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## **JULY 12, 2024: PCHA AWARDED \$60,000 IN HOUSING MOBILITY-RELATED SERVICES PLAN GRANT FROM HUD, EMPOWERING HCV PARTICIPANTS AND MAXIMIZING NEIGHBORHOOD CHOICE**

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Department of Housing and Urban Development granted Pierce County Housing Authority \$60,000 to fund the creation of a Housing Mobility-Related Services Plan (HMRP). PCHA qualified for this grant after submitting a proposal to HUD's Notice of Funding Opportunity for Housing Mobility Services in September 2023. Although not selected for award in that funding cycle, PCHA's proposal qualified for HUD PIH Notice 2024-05, and upon submitting a letter of interest PCHA ranked within the top 25 of applicants' utilization rates for the Housing Choice Voucher Program, which secured the award for our organization. PCHA was the only housing authority in HUD Region 10 (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska) to receive this PIH 2024-05 grant funding for the creation of an HMRP, as well as the only housing authority on the west coast inclusive of California.

The \$60,000 funding allocated to PCHA under this award will be put towards the development of a Housing Mobility-Related Service Plan, which will assist our organization in preparing for additional programs, services, and activities that will support our Housing Choice Voucher participants when they move to higher-income, lower-poverty areas. This funding is not eligible to be used towards Housing Mobility Services activities themselves, but will instead provide the organizational scaffolding necessary to attract Mobility-Related Services program dollars to our organization and to implement a meaningful and impactful program when that funding is secured, as well as demonstrates an investment from HUD in expanding PCHA's capacity, services, and reach. PCHA is proud to be a recipient of funding that will allow us to develop innovative and equitable strategies to ensure our program participants can truly utilize their Housing Choice Voucher in the neighborhood of their choice, and to dedicate these vital resources to promote housing justice, deconcentrate poverty, and empower our participants and their families.

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