



RESOLUTION 2026-09-23 (1)

Date: September 23, 2026

To: THA Board of Commissioners

From: April Black, Executive Director

Re: Approval of THA's FY 2027 Moving to Work (MTW) Plan

This resolution would authorize Tacoma Housing Authority's (THA) Executive Director to submit THA's 2027 Moving to Work (MTW) Plan.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with its MTW agreement, THA must submit an annual MTW Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Plan describes how THA will apply MTW in the next fiscal year, including its existing activities, any changes to existing activities, and new applications of this federal regulatory flexibility.

Each year, THA may propose new MTW activities intended to meet the statutory objectives of the MTW program:

1. Reduce costs and achieve greater cost effectiveness;
2. Increase economic independence and self-sufficiency among the families served; and
3. Increase housing choices for low-income households.

MTW activities are best described as new policies or programs THA wishes to implement that require waiving HUD regulations.

2027 MTW PLAN

In the FY 2027 MTW Plan, THA is making changes that will help the agency manage rising costs, operate more efficiently, and maintain services for residents during a period of financial uncertainty.

THA is clarifying new ways it may use MTW funding flexibility in its programs and operations in 2027, including using MTW funds to support the following in THA's portfolio: rehabilitation projects consistent with THA's capital needs assessment; and covering relocation expenses for residents to meet reasonable accommodation obligations set forth under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

There are two activities THA is making changes to in the 2027 MTW Plan:

- *Activity 19: Modify the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program*
THA is clarifying the agency's plans to revise its pay point model for the FSS Program in 2027.
- *Activity 11: Simplified Utility Allowance*
THA is requesting the ability to change the threshold by which THA must revise its utility allowance from an increase of 10% or more in the utility rate (required through 24 CFR 982.517(c)(1)) to an increase of 15% or more. THA would also like the option to freeze its current utility allowance when the agency is facing periods of financial strain, characterized by THA's inability to issue at least 100 new tenant-based vouchers in a given year due to an anticipated budget deficit.

Additionally, THA is carrying over MTW Activity changes from the 2026 MTW Plan Amendment (submitted to HUD late August and still pending HUD review and approval):

- *Activity 5: Local Policies for Fixed-Income Households* and *Activity 6: Local Policies for Non-Fixed Income Households* to seek approval to change the tenant's portion of rent;
- *Activity 27: Local Payment Standards Policy* to maintain its schedule of implementing payment standard changes; and
- *Activity 16: Creation and Preservation of Affordable Housing* to clarify the use of its Property-Based Subsidy (PBS) rent calculation.

THA will continue to utilize its existing activities which have been approved in previous plan years. These regulatory allowances are critical for our agency to operate innovatively. For example, THA's MTW-approved activities allow us to streamline our administrative functions (e.g., biennial, and triennial certifications, local inspections policy), expand partnerships with landlords (e.g., Rental Success Initiative), and maximize our funding for creating and preserving affordable housing in Tacoma (e.g., Property-Based Subsidies).

THA's MTW single fund flexibility continues to play an invaluable role helping THA further its mission to provide high quality, stable and sustainable housing and supportive services to people in need. More details can be found in the appended FY 2027 MTW Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 2026-09-23 (1) authorizing the Executive Director to submit the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma's Fiscal Year 2027 Moving to Work (MTW) Plan.



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Certifications of Compliance

Annual Moving to Work Plan Certifications of Compliance

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Public and Indian Housing

**Certifications of Compliance with Regulations: Board Resolution to Accompany the Annual
Moving to Work Plan**

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CERTIFICATIONS OF COMPLIANCE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING
Certifications of Compliance with Regulations:
Board Resolution to Accompany the Annual Moving to Work Plan

Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Moving to Work Public Housing Agency (MTW PHA) listed below, as its Chair or other authorized MTW PHA official if there is no Board of Commissioners, I approve the submission of the Annual Moving to Work Plan for the MTW PHA Plan Year beginning (01/01/2027), hereinafter referred to as "the Plan", of which this document is a part and make the following certifications and agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in connection with the submission of the Plan and implementation thereof:

- (1) The MTW PHA published a notice that a hearing would be held, that the Plan and all information relevant to the public hearing was available for public inspection for at least 30 days, that there were no less than 15 days between the public hearing and the approval of the Plan by the Board of Commissioners, and that the MTW PHA conducted a public hearing to discuss the Plan and invited public comment.
- (2) The MTW PHA took into consideration public and resident comments (including those of its Resident Advisory Board or Boards) before approval of the Plan by the Board of Commissioners or Board of Directors in order to incorporate any public comments into the Annual MTW Plan.
- (3) The MTW PHA certifies that the Board of Directors has reviewed and approved the budget for the Capital Fund Program grants contained in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report, form HUD-50075.1 (or successor form as required by HUD).
- (4) The MTW PHA will carry out the Plan in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d-1), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601 et seq.), section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794), title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12131 et seq.), the Violence Against Women Act (34 USC 12291 et seq.), all regulations implementing these authorities; and other applicable Federal, State, and local fair housing and civil rights laws.
- (5) The Plan is consistent with the applicable comprehensive housing affordability strategy (or any plan incorporating such strategy) for the jurisdiction in which the PHA is located.
- (6) The Plan contains a signed certification by the appropriate State or local official (form HUD-50077-SL) that the Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan, which includes any applicable fair housing goals or strategies, for the PHA's jurisdiction and a description of the way the PHA Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan (24 CFR §§ 91.2, 91.225, 91.325, and 91.425).
- (7) The MTW PHA will affirmatively further fair housing in compliance with the Fair Housing Act, 24 CFR 5.150 et. seq, 24 CFR 903.7(o), and 24 CFR 903.15, which means that it will take meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. Specifically, affirmatively furthering fair housing requires meaningful actions that, taken together, address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws (24 CFR 5.151). The MTW PHA certifies that it will take no action that is materially inconsistent with its obligation to affirmatively further fair housing.
- (8) The MTW PHA will comply with the prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age pursuant to the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 C.F.R. Part 146.
- (9) In accordance with the Fair Housing Act and Act's prohibition on sex discrimination, which includes sexual orientation and gender identity, and 24 CFR 5.105(a)(2), HUD's Equal Access Rule, the MTW PHA will not base a determination of eligibility for housing based on actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status and will not otherwise discriminate because of sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), will make no inquiries concerning the gender identification or sexual orientation of an applicant for or occupant of HUD-assisted housing
- (10) The MTW PHA will comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and 24 CFR Part 41, Policies and Procedures for the Enforcement of Standards and Requirements for Accessibility by the Physically Handicapped.
- (11) The MTW PHA will comply with the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Employment Opportunities for Low-or Very-Low Income Persons, and with its implementing regulation at 24 CFR Part 75.

- (12) The MTW PHA will comply with requirements with regard to a drug free workplace required by 24 CFR Part 24, Subpart F.
- (13) The MTW PHA will comply with requirements with regard to compliance with restrictions on lobbying required by 24 CFR Part 87, together with disclosure forms if required by this Part, and with restrictions on payments to influence Federal Transactions, in accordance with the Byrd Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352.
- (14) The MTW PHA will comply with acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24 as applicable.
- (15) The MTW PHA will take appropriate affirmative action to award contracts to minority and women's business enterprises under 24 CFR 5.105(a).
- (16) The MTW PHA will provide HUD or the responsible entity any documentation needed to carry out its review under the National Environmental Policy Act and other related authorities in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58. Regardless of who acts as the responsible entity, the MTW PHA will maintain documentation that verifies compliance with environmental requirements pursuant to 24 Part 58 and 24 CFR Part 50 and will make this documentation available to HUD upon its request.
- (17) With respect to public housing and applicable local, non-traditional development the MTW PHA will comply with Davis-Bacon or HUD determined wage rate requirements under section 12 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.
- (18) The MTW PHA will keep records in accordance with 2 CFR 200.334 and facilitate an effective audit to determine compliance with program requirements.
- (19) The MTW PHA will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act and 24 CFR Part 35.
- (20) The MTW PHA will comply with the policies, guidelines, and requirements of 2 CFR Part 225 (Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments) and 2 CFR Part 200 (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards), as applicable.
- (21) The MTW PHA must fulfill its responsibilities to comply with and ensure enforcement of Housing Quality Standards, as defined in 24 CFR Part 982 or as approved by HUD, for any Housing Choice Voucher units under administration.
- (22) The MTW PHA will undertake only activities and programs covered by the Plan in a manner consistent with its Plan and will utilize covered grant funds only for activities that are approvable under the Moving to Work Agreement and Statement of Authorizations and included in its Plan.
- (23) All attachments to the Plan have been and will continue to be available at all times and all locations that the Plan is available for public inspection. All required supporting documents have been made available for public inspection along with the Plan and additional requirements at the primary business office of the PHA and at all other times and locations identified by the MTW PHA in its Plan and will continue to be made available at least at the primary business office of the MTW PHA and should be made available electronically, upon request.

Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma

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MTW PHA NAME

MTW PHA NUMBER/PHA CODE

I/We, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct. WARNING: Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil and administrative penalties. (18 U.S.C. §§ 287, 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. § 3729, 3802).

Stanley Rumbaugh

Board Chair

NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL

TITLE

SIGNATURE

DATE

** Must be signed by either the Chair or Secretary of the Board of the MTW PHA's legislative body. This certification cannot be signed by an employee unless authorized by the MTW PHA Board to do so. If this document is not signed by the Chair or Secretary, documentation such as the by-laws or authorizing board resolution must accompany this certification.*