

ATTACHMENT A
FY 2020-21 ANNUAL PHA PLAN FOR HCV ONLY PHAs
MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
(MSHDA) (MI-901)

B. Annual Plan

B.1 Revision of PHA Plan Elements:

Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs

MSHDA is dedicated to serving the needs of the homeless, very low and extremely low-income Michigan residents. This is demonstrated in its administration of the Housing Choice Voucher Program via the on-going efforts:

- designating a homeless preference for county HCV waiting lists;
- designating a disabled preference for county HCV waiting lists;
- commitment to the Michigan Campaign to End Homelessness;
- working with partner agencies serving the elderly, families with disabilities, households of various races and ethnic groups;
- working with Continuum of Care groups across the State of Michigan.
- exceeding federal income targeting requirements by establishing that 80% of new admissions must be extremely low-income families and up to 20% of new admissions must be very low-income families.
- administering the HCV VASH Program in partnership with four VA medical facility sites across the State of Michigan (Battle Creek, Detroit, Saginaw, and Iron Mountain);
- administering Mainstream 1 (now called Non-Elderly Disabled or NED) and Mainstream 5 (MS5) vouchers;
- administering the Affordable Assisted Housing Program (AAHP), in Macomb and Oakland Counties; which combines an HCV with the Michigan Medicaid Waiver to provide housing as an alternative to nursing home care;
- expanding the 2014-2015 Moving-Up Pilot that partners with the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and provides a resource for previously homeless populations utilizing Permanent Supportive Housing; MSHDA has committed 710 vouchers for this pilot program;
- leveraging 100 vouchers with the Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program;
- creating a State Innovation Model (SIM) Pilot Program that partners with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to provide housing and supportive services to citizens that have very high utilization levels of emergency departments and emergency services that are also experiencing homelessness. MSHDA has committed up to 200 vouchers for this pilot program;
- administering more than 3,000 Project-Based Vouchers in over 160 developments across the state;
- offering a PBV waiting list preference in select PBV properties for Chronically Homeless, United States Veterans, Homeless Frequent Emergency Department Users with Care Needs, Highly Vulnerable Populations and Supportive Housing Populations;
- implementing a recertification of homelessness at the time of PBV waiting list draw, to ensure the applicant still meets the definition of homelessness;
- administering more than 1,200 Project-Based Vouchers via the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) in 22 properties across the state;
- continuing outreach efforts to find affordable and good quality units for voucher holders;
- identifying when to open and close county waiting lists to maintain up-to-date lists;
- implementing biennial HQS inspections for HCV housing units;
- administering an initiative in partnership with the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) to enhance housing opportunities for persons exiting correctional facilities. MSHDA has allocated up to 200 vouchers for returning citizens that need long-term rental assistance;
- administering the Mainstream Voucher Program in collaboration with the MDHHS. The program provides voucher assistance to non-elderly and disabled households while partnering agencies provide support services based on the individual's needs and MDHHS affiliated program. MSHDA was awarded 99 vouchers from HUD for this program.

- administering the Family Unification Program (FUP) in collaboration with the MDHHS. The program provides voucher assistance to FUP-eligible families and FUP-eligible youth experiencing housing barriers. MSHDA was awarded 81 vouchers from HUD for this program.

Deconcentration and Other policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection and Admissions

MSHDA promotes deconcentration of poverty and promotes income mixing in all areas by educating applicants at the time of their briefing on these issues.

Waiting lists exist for all 83 Michigan counties and are opened or closed as necessary. Applications are taken electronically. As of January 6, 2020, there are 38,405 applicants on the waiting lists. Of these, 34,147 are extremely low income; 3,209 are very low income; and 1,049 are low income. Families with children make up 39% of waiting list applicants; 9% are elderly and 18% are disabled.

MSHDA has a homeless preference and applications are taken from homeless families and added to the homeless preference waiting list when certified.

A disability preference is given for those applicants where the head of household, co-head or spouse are disabled. Verification of disability is obtained upon selection from the waiting list.

A county residency preference is given for those applicants who either live or work in the county and can prove residency through a verified current address or verification from an employer.

A Michigan residency preference is given for those applicants who either live or work in the state of Michigan and can prove residency through a verified current address or verification from an employer.

PBV applicants must apply through the Lead Agency/HARA or property management staff. Referrals are sent directly to the MSHDA contracted Housing Agent for placement on the PBV Waiting List.

Financial Resources

Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses		
Sources	Planned \$	Planned Uses
1. Federal Grants (FY 2019 grants)		
a) Public Housing Operating Fund	Not applicable	
b) Public Housing Capital Fund	Not applicable	
c) Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance	\$201,858,454	Section 8 Eligible expenses
d) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	Not applicable	
e) HOME	Not applicable	
Other Federal Grants (list below)		
FSS Program	\$ 971,313	FSS Program
Sec 811 Program	\$ 5,516,950	Sec 811 PRA Program
2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below)	None	
3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income	Not applicable	
4. Other income (list below)	None	
5. Non-federal sources (list below)	None	
Total resources	\$208,346,717	

Rent Determination:

MSHDA will continue to have a \$50 Minimum Total Tenant Payment (TTP). If the MSHDA HCV budget is significantly increased, the minimum TTP amount may be adjusted downward.

Payment standards will be maintained at 110% of Fair Market Rent (FMR). MSHDA will conduct an annual review to determine payment standard levels and if necessary, may request an exception payment standard of between 111-120% of FMR for one or more counties if appropriate.

Homeownership:

MSHDA will continue administering its Section 8 Homeownership Program entitled the *Key to Own* Homeownership Program which has been operating since March 2004. The MSHDA *Key to Own* Homeownership Program has no set limits on the maximum number of participants. Currently, MSHDA has over 1,000 participants in the *Key to Own* Homeownership Program who are working on program requirements; i.e. credit scores, finding employment, debt reduction, etc. Since the program's inception, 526 MSHDA HCV participants have become homeowners.

Substantial Deviation:

MSHDA defines a substantial deviation from the 5-Year Plan to be a change in its policy, activity or program that redirects MSHDA's mission, goals, or objectives; and/or the addition of new policies, activities or programs not included in the current PHA Plan.

Significant Amendment:

The addition of new policies, activities or programs not included in the current PHA Plan may qualify as a Significant Amendment.

Safety and Crime Prevention:

The MSHDA Office of Rental Assistance and Homeless Solutions (RAHS) is committed to the implementation of the VAWA of 2013. MSHDA will continue to undertake actions to meet this requirement in the administration of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program.

MSHDA's contracted Housing Agents participate in local Continuum of Care meetings and use those contacts and others known to them through the Family Self-Sufficiency Program to assist survivors of domestic violence (including dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking) and their children when cases are made known to them.

Many of the agencies participating in the Continuum of Care groups provide temporary housing/shelter to survivors of domestic violence and their children. MSHDA staff and Housing Agents work with the partnering Continuum of Care service agencies and partnering Housing Assessment and Resource Agencies (HARAs) to find resources for domestic violence survivors, and children and adult victims of dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to make sure the family is able to maintain their housing assistance.

MSHDA provides the Notice of Occupancy Rights under VAWA (HUD 5380) and the Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking (HUD 5382) when a family is denied admission to the program, when a family is admitted to the program and when the family is terminated from the program. In addition, MSHDA has created an Emergency Move Plan for HCV and PBV participants and provides the Emergency Transfer Request for Certain Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking (HUD 5383) upon request.