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Greetings Resident and Participants:

On behalf of the Fort Wayne Housing Authority (FWHA), I am writing to let you know that the FWHA is applying for the Moving to Work (MTW) demonstration program and we would like your input.

Moving to Work (MTW) is a demonstration program for public housing authorities (PHAs) that provides them the opportunity to design and test innovative, locally designed strategies that use Federal dollars more efficiently, help residents find employment and become self-sufficient, and increase housing choices for low-income families. MTW allows PHAs exemptions from many existing public housing and voucher rules and provides funding flexibility with how they use their Federal funds.

MTW agencies have the flexibility to find new approaches that accomplish three primary statutory goals:

1. Reducing cost and achieving greater cost effectiveness in federal expenditures;
2. Giving incentives to families with children where the head of household is working, is seeking work, or is preparing for work by participating in job training, educational programs, or programs that assist people to obtain employment and become economically self-sufficient; and
3. Increasing housing choices for low-income families.

FWHA will be scheduling two resident/participant video conferences:

- **Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. or Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.**

Please Join Zoom Meeting

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During these community meetings, the FWHA will explain the proposed Stepped Rent policy and answer questions. Also, the FWHA will discuss any other proposed policy changes and waivers under the MTW demonstration. All of the following will be discussed:

- Estimate of when the enrollment period will begin and how the Stepped Rent policy will be rolled out
- Explanation of which assisted households will be eligible to participate in the study
 - ***Elderly and Disabled families (where the head, co-head or spouse is age 55 and older or disabled) will be exempt from the Stepped Rent demonstration.***
- Explanation of how the alternative rent can be beneficial for assisted households; and
- Explanation of how the hardship policy will help assisted households if household income decreases or if it is determined the household cannot keep pace with the rent increases.

During these resident meetings, the FWHA will discuss other waivers that may be implemented with the MTW demonstration program that we hope will provide greater housing choice for our families and improve the economic growth of our Fort Wayne community.

Best regards,



George Guy
CEO/Executive Director