

# Public Notice: FY2022 MTW Annual Plan Amendment

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On February 26, 2008, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) signed 10-year Moving to Work (MTW) Agreements with the Santa Clara County Housing Authority and the Housing Authority of the City of San José. An extension of the demonstration, ending in 2028, was signed on April 14, 2016. Both agencies operate together as the Santa Clara County Housing Authority (SCCHA). The MTW demonstration provides SCCHA with some flexibility to develop policies that are outside the limitations of certain Section 8 voucher and public housing laws to enhance its ability to serve the housing needs of low-income individuals and communities in Santa Clara County.

Each year, SCCHA creates an Annual MTW Plan for the upcoming fiscal year. The Draft 2022 Annual MTW Plan, effective July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, will allow SCCHA to further pursue programs and activities, subject to HUD approval, that differ from the Section 8 voucher and public housing programs but that address affordable housing needs in ways that are consistent with the goals and requirements of the MTW demonstration.

SCCHA has prepared an amendment to the MTW plan to seek approval from HUD for the following additional activity:

### **Utility Arrears Assistance (2022-05)**

This activity would authorize SCCHA to set aside \$500,000 in MTW funds for one-time arrears assistance to participants who are struggling to pay past-due utility bills, providing necessary relief to families at a time when many are still experiencing financial hardship due to the pandemic and other safety net services are overburdened. SCCHA will partner with a local nonprofit to administer assistance in order to provide help to families more quickly. This activity will help participants avoid utility disconnection and allow them to retain their housing in their current unit, which is especially crucial when local and state moratoriums on evictions and utility shut offs are expected to expire soon. SCCHA expects this will help reduce the number of evictions and program terminations due to nonpayment of utilities and result in some cost savings to process these moves. *(MTW Statutory Objective: Increase Cost Effectiveness and Increase Housing Choices)*

The Draft 2022 MTW Annual Plan Amendment will be available for review July 1 through July 30, 2021 at <https://www.scchousingauthority.org/about-sccha/moving-to-work>

SCCHA will hold a public hearing on the proposed MTW Plan Amendment via Zoom on **Thursday, July 15, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You must register to attend this public hearing.** For Registration information please visit: <https://www.scchousingauthority.org/about-sccha/moving-to-work>

Written comments from the public may be submitted by July 30, 2021, via email or U.S. mail, as follows:

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