This document provides a summary of the 25 previously approved and implemented Moving to Work (MTW) activities. These activities are all Home Forward’s current MTW activities approved by the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) as of the Fiscal Year 2025 MTW Plan.

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| **Activity** | **Summary** | **Why This is Important** |
| 01 Rent Reform | Simplifies how Home Forward calculates the amount of rent and rent assistance and how often residents and participants need to recertify their income. | Creates an easier process for tenants and Home Forward in determining rent amounts. |
| 02 GOALS – Home Forward’s Family Self Sufficiency Program | Improves the self-sufficiency programs that Home Forward offers to residents and participants. | Allows tenants to save more money through voluntary self-sufficiency programs. |
| 03 Local Blended Subsidy | Allows Home Forward to combine different types of federal housing program funding together to support our affordable housing units. | Increases the number of households Home Forward can serve and makes our funding more stable. |
| 06 Alternative Inspection Requirements for Partner-Based Programs | Allows alternative inspection standards for units assisted with Home Forward rent assistance. | Helps tenants with rent assistance move into a new home faster. |
| 07 Landlord Self-Certification of Minor Repairs | Streamlines the reinspection process for units assisted with Home Forward rent assistance that needed a minor repair. | Reduces Home Forward’s staff time and costs. |
| 08 Inspections and Rent Reasonableness at Home Forward-Owned Properties | Home Forward staff perform inspections and determine rent reasonableness for units owned by Home Forward, with third-party quality control for a sample of units to ensure standards are met. | Reduces Home Forward costs to allow our funds to better serve residents and participants. |
| 09 Measures to Improve the Rate of Voucher Holders Who Successfully Lease-Up | Creates incentives for landlords to rent to tenants with a Housing Choice Voucher (aka Section 8). | Helps tenants find homes where they can use their Housing Choice Voucher by making the program more attractive to landlords. |
| 10 Local Project-Based Voucher Program | Tailors the Project-Based Voucher program to increase the number of affordable housing units in high opportunity areas and better support housing stability for high-barrier households. | Increases the supply of affordable housing in the community and improves tenants’ housing stability. |
| 11 Align Utility Allowance Adjustment Procedures | Creates a unified process for how utility allowances are determined across different federally funded affordable housing processes. | Simplifies processes for Home Forward staff and tenants. |
| 13 Broaden Range of Approved Payment Standards | Expands the amount of rent that Home Forward can help pay in the Housing Choice Voucher program. | Increases housing choice for tenants. |
| 14 Program Based Assistance | Gives flexible help with rent and services to families who need short-term support or would likely be unsuccessful in the Housing Choice Voucher program. | Expands the types of housing supports in our community. |
| 15 Tenant-Based Voucher Set Aside Policies | Creates certain preferences for who receives a Housing Choice Voucher and allows specific community partners to refer targeted populations for housing. | Streamlines the process and reduces wait times for certain vulnerable populations. |
| 16 Affordable Housing General Obligation Bond Project-Based Voucher Allocation | Allows Housing Choice Vouchers to be used to help the City of Portland fund the development of new affordable housing. | Increases the supply of affordable housing in our community. |
| 17 Mod Rehab and Mod Rehab SRO Rent Assistance Demonstration Rent Reform | Tailors Home Forward’s rent reform activity to better serve the needs of tenants in a specific type of federal housing program (Section 8 Mod Rehab and Mod Rehab SRO properties). | Prevents displacement and maintains services to high-barrier households. |
| 18 Transfer of Project-Based Voucher Contract to Support Local Preservation or Development of Affordable Housing | Allows for the transfer of existing Project-Based Voucher contracts to new locations to support the preservation or development of affordable housing, ensuring continuity of assistance for current residents. | Promotes housing stability for tenants and keeps existing housing affordable into the future. |
| 19 Program Transfer Flexibility Bridge | Removes the requirement for a full eligibility certification for households transferring between different Home Forward programs, using information from the most recent recertification to streamline the process. | Streamlines processes for tenants and Home Forward staff. |
| 20 Local Inspection Policies | Temporarily changes how often Home Forward conducts inspections and how inspections are conducted of assisted rental units in response to local disasters or emergencies. | Reduces Home Forward staff time and costs. |
| 21 Self Certification of Income | Allows self-certification of income as the highest form of verification during reexaminations for tenants in response to emergencies. | Makes it easier for tenants to receive assistance. Reduces Home Forward staff time and costs. |
| 22 Modernizing HCV/PBV Oral Briefings | Allows for required briefings for new HCV and PBV households to be held in ways other than in-person, including webcast or video call. | Increases access to programs. |
| 23 Independent Entities: Use of Staff Instead of Third Parties for Home Forward Owned Properties | Uses Home Forward staff instead of hired third parties to perform various functions for Housing Choice Voucher or Project Based Voucher units owned by Home Forward. | Reduces Home Forward staff time and costs. |
| 24 Rent Assistance Termination Reform | Limits the reasons why Home Forward will terminate someone’s Housing Choice Voucher. | Promotes housing stability and ongoing assistance for tenants. |
| 25 Preservation and Expansion of Affordable Housing | Uses MTW funding to preserve and expand affordable housing units. | Helps keep existing affordable housing affordable into the future. |
| 26 Initial HQS Inspection and HAP Contract Execution | Allows for rent assistance payments to be made to a landlord before certain required contracts are signed and inspections are performed. Expands the ways that Home Forward can determine that a rental home meets the requirements of livability. | Makes it easier and faster for tenants to start using Housing Choice Voucher rent assistance. |
| 27 Income Verification at Admission to Housing Choice Voucher Program | Allows Home Forward to accept self-certification of certain required information by applicants to the Housing Choice Voucher program. Also allows Home Forward to accept certain required documentation after the tenant is given a Housing Choice Voucher instead of before. | Allows tenants to receive a Housing Choice Voucher faster and increases housing stability for vulnerable families. |
| 28 MTW Alternative Rent Reasonableness Standard for Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) Used at Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)-Assisted Units | Allows Home Forward to use a different way to determine if the rent amount in a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit building is reasonable for Housing Choice Voucher holders. | Helps to keep rent affordable for Housing Choice Voucher holders living in certain types of housing. |