



INFORMATIONAL REPORT

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ATTENTION: Chair and Members of the San Diego Housing Commission
For the Agenda of February 13, 2015

SUBJECT: Workshop & Discussion: Fiscal Year 2016 Moving to Work Annual Plan

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION

SUMMARY

At the February 13, 2015, meeting, a workshop will be held on the Fiscal Year 2016 Moving to Work (MTW) Annual Plan. No action is required.

BACKGROUND

The San Diego Housing Commission (Housing Commission) is one of only 39 housing authorities nationwide (out of 3,400) to earn an MTW designation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As a result, the Housing Commission has the ability to seek HUD approval to implement a variety of new approaches to design innovative, cost-effective ways of providing housing assistance and other services to low-income families within the City of San Diego, using a combination of federal funding assistance allocated to the Housing Commission for public housing and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) rental assistance.

DISCUSSION

Housing Commission staff is developing the Fiscal Year 2016 MTW Annual Plan (Plan) for submittal to HUD, which includes four proposed initiatives. The initiatives in the draft Plan are intended to increase housing opportunities and self-sufficiency for low-income families and streamline administrative processes to utilize federal expenditures more efficiently and effectively. The Plan includes a detailed description of each proposed activity and how performance will be measured and tracked. An overview of the draft Plan will be the focus of the workshop. The four proposed initiatives are:

1. The Monarch School Project - a partnership between the Housing Commission and Monarch School, which will provide rental assistance to homeless families with children attending Monarch School.
2. The Guardian Scholars Program – a partnership with San Diego State University to provide rental assistance to youth aging out of the foster care system and homeless students through the Guardian Scholars program.
3. Permanent Indoor Homeless Shelter Beds – funds up to 300 additional permanent shelter beds to bolster efforts to address homelessness in San Diego.
4. Simplify Income and Asset Verification Systems - streamlines the rent calculation process to achieve greater costs effectiveness in federal expenditures.

CONCLUSION

Housing Commission staff request feedback and comment from the Board of Commissioners concerning the Plan and the proposed initiatives. Any comments from the Board received during the February information meeting will be included in the final Plan. The Plan will be presented for Board approval at the March 19, 2015, Board of Commissioners meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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