Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority

THRIVE

Total Housing Reinvention for Individual Success, Vital Services and Economic Empowerment

Application for Designation as a Moving-to-Work Agency

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You and your family need to do more than survive...you should ***thrive***. That's the goal of the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA). Through our THRIVE initiative, you and your family will not only find an affordable and attractive place to call home, but will be connected to services and support that will help you succeed and become self-sufficient.

In addition to providing housing options made available by the FCRHA, the THRIVE initiative will link you to services and programs offered by other county agencies or nonprofit organizations. These programs are designed to help you better manage your money; train for a new job; pursue college or other training; become a better parent; learn English; improve your health; and perhaps even purchase a home.

THRIVE Housing Continuum

The FCRHA provides a continuum of affordable housing, ranging from rental vouchers and Public Housing; to moderately priced rental apartments and townhouses; all the way to affordable programs for homeownership. Each person or family fits somewhere along this continuum and it is the goal of THRIVE to not only help you find the right fit based on your income and need, but to help you move along the continuum over time, toward self-sufficiency.

THRIVE Housing Continuum

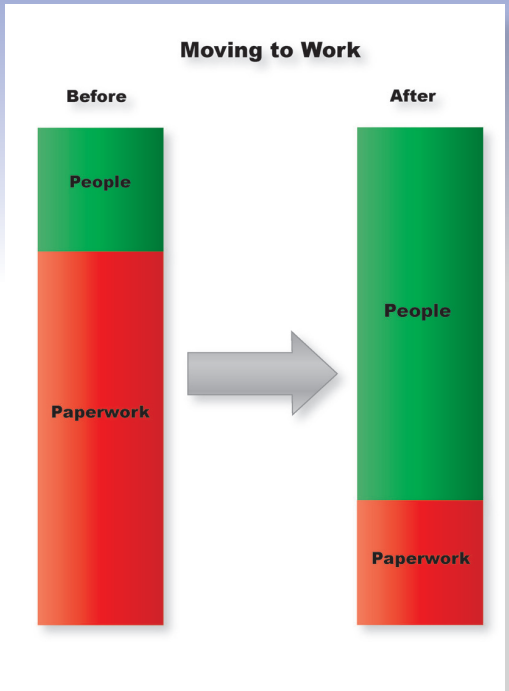
A Stepped Approach that Provides Work Incentives, Service Supports, and Permanent Housing

Step 1 - Bridging Affordability	Step 2 - Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher	Step 3 - Fairfax County Rental Program	Step 4 - Homeownership or Unsubsidized Housing
< 30% AMI	< 50% AMI	< 80% AMI	
Develop *"basic skill set"* for self-sufficiency --Skill assessment / job readiness training --Health assessment --Child care / elder care needs identified --Transportation needs identified --Financial literacy / Credit education --Ready-to-Rent training	Build *"intermediate skill set"* for self-sufficiency --Individual skill development / education / on-the-job training --Participate in health clinics/ services --Access child care & elder care services / parenting skills --Access transportation needs met --Financial literacy / Credit education	Expand *"independent skill set"* for self-sufficiency --Maintain stable employment / wage progression / education internships --Practice preventative health activities / health education --Stable family care --Reliable transportation --Attend homebuyer education / retirement planning / wealth-building	Self-sufficient

Note: Elderly/disabled households may choose their level of participation in many aspects of the THRIVE/MTW program.

How Does the Moving-to Work Program Fit into THRIVE?

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allows housing authorities like the FCRHA to apply for a special "Moving to Work" agency (MTW) designation. If approved, the FCRHA will be able to reduce the paperwork required for its program and free up resources to help connect residents with the services you need to help you move toward self-sufficiency.



The MTW designation will allow the FCRHA to be more creative with its programs and help you build a "nest egg." For example, you may be able to put more money into an escrow account as you move through the housing continuum.

How will Residents Benefit from MTW?

If the FCRHA is designated as a Moving to Work agency, you and your family could see a number of benefits:

- **Less Paperwork:** Residents may only need to go through the recertification process every other year, instead of annually. If you are on a fixed income, you could only need to recertify every three years.

- **"Nest Egg" for Your Future:** Residents and voucher participants may have opportunities to see a portion of their income increases go into a savings account, allowing you an opportunity to save for goals including education, buying a home or retirement.

- **Opportunity:** You may see increased opportunities for services that can help better your future, including job training, education opportunities and language skills.

- **Services:** Those who have health problems, substance abuse issues or disabilities will be connected to services from other county agencies or non-profit organizations as part of the THRIVE/MTW program.

- **Self-Sufficiency:** HCD will work with you to move from dependency on government subsidies and programs to becoming self-sufficient. The THRIVE/MTW program will assist you every step of the way through services, resources and support. The goal will be to move ahead in every aspect of your life, but especially in housing. We want to see you and your family move along the housing continuum from deeply subsidized housing (Bridging Affordability, HCV, Public Housing) on to moderate-priced housing (FCRP) to eventually to market rentals or even homeownership.

- **New Relationship:** Your Housing Services Specialists will be able to spend less time on paperwork and verifications and more time with you. This new relationship will help you in setting your own goals and get connected with the right services and support networks.

- **Rebate for Good Housekeeping:** Those who maintain their homes well help reduce maintenance costs for the FCRHA. Those families could now be rewarded for their housekeeping efforts with a rebate at the end of the year.

- **Options:** Residents who have a disability or are elderly may choose their level of participation in many aspects of the THRIVE/MTW program.

Wedgewood Apartments
Fairfax County Rental Program

The Atrium, Public Housing

What Happens Next?

The FCRHA will submit its application to HUD in June 2012. If approved by HUD, the MTW designation will allow the THRIVE program concept to be put in place. This designation is competitive, and there are only four slots available. Please let us know your opinion about THRIVE by sending an email to mtw@fairfaxcounty.gov or by calling 703-279-7309.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

- **May 30, 2012:** FCRHA Special Meeting to hold public hearing on MTW Plan
- **June 14, 2012:** FCRHA requested to approve MTW application
- **June 27, 2012:** MTW application due to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

For more information on MTW, visit:
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rha/mtw.htm for updates

Barkley Square
Public Housing

Olley Glen Senior Residences
Fairfax County Rental Program

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