



Chicago Housing Authority Demonstration Program and Special Initiatives Overview

Moving On Demonstration Program (Approved September 2014)

Overview

Moving On is a demonstration program that targets persons living in permanent supportive housing (PSH) who are ready to move into affordable housing options in the community. Applicants with stable housing histories and who no longer need the intensive support of PSH will be able to access new affordable housing resources in the form of a Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), if available.

The program's initial pilot was from May 2012-May 2014; during the pilot phase, approximately 50 individuals received tenant-based vouchers. As of August 2014, 33 of those individuals have "moved on." The CHA will commit an additional 50 vouchers annually to the Moving On Demonstration Program through 2016.

Purpose Why was this program created?

CHA believes that the stable, affordable housing it offers can be a springboard for residents, including persons living in permanent supportive housing who no longer require intensive services. Moving On provides a continuum of housing and frees up valuable housing and service resources for persons who are unable to live independently.

Eligibility Who can participate?

To be eligible for this project, applicants will need to demonstrate self-sufficiency and housing stability, as defined by the assessment tool created for the pilot. Applicants may apply for the program at any time and may come from both CHA's PRA units for PSH and non-CHA units. The CHA will prioritize individuals living in PRA PSH developments. When an individual "moves on" from a PRA PSH unit, that vacancy is filled using the existing PRA wait list. If no one living in existing PRA PSH developments is ready to move on, the CHA will accept referrals from other PSH developments. Applicants must also meet all the standard HCV eligibility requirements outlined in the CHA's HCV Administrative Plan.

Process

- Potential participants complete an assessment and must score between 48-55 points to be referred to the Corporation for Supportive Housing.
- Referrals are sent to the Corporation for Supportive Housing for review and tracking and then to CHA.
- CHA processes application and conducts the appropriate background check.
- CHA has the discretion to exclude any potential participant.
- CHA invites participant and their case manager to a briefing.



- Participants are encouraged to participate in the CHA's Mobility Counseling Program to learn more about moving to an Opportunity Area.
- The typical HCV leasing process is followed (inspection, lease, HAP, etc.).
- Follow-up is conducted 6, 12, and 18 months post move by the referring agency.

Housing Where and how will CHA house participants?

Participants will be housed in units using a tenant-based HCV only. This pilot program is not for Public Housing.

Requirements What do participants have to do?

Participants must engage in follow-up supportive services with their referring agency and must comply with their lease and with all HCV requirements as outlined in the CHA's Administrative Plan.

Timeline When will the program take place?

- The program will run through the end of 2016.