, death in the family, or reduction in or loss of earnings other assistance; OR • The family has experienced an increase in expenses, because of changed circumstances, for medical costs, childcare, transportation, education, or similar items.

<p>3.d. - Self-Certification of Assets (HCV)</p>
<p>Describe the MTW activity, the MTW agency's goal(s) for the MTW activity, and, if applicable, how the MTW activity contributes to a larger initiative</p> <p>ACTIVITY 2022-03: Allow self-certification of up to \$50,000 in assets for participants to reduce processing of minimal income from assets. Family must provide self-certification statement disclosing any income earned on the assets under penalty of perjury. No other verification will be collected or required. Assets are defined in 24 CFR 5.609. Assets that the family does not have access to such as irrevocable trusts and 401K accounts would not count towards this asset limit.</p>

Applicants must establish assets and provide verification of all assets regardless of amount.

New assets under \$50,000 do not need to be reported between triennials for participants.

Which of the MTW statutory objectives does this MTW activity serve?

Cost effectiveness

What are the cost implications of this MTW activity? Pick the best description of the cost implications based on what you know today.

Decreased expenditures

Does the MTW activity under this waiver apply to all assisted households or only to a subset or subsets of assisted households?

The MTW activity applies to all assisted households

Based on the Fiscal Year goals listed in the activity's previous Fiscal Year's narrative, provide a description about what has been accomplished or changed during the implementation.

The AHA implemented this activity on July 1, 2023, and since then staff has accepted self-certifications of assets less than \$50,000 where there is no income earned for participants. Staff will no longer be collecting verification on assets under \$50,000 for participants. Starting on April 17, 2025, the AHA plans to apply this activity to the VASH, EHV, and SV programs.

Does the MTW agency need a Safe Harbor Waiver to implement this MTW activity as described?

No

Please state the dollar threshold for the self-certification of assets.

\$50,000.

4.a. - Vacancy Loss (HCV-Tenant-based Assistance)

Describe the MTW activity, the MTW agency's goal(s) for the MTW activity, and, if applicable, how the MTW activity contributes to a larger initiative

ACTIVITY 2022-04: This activity is to incentivize landlords to participate in the HCV program in combination with activities 2022-05, 2022-06, 2022-07, and 2022-11.

As these activities are implemented to increase landlord participation in the program, units that are required to house voucher holders such as Project-Based Voucher units, ones with a regulatory agreement on the units, Tax Credit units, or ones owned by the Housing Authority are not included in this activity.

This allows the AHA to make a payment up to one month's rent payment to any landlord, new or returning, whose unit was vacated by a participant of the Housing Choice Voucher program and is occupied by a different participant of the Housing Choice Voucher program. The payment would be capped at the reasonable rent to the owner minus any payments the owner received that month from any source. The payment would be made after the execution of the HAP contract.

Which of the MTW statutory objectives does this MTW activity serve?

Housing choice

What are the cost implications of this MTW activity? Pick the best description of the cost implications based on what you know today.

Increased expenditures

Does the MTW activity under this waiver apply to all assisted households or only to a subset or subsets of

<p>assisted households?</p> <p>The MTW activity applies only to a subset or subsets of assisted households</p>
<p>Does the MTW activity apply only to new admissions, only to currently assisted households, or to both new admissions and currently assisted households?</p> <p>New admissions and currently assisted households</p>
<p>Does the MTW activity apply to all family types or only to selected family types?</p> <p>The MTW activity applies to all family types</p>
<p>Does the MTW activity apply to all HCV tenant-based units and properties with project-based vouchers?</p> <p>The MTW activity applies to specific tenant-based units and/or properties with project-based vouchers</p>
<p>Please describe which tenant-based units and/or properties with project-based vouchers participate in the MTW activity.</p> <p>It does not apply to PHA owned, LIHTC units, units with regulatory agreements, or Project-Based Voucher units.</p>
<p>Based on the Fiscal Year goals listed in the activity's previous Fiscal Year's narrative, provide a description about what has been accomplished or changed during the implementation.</p> <p>The AHA implemented this activity on July 1, 2023, but has not made any payments under this policy in the last fiscal year.</p>
<p>Does the MTW agency need a Safe Harbor Waiver to implement this MTW activity as described?</p> <p>No</p>
<p>Does this policy apply to certain types of units or to all units all HCV units or only certain types of units (for example, accessible units, units in a low-poverty neighborhood, or units/landlords new to the HCV program?)</p> <p>Certain types of units only</p>
<p>What is the maximum payment that can be made to a landlord under this policy?</p> <p>One month rent</p>
<p>How many payments were issued under this policy in the most recently completed PHA fiscal year?</p> <p>0</p>
<p>What is the total dollar value of payments issued under this policy in the most recently completed PHA fiscal year?</p> <p>\$0</p>

<p>4.c. - Other Landlord Incentives (HCV- Tenant-based Assistance)</p>
<p>Describe the MTW activity, the MTW agency's goal(s) for the MTW activity, and, if applicable, how the MTW activity contributes to a larger initiative</p> <p>ACTIVITY 2022-05: This activity to incentivize landlords to participate in the HCV program in combination with activities 2022-04, 2022-06, 2022-07, and 2022-11.</p> <p>As these activities are implemented to increase landlord participation in the program, units that are required to house voucher holders such as Project-Based Voucher units, ones with a regulatory agreement on the units, Tax Credit units, or ones owned by the Housing Authority are not included in this activity.</p> <p>This activity allows the AHA to pay the landlord an incentive to lease up a Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program participant. The AHA would offer an array of incentives, but the total incentive paid to one landlord could not exceed more</p>

than one month of the contract rent of the unit and would be paid at the time of HAP execution.

The incentives are:

First-time Rental incentive: \$1,500

Accessible unit incentive: \$2,000

HQS incentive: \$100

Returning Landlord incentive: \$1,000

A first-time rental incentive would be paid to a landlord that is bringing a unit that has never been leased with the same landlord under the HCV program before. The accessible unit incentive would be paid to landlords providing a unit that meets or mostly meets the requirements for an ADA accessible unit to a family with a member with a disability. The HQS incentive would be paid to landlords whose unit passed an initial housing quality standards inspection the first time and resulted in a participant of the HCV program renting the unit. The returning landlord incentive would be paid to a landlord leasing a unit to an HCV participant that has been on the program prior.

Only one incentive will be given to a landlord, for the same participant in cases where the participant is transferring to a unit within the same complex within one year of occupancy at the original unit.

For individuals who are leasing in place, an incentive will only be provided if the individual was not previously a voucher holder.

Which of the MTW statutory objectives does this MTW activity serve?

Housing choice

What are the cost implications of this MTW activity? Pick the best description of the cost implications based on what you know today.

Increased expenditures

Does the MTW activity under this waiver apply to all assisted households or only to a subset or subsets of assisted households?

The MTW activity applies only to a subset or subsets of assisted households

Does the MTW activity apply only to new admissions, only to currently assisted households, or to both new admissions and currently assisted households?

New admissions and currently assisted households

Does the MTW activity apply to all family types or only to selected family types?

The MTW activity applies to all family types

Does the MTW activity apply to all HCV tenant-based units and properties with project-based vouchers?

The MTW activity applies to specific tenant-based units and/or properties with project-based vouchers

Please describe which tenant-based units and/or properties with project-based vouchers participate in the MTW activity.

Does not apply to PHA owned, LIHTC units, units with regulatory agreements, or Project-Based Voucher units.

Based on the Fiscal Year goals listed in the activity's previous Fiscal Year's narrative, provide a description about what has been accomplished or changed during the implementation.

The AHA implemented this activity on July 1, 2023 and has not made any changes to the policy. As a result of this activity, the AHA has had more landlords who have shown an interest in leasing to housing program participants and has had 41 more landlords who have housed program participants.

Does the MTW agency need a Safe Harbor Waiver to implement this MTW activity as described?

No
Does this policy apply to certain types of units or to all units all HCV units or only certain types of units (for example, accessible units, units in a low-poverty neighborhood, or units/landlords new to the HCV program?) Certain types of units only
What is the maximum payment that can be made to a landlord under this policy? One month rent
How many payments were issued under this policy in the most recently completed PHA fiscal year? 117
What is the total dollar value of payments issued under this policy in the most recently completed PHA fiscal year? \$159,600

5.a. - Pre-Qualifying Unit Inspections (HCV)
Describe the MTW activity, the MTW agency's goal(s) for the MTW activity, and, if applicable, how the MTW activity contributes to a larger initiative ACTIVITY 2022-06: This activity to incentivize landlords to participate in the AHA's voucher programs in combination with activities 2022-04, 2022-05, 2022-07, and 2022-11. Initial inspections of units can be conducted up to 90 days prior to unit lease-up to help incentivize landlords to participate in the HCV, PBV, EHV, and SV program and avoid delays in leasing. Participants or landlords can request a special (interim) inspection at any time.
Which of the MTW statutory objectives does this MTW activity serve? Housing choice
What are the cost implications of this MTW activity? Pick the best description of the cost implications based on what you know today. Neutral (no cost implications)
Does the MTW activity under this waiver apply to all assisted households or only to a subset or subsets of assisted households? The MTW activity applies to all assisted households
Based on the Fiscal Year goals listed in the activity's previous Fiscal Year's narrative, provide a description about what has been accomplished or changed during the implementation. The AHA implemented this activity on July 1, 2023 and has not made any changes to the policy. Between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, 35 pre-qualifying inspections were conducted. Starting on April 17, 2025, the AHA plans to apply this activity to the EHV and SV programs.
Does the MTW agency need a Safe Harbor Waiver to implement this MTW activity as described? No
How long is the pre-inspection valid for?

The pre-inspection is valid for 90 days.

5.d. - Alternative Inspection Schedule (HCV)

Describe the MTW activity, the MTW agency's goal(s) for the MTW activity, and, if applicable, how the MTW activity contributes to a larger initiative

ACTIVITY 2022-07: This activity to incentivize landlords to participate in the AHA's voucher programs in combination with activities 2022-04, 2022-05, 2022-06, and 2022-11.

Require inspections only once every three years for units under the HCV, VASH, EHV, and SV programs. Participants and landlords can request a special (interim) inspection at any time. A special inspection can be initiated by the AHA if it receives indications that the family's unit is not in compliance with HQS.

Inspections will be scheduled based on risk after July 1, 2025. The activity is being changed so all inspections will be based on the results of the prior inspection. If the unit passes the regular inspection the first time and does not require a reinspection, the next regular inspection will be scheduled for approximately three years later. Otherwise, if the unit does not pass the inspection the first time and requires a reinspection, the next regular inspection will be scheduled in approximately 12 months.

Which of the MTW statutory objectives does this MTW activity serve?

Cost effectiveness; Housing choice

What are the cost implications of this MTW activity? Pick the best description of the cost implications based on what you know today.

Decreased expenditures

Does the MTW activity under this waiver apply to all assisted households or only to a subset or subsets of assisted households?

The MTW activity applies only to a subset or subsets of assisted households

Does the MTW activity apply only to new admissions, only to currently assisted households, or to both new admissions and currently assisted households?

New admissions and currently assisted households

Does the MTW activity apply to all family types or only to selected family types?

The MTW activity applies to all family types

Does the MTW activity apply to all HCV tenant-based units and properties with project-based vouchers?

The MTW activity applies to all tenant-based units

Based on the Fiscal Year goals listed in the activity's previous Fiscal Year's narrative, provide a description about what has been accomplished or changed during the implementation.

The AHA implemented this activity on July 1, 2023. Starting on April 17, 2025, the AHA plans to apply this activity to the VASH, EHV and SV programs.

Does the MTW agency need a Safe Harbor Waiver to implement this MTW activity as described?

No

9.a. - Increase PBV Program Cap (HCV)

Describe the MTW activity, the MTW agency's goal(s) for the MTW activity, and, if applicable, how the MTW

activity contributes to a larger initiative

ACTIVITY 2022-08: Assisted families in the Housing Choice Voucher program frequently inquire how to move to Project-Based Voucher (PBV) units and during the last wait list opening, numerous HCV families applied for the PBV wait lists indicating a desire to have a long-term contract with owners rather than a 1-year contract that can then be canceled with no reason. By project-basing more vouchers, more housing is secured for families without the threat of eviction.

This activity would raise the cap for which the AHA could award Project-Based Voucher contracts. The AHA currently has selections and/or HAP contracts for its entire allocation of PBV under the current caps.

Which of the MTW statutory objectives does this MTW activity serve?

Housing choice

What are the cost implications of this MTW activity? Pick the best description of the cost implications based on what you know today.

Neutral (no cost implications)

Does the MTW activity under this waiver apply to all assisted households or only to a subset or subsets of assisted households?

The MTW activity applies to all assisted households

Based on the Fiscal Year goals listed in the activity's previous Fiscal Year's narrative, provide a description about what has been accomplished or changed during the implementation.

The activity is approved, but the AHA is still below the HUD PBV cap at this time.

Does the MTW agency need a Safe Harbor Waiver to implement this MTW activity as described?

No

What percentage of total authorized HCV units will be authorized for project-basing?

50.00%

9.b. - Increase PBV Project Cap (HCV)**Describe the MTW activity, the MTW agency's goal(s) for the MTW activity, and, if applicable, how the MTW activity contributes to a larger initiative**

ACTIVITY 2022-09: Allows more than the greater of 25 units or 25% of the units at a complex to receive Project-Based Voucher assistance. Under current regulations, units that are for the elderly or those providing supportive services are already exempt from this cap. This activity would allow units that may not be serving the above populations to go above the cap up to 100% of the units at a project.

Which of the MTW statutory objectives does this MTW activity serve?

Housing choice

What are the cost implications of this MTW activity? Pick the best description of the cost implications based on what you know today.

Neutral (no cost implications)

Does the MTW activity under this waiver apply to all assisted households or only to a subset or subsets of assisted households?

The MTW activity applies to all assisted households

Based on the Fiscal Year goals listed in the activity's previous Fiscal Year's narrative, provide a description about

what has been accomplished or changed during the implementation.

The activity is approved, but a HAP contract has not been signed using this activity in the previous fiscal year.

Does the MTW agency need a Safe Harbor Waiver to implement this MTW activity as described?

No

9.c. - Elimination of PBV Selection Process for PHA-owned Projects Without Improvement, Development, or Replacement (HCV)

Describe the MTW activity, the MTW agency's goal(s) for the MTW activity, and, if applicable, how the MTW activity contributes to a larger initiative

ACTIVITY 2022-010: This activity allows the AHA to award project-based voucher units to a property owned by a single-asset entity (S.A.E.) of the AHA without engaging in a selection process. This would allow the AHA to award vouchers without the RFP to units in the AHA's portfolio that qualify for PBV after conducting a Subsidy Layering Review, ensuring the property is compliant with HUD's site selection requirements, and having a 3rd party conduct HQS inspections of the units.

Which of the MTW statutory objectives does this MTW activity serve?

Cost effectiveness

What are the cost implications of this MTW activity? Pick the best description of the cost implications based on what you know today.

Decreased expenditures

Does the MTW activity under this waiver apply to all assisted households or only to a subset or subsets of assisted households?

The MTW activity applies only to a subset or subsets of assisted households

Does the MTW activity apply only to new admissions, only to currently assisted households, or to both new admissions and currently assisted households?

New admissions and currently assisted households

Does the MTW activity apply to all family types or only to selected family types?

The MTW activity applies to all family types

Does the MTW activity apply to all HCV tenant-based units and properties with project-based vouchers?

The MTW activity applies to specific tenant-based units and/or properties with project-based vouchers

Please describe which tenant-based units and/or properties with project-based vouchers participate in the MTW activity.

Applies only to units owned by a single-asset entity of the PHA.

Based on the Fiscal Year goals listed in the activity's previous Fiscal Year's narrative, provide a description about what has been accomplished or changed during the implementation.

The activity has been approved, but an award has not been made at this time.

Does the MTW agency need a Safe Harbor Waiver to implement this MTW activity as described?

No

17.c. - Housing Development Programs

Describe the MTW activity, the MTW agency's goal(s) for the MTW activity, and, if applicable, how the MTW activity contributes to a larger initiative

The Housing Authority of the City of Alameda (AHA) intends to use MTW fungibility to acquire, renovate and/or build affordable units that are not public housing units.

Eligible activities may include gap financing or construction costs for development of affordable housing, conducted by the PHA or a PHA-controlled affiliate or by a non-PHA affordable housing developer, including but not limited to development of project-based voucher units, tax credit units, or affordable units funded with any other local, state, or federal funds.

The AHA will not spend more than 10% of its HAP budget on local, non-traditional activities and families receiving housing or services through local, non-traditional activities must meet the definition of low-income. Local, non-traditional development activities will be conducted in accordance with the applicable requirements of PIH Notice 2011-45 and the MTW Operations Notice. The Agency shall comply with Safe Harbor provisions requiring compliance with Section 30 of the 1937 Housing Act and that any MTW Funding awarded to a third-party provider must be competitively awarded.

At this time AHA would like to provide up to \$1 million of its funding, which would be about 3% of the AHA's HAP Budget, as gap financing to build affordable units for low-income individuals in the City of Alameda.

Which of the MTW statutory objectives does this MTW activity serve?

Housing choice

What are the cost implications of this MTW activity? Pick the best description of the cost implications based on what you know today.

Increased expenditures

Does the MTW activity under this waiver apply to all assisted households or only to a subset or subsets of assisted households?

The MTW activity applies only to a subset or subsets of assisted households

Does the MTW activity apply only to new admissions, only to currently assisted households, or to both new admissions and currently assisted households?

New admissions (i.e., applicants) only

Does the MTW activity apply to all family types or only to selected family types?

The MTW activity applies to all family types

Does the MTW activity apply to all public housing developments?

The MTW activity applies to specific developments

Which developments participate in the MTW activity?

North Housing Master Plan

Does the MTW activity apply to all HCV tenant-based units and properties with project-based vouchers?

The MTW activity applies to specific tenant-based units and/or properties with project-based vouchers

Please describe which tenant-based units and/or properties with project-based vouchers participate in the MTW activity.

Families selected to reside in the complexes receiving funds.

Based on the Fiscal Year goals listed in the activity's previous Fiscal Year's narrative, provide a description about what has been accomplished or changed during the implementation.

Although the activity was approved, an award has not yet been made.

Does the MTW agency need a Safe Harbor Waiver to implement this MTW activity as described?

No

Table 17.c.1 - Housing Development Programs that the MTW Agency plans to commit Funds to in Fiscal Year

Name of Development and Address	MTW Role: Acquisition, Rehabilitation, New Construction?	Type of MTW Agency Financing: Gap Financing, Tax Credit Partnership, Other	Number of Affordable Units	Total Number of Units	Number of Units by Affordability - 80% of AMI	Number of Units by Affordability - 50% of AMI	Number of Units by Affordability - 30% of AMI	Number of Units by Affordability - Other
North Housing Master Plan	New Construction	Mid-term predevelopment financing (up to 15 years)	284.00	568.00	132.00	0.00	127.00	25.00

Housing Development Programs that the MTW Agency plans to spend funds on in the Fiscal Year

Name of Development and Address	MTW Role: Acquisition, Rehabilitation, New Construction?	Type of MTW Agency Financing: Gap Financing, Tax Credit Partnership, Other	Number of Affordable Units	Total Number of Units	Number of Units by Affordability - 80% of AMI	Number of Units by Affordability - 50% of AMI	Number of Units by Affordability - 30% of AMI	Number of Units by Affordability - Other
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Table 17.c.2 - Housing Development Programs that the MTW Agency committed funds to in prior Fiscal Year

Name of Development and Address	MTW Role: Acquisition, Rehabilitation, New Construction?	Type of MTW Agency Financing: Gap Financing, Tax Credit Partnership, Other	Number of Affordable Units	Total Number of Units	Number of Units by Affordability - 80% of AMI	Number of Units by Affordability - 50% of AMI	Number of Units by Affordability - 30% of AMI	Number of Units by Affordability - Other
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Housing Development Programs that the MTW Agency spent funds on in prior Fiscal Year

Name of Development and Address	MTW Role: Acquisition, Rehabilitation, New Construction?	Type of MTW Agency Financing: Gap Financing, Tax Credit Partnership, Other	Number of Affordable Units	Total Number of Units	Number of Units by Affordability - 80% of AMI	Number of Units by Affordability - 50% of AMI	Number of Units by Affordability - 30% of AMI	Number of Units by Affordability - Other
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D.	Safe Harbor Waivers.
D.1	<p>Will the MTW agency submit request for approval of a Safe Harbor Waiver this year?</p> <p>No Safe Harbor Waivers are being requested.</p>

E.	Agency-Specific Waiver(s).
E.1	<p>Agency-Specific Waiver(s) for HUD Approval:</p> <p>The MTW demonstration program is intended to foster innovation and HUD encourages MTW agencies, in consultation with their residents and stakeholders, to be creative in their approach to solving affordable housing issues facing their local communities. For this reason, flexibilities beyond those provided for in Appendix I may be needed. Agency-Specific Waivers may be requested if an MTW agency wishes to implement additional activities, or waive a statutory and/or regulatory requirement not included in Appendix I.</p> <p>In order to pursue an Agency-Specific Waiver, an MTW agency must include an Agency-Specific Waiver request, an impact analysis, and a hardship policy (as applicable), and respond to all of the mandatory core questions as applicable.</p> <p>For each Agency-Specific Waiver(s) request, please upload supporting documentation, that includes: a) a full description of the activity, including what the agency is proposing to waive (i.e., statute, regulation, and/or Operations Notice), b) how the initiative achieves one or more of the 3 MTW statutory objectives, c) a description of which population groups and household types that will be impacted by this activity, d) any cost implications associated with the activity, e) an implementation timeline for the initiative, f) an impact analysis, g) a description of the hardship policy for the initiative, and h) a copy of all comments received at the public hearing along with the MTW agency's description of how the comments were considered, as a required attachment to the MTW Supplement.</p> <p>Will the MTW agency submit a request for approval of an Agency-Specific Waiver this year?</p> <p>No</p>

Agency-Specific Waiver(s) for which HUD Approval has been Received:

Does the MTW agency have any approved Agency-Specific Waivers?

Yes

Title	Has there been a change in how the waiver is being implemented from when it was originally approved?	Please provide a description of what has changed.	Please provide a description of the final outcomes and lessons learned from implementing this Activity at your PHA.	If the MTW Agency was previously required to prepare an impact analysis, was a final impact analysis prepared at the time of discontinuation?
		The AHA has revised the regulations waived in its MTW Activity 2022-14 Project-Based Voucher Right Sizing since the provisions waived under the original activity have been organizationally restructured in recent revisions by HUD to the regulations governing the PBV program and in the letter of approval received by HUD on February 19, 2025, HUD stated that “the AHA must go through the standard waiver approval process with the MTW office regarding any relief from the new regulatory		

Activity 2022-14
Project-Based
Voucher Right
Sizing

Yes

requirements currently in effect.”
The description of this activity now reads: “The Alameda Housing Authority (AHA) is seeking to waive 24 CFR 983.260 to implement the Project-Based Right Sizing activity through an Agency-Specific waiver. This activity will allow families who are under-housed to remain in smaller Project-Based Voucher (PBV) units if the unit is not overcrowded and the under-housed family wishes to remain in the unit. Families assisted through PBV units would be offered the ability to move to a larger PBV unit, if available, or to receive a Housing Choice Voucher, but the family may elect to expand their housing choice by remaining in the unit

E.2		<p>that is smaller than the occupancy standard specifies. "</p> <p>The AHA has revised the regulations waived in its MTW Activity 2023-02 Project-Based Voucher Contract Rent Increases since the provisions waived under the original activity have been organizationally restructured in recent revisions by HUD to the regulations governing the PBV program and in the letter of approval received by HUD on February 19, 2025, HUD stated that "the AHA must go through the standard waiver approval process with the MTW office regarding any relief from the new regulatory requirements currently in effect." The description of this activity now reads: " The Alameda Housing Authority (AHA) is seeking to waive 24 CFR 983.302 (b) to</p>		
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ACTIVITY
2023-02:
Project-Based
Voucher Contract
Rent Increases

Yes

implement the PBV Contract Rent Increases activity through an Agency-Specific Waiver. This activity will allow all rent increases for PBV units to be increased once a year at the beginning of AHA's fiscal year rather than the contract's anniversary date. This waiver will also allow staff to bundle rent increases once a year to efficiently determine rent reasonableness and ensure notice requirements were met in a timely manner rather than stagger rent increase

		determinations throughout the year."		
Activity 2022-13: Allow Owner Referrals Under PBV Program	No			
Activity 2023-03: Project-Based Voucher First Year Moves	No			
Activity 2023-05: Flexible Subsidy Standards in Project-Based Voucher Admissions	No			
Activity 2022-11: Cohort 4.2 Front-End Vacancy Loss Payment	No			

F.	Public Housing Operating Subsidy Grant Reporting.
F.1	Total Public Housing Operating subsidy amount authorized, disbursed by 9/30, remaining, and deadline for disbursement, by Federal Fiscal Year for each year the PHA is designated an MTW agency.

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY)	Total Operating Subsidy Authorized Amount	How Much PHA Disbursed by the 9/30 Reporting Period	Remaining Not Yet Disbursed	Deadline
	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	\$0	\$0	\$0	

G.	MTW Statutory Requirements.
G.1	<p>75% Very Low Income – Local, Non-Traditional.</p> <p>HUD will verify compliance with the statutory requirement that at least 75% of the households assisted by the MTW agency are very low-income for MTW public housing units and MTW HCVs through HUD systems. The MTW PHA must provide data for the actual families housed upon admission during the PHA's most recently completed Fiscal Year for its Local, Non-Traditional program households.</p>
Income Level	Number of Local, Non-Traditional Households Admitted in the Fiscal Year*
80%-50% Area Median Income	0
49%-30% Area Median Income	0
Below 30% Area Median Income	0
Total Local, Non-Traditional Households	0

*Local, non-traditional income data must be provided in the MTW Supplement form until such time that it can be submitted in IMS-PIC or other HUD system.

G.2	Establishing Reasonable Rent Policy.
<p>Has the MTW agency established a rent reform policy to encourage employment and self-sufficiency?</p> <p>Yes</p>	

G.3	Substantially the Same (STS) – Local, Non-Traditional.
The total number of unit months that families were housed in a local, non-traditional rental subsidy for the prior full calendar year.	0 # of unit months
The total number of unit months that families were housed in a local, non-traditional housing development program for the prior full calendar year.	0 # of unit months

Number of units developed under the local, non-traditional housing development activity that were available for occupancy during the prior full calendar year:

PROPERTY NAME/ ADDRESS	0/1 BR	2 BR	3 BR	4 BR	5 BR	6+ BR	TOTAL UNITS	POPULATION TYPE*	if 'Population Type' is Other	# of Section 504 Accessible (Mobility)**	# of Section 504 Accessible (Hearing/ Vision)	Was this Property Made Available for Initial Occupancy during the Prior Full Calendar Year?	What was the Total Amount of MTW Funds Invested into the Property?
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G.4	Comparable Mix (by Family Size) – Local, Non-Traditional.
<p>To demonstrate compliance with the statutory requirement to continue serving a 'comparable mix' of families by family size to that which would have been served without MTW, the MTW agency will provide the number of families occupying local, non-traditional units by household size for the most recently completed Fiscal Year in the provided table.</p>	

Family Size:	Occupied Number of Local, Non-Traditional units by Household Size
1 Person	0
2 Person	0
3 Person	0
4 Person	0
5 Person	0
6+ Person	0
Totals	0

H.	Public Comment
	Attached you will find a copy of all of the comments received and a description of how the agency analyzed the comments, as well as any decisions made based on those comments.
	No additional public hearing was held for an Agency-Specific Waiver and/or Safe Harbor waiver

I.	Evaluations.
	No known evaluations.