

Proposed Amendment 1 of KCHA's 2025 Moving to Work Annual Plan

Summary

KCHA is proposing to amend its adopted 2025 MTW Plan, which is available for review and public comment through July 1, 2025. We welcome your participation and input!

Background and Purpose

Moving to Work (MTW) is a federal program that provides selected public housing authorities with the flexibility to use their federal resources (Public Housing and Housing Choice Vouchers) more effectively through waivers from certain HUD regulations. KCHA's MTW Annual Plan outlines new and ongoing activities and any additional MTW flexibility needed to implement them. The 2025 MTW Annual Plan was adopted by KCHA's Board in November 2025 and subsequently approved by HUD. Since that time, KCHA has identified two new activities requiring an amendment to the Plan and is also taking the amendment opportunity to clarify KCHA's intent for a few previously approved initiatives. These changes are summarized below. The full proposed amendment plan can be found [here](#).

New Initiative — Young Adult Prosperity Program (YAPP)

KCHA is creating a local MTW self-sufficiency program, the Young Adult Prosperity Program (YAPP) designed to meet the unique circumstances of youth exiting foster care with specific special purpose, time-limited vouchers (FYI and FUP-Y). YAPP will support skill-building, economic independence, and long-term housing stability through youth-centered case management, personalized education and career planning, and monthly financial incentives of up to \$500, with savings opportunities built in. The program will launch upon MTW approval and is available only to FYI and FUP-Y voucher holders. (Section III)

New Initiative — Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD)

To improve the likelihood of long-term funding stability for its public housing units, KCHA is submitting a RAD Portfolio Award application to HUD. This application would reserve the ability to convert some or all of its public housing portfolio from the current public housing subsidy to the Section 8 subsidy program. Historically Congressional funding of the Section 8 program offers stronger long-term funding reliability while continuing to provide rental assistance to people with low incomes.

Before submitting a RAD application for any specific building, KCHA will provide notice to residents, hold multiple resident meetings and adhere to HUD-required tenant rights. KCHA does not anticipate any residents will need to relocate due to the conversion. (Section II and Appendix I) More information about RAD can be found [here](#).

Clarification — Activity 2004-5: Modified HQS Inspection Protocols

HUD is moving toward a new inspection standard (NSPIRE). This Amendment clarifies that KCHA's approved MTW inspection activity includes continued use of locally modified HQS inspections. (Section IV)

Clarification — Activities 2008-10 & 2008-11: EASY and WIN Rent Programs

Since 2008, KCHA has utilized MTW to modify and streamline rent calculations. KCHA's implementation of these rent reforms has also allowed most households to pay below the HUD standard of 30% of their income for housing costs. This amendment clarifies that KCHA may implement changes to address imminent and emergent program needs. For example, WIN Rent program Income Bands and Rent Tables may be modified and the percentage of income used when calculating rent for EASY Rent Households may be adjusted to allow KCHA to effectively respond to economic conditions and help ensure short and long-term program viability. (Section IV) Additional information can be found [here](#).

Clarification – MTW Regionalization with Sedro-Woolley Housing Authority (SWHA)

KCHA's original FY 2025 Plan noted an agreement with SWHA allowing it to use certain KCHA MTW flexibilities upon HUD approval of the MTW regionalization plan. This Amendment clarifies that SWHA may maintain current policies until potential changes are evaluated and operationalization strategies are determined.

Additional Edits

This Amendment also includes minor corrections to grammar and structure and aligns the Plan's content with current federal guidance.

More Information

Information on how to provide comment and the full proposed amended plan can be found at www.kcha.org/about/news/mtw. All comments will be considered and may result in revisions prior to Board action.