

SDHC Moving to Work Agency

“We’re About People”



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 Mesa



Village North Senior Garden Apts.

- 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.

Addressing Homelessness

- SDHC's MTW status has allowed SDHC to leverage its available resources to address homelessness through **HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO**, its landmark Homelessness Action Plan, which was launched on November 12, 2014.
- The accomplishments of **HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO** include:
 - Investing approximately \$64.4 million in Federal, State, and Local funds to create 523 permanent supportive housing units through new construction and acquisition, including the historic Hotel Churchill;
 - Awarding 1,869 federal housing vouchers to affordable housing developments and homeless service agencies, including unique partnerships with San Diego State University and the Monarch School to house youth and families experiencing homelessness;
 - Providing 1,000 housing opportunities to homeless Veterans through the Housing our Heroes initiative; and
 - Assisting 53 families through the commitment of 25 SDHC-owned affordable housing units year-round for rapid rehousing.
- The next phase of **HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO** will invest approximately \$79.7 million over three fiscal years (2018-20) to provide housing opportunities for 3,000 homeless San Diegans.



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