

# In Brief: HUD's Mobility Demo



## BACKGROUND

- Funding: \$53 million Total
  - \$10 million for new vouchers, \$40 million for mobility related services, \$3 million for research evaluation
- Award Description
  - 5-10 awards
  - Minimum award amount \$4M, maximum award amount \$10M
  - Awards to be announced in December 2020
- Demonstration is effective until 10/01/2028. At that time, vouchers provided under the program will lose restrictions and fall into the HCV stock for selected PHAs
- HUD and PHAs will not require voucher holders to move to designated opportunity areas or allow termination of services
- PHAs must meet one of four eligibility requirements to participate:
  1. Partnerships
  2. Consortia with high-performing family self-sufficiency (FSS) programs
  3. Consortia with small PHA
  4. Single Agency
- PHAs will be required to:
  - Offer and provide services, and adapt administrative policies
  - Participate in research evaluation
  - Recruit and enroll families

## RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

- HUD will conduct a randomized control trial (RCT)
  - Families receiving mobility voucher assistance (Treatment group)
  - Families receiving normal voucher assistance (Control group)
- The demonstration will have **two** different treatment groups:
  - Comprehensive Mobility Related Services (CMRS)
    - Implemented between years 1-6, with year 1 largely consisting of planning and piloting phase
  - Selected Mobility Related Services (SMRS)
    - Implemented between years 3-6, with year 1 largely consisting of planning and piloting phase
- Both the treatment groups and control group will enroll **two** types of families:
  - Existing voucher holders
  - New admissions
- PHA responsibilities related to research:
  - Enroll Families
  - Collect data
  - Adhere to random assignment protocols and implement them
- Families will agree to:
  - Their data being tracked and linked to admin datasets
  - Agree to initial survey and to be contact for future surveys

- HUD will contract with a Technical Assistance Provider to work with PHAs

## DEMONSTRATION SIZE, DESCRIPTION, AND FAMILY ELIGIBILITY

- Program is **only** eligible to families with at least one child 17 years or younger
- Demonstration size
  - Funding is for 9,500 families
  - 1,950 families will need to be enrolled in both treatment groups and control groups at each PHA site
  - Existing voucher holders are primary recruitment group
  - New admissions:
    - Only 1,000 incremental vouchers will be issued in the demonstration
    - Incremental vouchers will be competitively awarded
    - PHAs must make some turnover vouchers available (estimated to be half of all new vouchers)
    - Participants will be on a separate waiting list
- Required HCV Waiting List Preference
  - Preferences for families with young children
  - Families with at least one child 13 years and under in a census tract with a family poverty rate at 30% or higher
  - If there are not enough families that meet this preference, the PHA will select a family with at least one child 17 years or under
- Administrative Policies
  - HUD will require PHAs to offer a high enough payment standard for accessing housing in high opportunity areas with same payment areas in each treatment and control group
- Regional Project-Based Voucher Plan
  - PHAs may not project-base any awarded vouchers but families can move to PBV units
  - PHAs may use up to 2% of their mobility-related services to develop a regional PBV plan

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications are due on **October 13**
- The application components include:
  - Narrative description of the applicant's capacity and prior experience
  - Extent of local need by showing number of families with children in high-poverty areas
  - Proposed enrollment and funding requests
  - Description of mobility services to be offered
  - Description of the applicant's opportunity area and methodology for identifying opportunity areas
  - MOUs among any joint applicants
- Applications will be rated based on:
  - Approach to implementing the demonstration (40 points)
  - Relevant prior experience (30 points)
  - Regional need and availability of affordable rental units (30 points)