

Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority

# Moving to Work Request

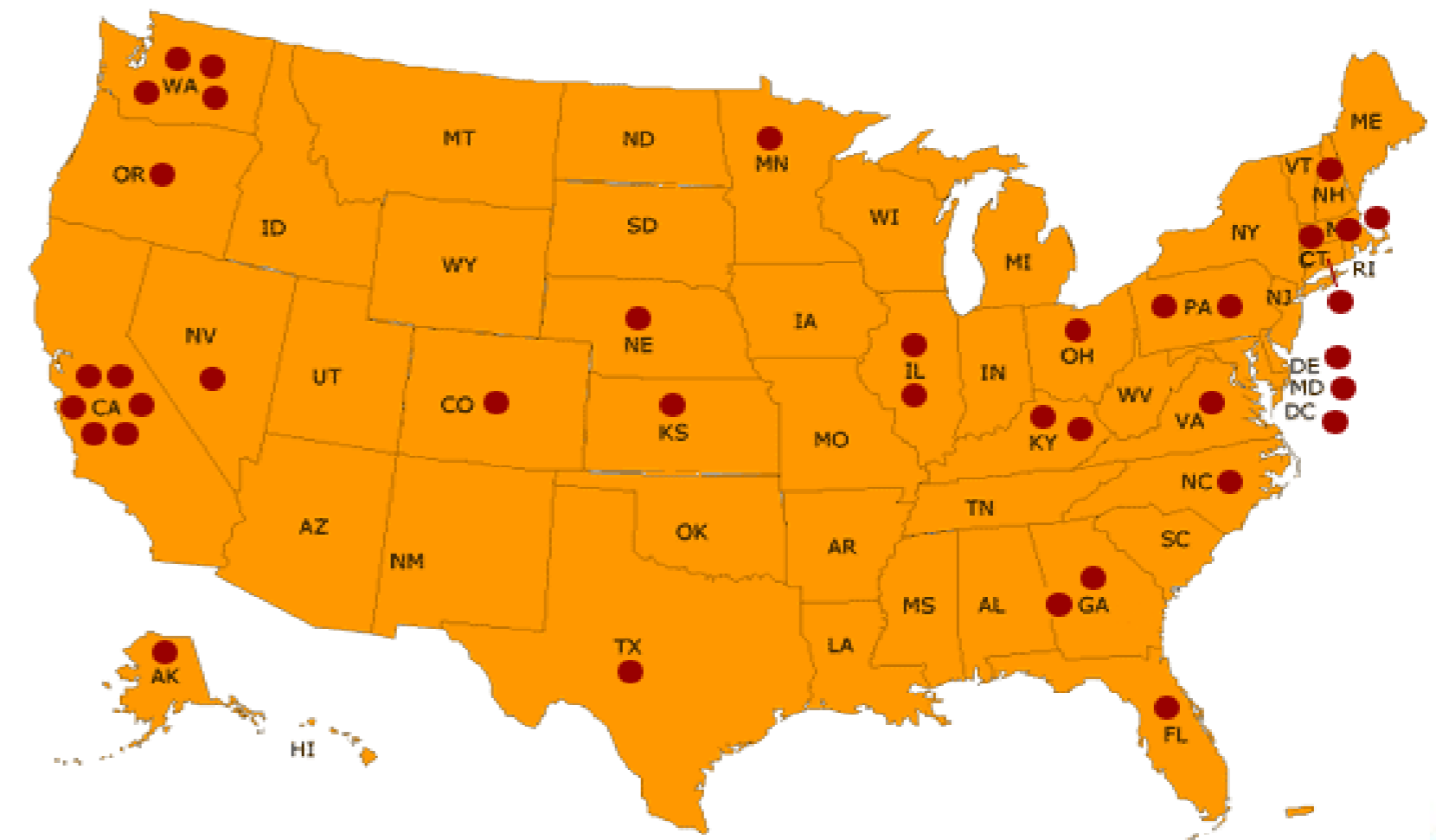
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# What is Moving to Work?

- Federal program designation
- Allows public housing authorities (PHA) to create innovative, locally designed strategies in providing housing assistance.
  - Gives PHAs exemptions from many program rules and regulations
  - Provides flexibility in how federal funds are used
- There are 39 MTW agencies
  - 3,300 PHAs nationally
  - Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA)



# Moving to Work (MTW) Flexibilities

## Minor Administrative Changes

- Simplify rent calculation
- Ease administrative process
- Simplify medical deductions
- Implement triennial recertifications
- Use alternative inspection process
- Eliminate cap on project-based vouchers
- Award project-based vouchers opportunistically instead of competitively

## Complete New Business Models

- Develop new partnerships
- Develop new programs
- Implement work incentives with service provisions
- Exclude certain income sources
- Develop landlord incentives
- Change affordability limits
- Waive or expand 12-month stay requirement for project-based vouchers



# Moving to Work (MTW) Potential

- The 2016 Consolidated Appropriations Act includes language authorizing the HUD Secretary to expand existing MTW designations to adjacent agencies.
- Proposal – submit a formal request to HUD to approve a Regional Moving to Work designation for the MPHA and the Council.
- Any regional designation must:
  - Achieve greater cost effectiveness – reduce costs
  - Increase housing choices for low-income families
  - Help residents make progress toward economic self-sufficiency

# Considerations

- Submitting request does not commit the Council to anything
- Goal is for collaboration to cover a full range of regional strategies while maintaining independent governance and operating structures.
  - Expand housing choice and mobility options
  - Create efficiencies in service delivery
  - Shift focus from administrative process to family success
- Would include public process and agreements between agencies

# Next Steps

- Submit formal request to HUD by end of August
- Connect with congressional representatives for support
- If approved by HUD:
  - Obtain formal Council approval
  - Develop a Moving to Work Plan
    - Engage with the public, voucher holders and communities
    - Collaborate with educational and research institutions
  - Enter into an Agreement with MPHA
    - Details of the partnership



# Action

- That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to make a formal request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to have the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority's Moving to Work Program designation extended to the Council's HRA.

# Moving to Work Designation

## Questions?

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