

Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC POSTING & PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO DHCD'S APPROVED MOVING TO WORK (MTW) PROGRAM ANNUAL PLAN FOR FY 2021

Technical Amendment Description:

While the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with broad authority to waive or establish alternative requirements for numerous statutory and regulatory requirements for the Public Housing program and Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) programs, the duration of this pandemic, and potentially others in the future, remains unknown and the backlog of transactions, inspections, and delayed reporting requirements grows.

In this amendment, DHCD requests to use its MTW authority to establish an emergency waivers activity that addresses the burdens placed on all stakeholders. DHCD proposes to establish emergency waivers in response to economic- and health-related emergencies, including natural disasters, as declared by the Governor or his/her designee, including the authority to determine when to place and lift the waivers. DHCD may revise, add, and/or remove waivers as needed to address emergency-related conditions.

Notice of Public Hearing Concerning an Amendment to DHCD's Approved MTW Annual Plan for FY 2021 November 10, 2020 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

The meeting will be hosted via webinar at GotoMeeting.com. The link to attend is:

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/853975989>

Join the conference call:

For audio, please call in

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Participant Pass Code 391 627

The Public hearing is to address comments/feedback only the Amendment to the FY 2021 Plan.

In accordance with its MTW Agreement, DHCD has posted an amendment to its approved MTW 2021 Annual Plan. Additionally, this amendment will be mailed upon request, by calling Jonathan Cintron at 617-573-1198 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

DHCD will accept written comments concerning the Amendment only until December 3, 2020.

Written comments should be emailed to: Joanne.mckenna@mass.gov

Written Comments can also be mailed to:

Division of Rental Assistance
Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development
100 Cambridge Street - Suite 300
Boston, MA 02114 Attention: Brendan Goodwin, MTW Annual Plan Comments

DHCD's MTW Annual Plan is available on DHCD's Website at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/moving-to-work-program-mtw> *Moving to Work Plans*.

If you require an accommodation (materials in Braille/large print, translation assistance) please contact DHCD at 617-573-1198 no later than November 12, 2020

