



INFORMATIONAL REPORT

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ATTENTION: Chair and Members of the San Diego Housing Commission
For the Agenda of March 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Workshop & Discussion: Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program

NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION

An informational workshop will be presented to provide an overview of the San Diego Housing Commission's (Housing Commission) rental assistance programs.

SUMMARY

With a budget of over \$329 million in Fiscal Year 2024, the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program is the Housing Commission's largest program, providing rental assistance to more than 17,000 San Diego households with low income every year. As one of the original 39 public housing authorities nationwide to receive a Moving to Work (MTW) designation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Housing Commission has designed innovative approaches for providing and administering housing assistance. Through the MTW program, the Housing Commission has developed many initiatives that have increased housing opportunities for special needs populations, including individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

This workshop will provide a general overview of the HCV program from a client's perspective, expanding on the process to obtain and utilize a rental housing voucher. This will be the third part of a workshop series. The first informational workshop was presented at the Housing Commission Board of Commissioners (Board) meeting on October 13, 2023. The first overview included the waiting list application and selection process; eligibility determination; the leasing process, including respective responsibilities of all parties involved, voucher terms, tenant resources, tenant rent calculation and payments standards.

The second workshop was presented at the Housing Commission Board meeting on February 16, 2024, and included details about ongoing Housing Commission administrative requirements and participant responsibilities and flexibilities.

This workshop will provide an overview of the Housing Commission's special purpose, Moving to Work and permanent support housing rental assistance programs.

HOUSING COMMISSION STRATEGIC PLAN

This item relates to Strategic Priority Areas No. 2 in the Housing Commission's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2024: Helping Families Increase Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency and Quality of Life.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CONTRACTING AND EQUITY ASSURANCE

The Housing Commission's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2024 includes the following statement regarding the Housing Commission's commitment to equity and inclusivity: "At SDHC, we are about people.

SDHC embraces diverse approaches and points of view to improve our programs, projects and policies.

- We believe in delivering programs and services in innovative and inclusive ways.
- We are committed to advancing equity and inclusion both internally and externally."

Respectfully submitted,

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