



Moving to Work 2020 Annual Plan Summary

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SHA's 2020 MTW Annual Plan is available for public comment through September 30, 2019.

This document summarizes SHA's proposed changes to its MTW Plan and includes information on how the public can submit comments.

SHA's 22nd year in the Moving to Work (MTW) program

Since 1999, the Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) has been one of the few housing authorities across the country participating in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s Moving to Work (MTW) program. SHA receives about three-quarters of its annual funding from HUD. While this funding comes with myriad directives, regulations and reporting requirements, participating in MTW also allows SHA certain flexibilities to test and implement innovative approaches to improve housing services and better meet local needs.

Contents of the Annual MTW Plan

SHA's Annual MTW Plan follows a HUD prescribed format and includes information on planned changes in housing stock and waiting lists, sources and uses of funding and a high-level summary of plans for capital improvements. The Annual MTW Plan also includes any new MTW activities that SHA plans to implement in the coming year as well as any changes to existing MTW strategies, which are noted in the Plan as "updates".

Proposed new MTW activities

Seattle Housing Authority is not proposing any new MTW activities in 2020.

Proposed updates to existing activities

For 2020, SHA is proposing to make one update to existing activities, which are described in Section III of the Annual MTW Plan.

Disregard of student financial aid as income: In 2019, SHA added a new strategy to its Local Rent Policy Activity (10.H.15), which allows SHA to omit student financial aid as a source of income when calculating rent in the Housing Choice Voucher program (HUD rules already allow for this in Public Housing). For 2020, SHA is proposing to update this same strategy to clarify that the omission of student financial aid as a source of income is not restricted to rent calculation.

Opportunities to comment

Seattle Housing Authority is accepting comments on the draft Annual MTW Plan through September 30, 2019. For more complete descriptions of the proposed update to existing activities, please see the draft Annual Plan in its entirety at www.seattlehousing.org (navigate to the “[Moving to Work](#)” page) or through any of the contact methods listed below. Any amendments to the plan that occur during the public comment period will be posted on the website.

Public hearing

A public hearing will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at SHA’s Central Office, located at 190 Queen Anne Ave. N. The agency will present the draft Plan and annual budget and take testimony from the public, followed by a general question and answer period. Language interpretation and disability accommodations are available when requested in advance (206.239.1528).

Resident advisory groups

The Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPAC) and the Seattle Senior Housing Program (SSHP) Advisory Committee will discuss Plan activities and SHA’s proposed 2020 budget at their respective fall meetings. Both committees are comprised of resident representatives who advise the agency on various issues.

Other means to submit public comment

Phone: 206.239.1528

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