

SDHC Moving to Work Agency

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The San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) is one of only 39 housing authorities nationwide, out of 3,400, to receive a Moving to Work (MTW) designation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

As an MTW agency, SDHC has the flexibility to implement a variety of innovative, cost-effective approaches to provide housing assistance in the city of San Diego.

SDHC's MTW initiatives provide:

- Opportunities for Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance participants and public housing residents to become more financially self-reliant;
- Funding toward the creation and preservation of affordable housing for homeless San Diegans; and
- Rental housing vouchers to address homelessness.



SDHC Rental Assistance family



SDHC Achievement Academy CPR Training Workshop –03.23.17

SDHC Achievement Academy

- The SDHC Achievement Academy is a learning and resource center and computer lab located at SDHC's headquarters in Downtown San Diego.
- It provides opportunities for SDHC's Federal rental assistance participants and public housing residents to become more financially self-reliant—at no cost to them.
- Programs at the SDHC Achievement Academy emphasize career planning, job skills and personal financial education.

Path to Success

- Path to Success modifies the method used to determine the monthly rent payment amounts for Federal rental assistance participants and public housing residents.
- This program also identifies rental assistance participants who are able to work (Work-Able) and encourages the financial self-reliance of Work-Able participants.
- Under Path to Success, minimum monthly rent payment amounts were set for Work-Able households. The initial minimum monthly rent payment amounts were based on California's minimum wage standards—\$8/hour when the program was implemented on July 1, 2013.
- New minimum monthly rent payment amounts took effect on July 1, 2015.





Choice Communities



Point Loma – Choice Communities

- More than 300 low-income families in the city of San Diego have been able to move to areas with more options for transportation, schools, and employment opportunities through SDHC's Choice Communities program since it began on January 1, 2010.
- The Choice Communities program allows a higher maximum monthly rent subsidy or "payment standard."
- SDHC's Moving to Opportunity program provides participants who wish to move to a Choice Community with resources, such as: assistance with locating potential landlords, quality schools, and neighborhood amenities.

Creating Affordable Housing

- On May 1, 2015, SDHC invested nearly \$15 million in MTW funds to purchase Village North Senior Garden Apartments, a 120-unit market-rate apartment complex in the Clairemont



Village North Senior Garden Apts.

- Mesa community that has been converted to affordable rental housing for low-income seniors. Of these units, 44 are now set aside for homeless seniors.
- In addition, SDHC invested \$9.2 million in MTW funds toward the renovation of the historic Hotel Churchill to create 72 furnished affordable rental studios with supportive services for homeless San Diegans, predominantly homeless Veterans.
- SDHC also committed \$12 million in MTW funds toward the completion of capital repairs identified through a Green Physical Needs Assessment that are needed to preserve SDHC-owned affordable rental housing units.

Homeless Solutions

HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO, SDHC's homelessness action plan, is an effective, diverse funding and housing strategy to create permanent housing opportunities for homeless San Diegans.

This action plan is rooted in the national "Housing First" model of addressing homelessness — to provide homeless individuals with housing as quickly as possible, with supportive services as needed.

The current phase of **HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO** was developed during Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) and launched on July 1, 2017, with the start of the new fiscal year.

Through **HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO: 2018-2020**, SDHC will direct \$79.7 million in Federal, City of San Diego, and SDHC resources over the next three fiscal years for six programs to provide permanent housing opportunities for 3,000 homeless San Diegans:

- SDHC Moving Home Rapid Rehousing
- Landlord Incentives
- Homelessness Prevention & Diversion
- New Permanent Supportive Housing
- SDHC Moving On Rental Assistance
- Coordinated Outreach

HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO: 2018-2020 builds on the accomplishments of the programs launched in the plan's first three years (2014-2017), which are on track to impact the lives of close to 3,000 homeless San Diegans – including Veterans, families and individuals.



SDHC Moving Home Rapid Rehousing participants, Andrew and Tatiana and their daughter

