



2016 Moving to Work Annual Report Highlights

Households Served

- Seattle Housing Authority served nearly 35,000 people in 2016. Roughly a third were children and 20 percent were seniors.
- Average income for SHA households at year end 2016 was \$15,500, up from \$14,900 in 2015. More than 83% of households were extremely low income (earning less than 30% AMI).

Changes to Housing Resources

- Seattle Housing Authority's year end affordable housing stock included more than 6,000 public housing units and 10,000 vouchers, remaining stable with 2015 levels. Additional households were served through various programs such as Section 8 Moderate Rehab and tax credit units.
- Seattle Housing Authority awarded 80 new project-based vouchers in 2016, supporting permanent supportive housing programs serving formerly homeless adults and young adults.
- Building upgrades included roofs, exteriors, and elevator design work at multiple properties, including Jefferson Terrace, Longfellow Creek, scattered sites locations, and several Seattle Senior Housing Program (SSHP) buildings.
- The agency completed security upgrades at Westwood Heights, Jefferson Terrace, and Tri-Court, and completed design work for security upgrades at a number of SSHP buildings.
- Seattle Housing Authority began work on UFAS accessibility upgrades to common areas in several SSHP buildings.

Waiting Lists

- The number of households waiting for public housing remained high at 7,700 households as of year end.
- The waiting list for tenant-based HCV vouchers remained closed throughout 2016 after a list was established through a lottery in 2015. By year end Seattle Housing Authority had contacted all households on the HCV waiting list and planned to open a lottery for a new list in early 2017.

MTW Activities

Evaluation of Seattle Housing Authority's ongoing MTW activities identified a number of achievements in cost and time savings in 2016, as well as increased access to service-enriched housing. These annual outcomes included:

- More than 3,000 units paired with supportive services made available in Seattle through project-based commitments.
- More than \$6.9 million leveraged in service dollars for project-based vouchers and agency units located in public housing communities.
- More than 3,500 hours of staff time saved through efficiencies in inspections and rent policies.
- More than \$2 million saved through resource conservation strategies, including the use of dedicated staff to continuously identify opportunities to increase resource conservation and reduce costs rather than conducting a HUD-prescribed energy audit every five years, as well as water conservation and electrical upgrades.
- Launch of Home From School, a pilot program providing housing assistance and pre- and post-move supports to homeless families with children attending Bailey Gatzert Elementary School.