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 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, and will be updated, effective January 1, 2020.
Choice Communities Initiative

- SDHC’s Choice Communities Initiative provides families that receive rental assistance with more flexibility to choose to live in neighborhoods that offer more opportunities for transportation, schools, and employment.
- To increase housing opportunities and to continue to assist as many low-income families as possible, SDHC updated the payment standards that are used to determine the amount of rental assistance each family receives.
- Higher payment standards are set in areas identified as Choice and Enterprise Communities, where rental costs would typically be higher.

Homelessness 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 launched on July 1, 2017, with the start of Fiscal Year 2018.

Through HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO: 2018-2020, SDHC is directing $79.7 million in Federal, City of San Diego, and SDHC resources over three fiscal years for six programs to provide permanent housing opportunities for more than 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 created housing opportunities for more than 2,900 San Diegans experiencing homelessness.