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## **NOTICE OF UPDATE TO 5-YEAR PHA PLAN**

This notice is concerning the Brighton Housing Authority's ("BHA") required submission of a new 5-Year Public Housing Authority ("PHA") Plan to the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development ("HUD"). The most recent 5-Year Plan BHA submitted to HUD was for 2020-2024 which means that an updated plan is needed for 2025-2029.

The 5-Year PHA Plan describes BHA's mission statement, goals and objectives for the coming five years, a progress report on the prior 5-Year Plan, and the agency's Violence Against Women Act ("VAWA") goals. What follows below are some excerpts of the proposed submission to HUD.

### **Mission:**

*The Housing Authority of the City of Brighton is dedicated to providing the Brighton community with quality, affordable housing that is decent, well maintained, and free from drugs and violent crime. We endeavor to provide livable communities that encourage a diverse range of economic income, so that the children of these communities have role models that are visibly striving to make economic gains for their families. We are committed to providing our residents with as many opportunities as possible to become economically self-sufficient. We shall do these things, while servicing our residents and neighboring citizens with the highest degree of professional courtesy, empathy, and respect. BHA does not and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation) familial status, disability, or age.*

The major goals and objectives of the proposed 5-Year Plan include:

- (1) Building out the agency's Moving to Work ("MTW") designation to open new opportunities not previously available as a traditional PHA.
- (2) Increasing the inventory of affordable housing in Brighton. BHA will leverage its funding flexibilities of its MTW designation to seek new opportunities to develop new housing stock or rehabilitate existing housing stock.

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- (3) BHA will continue to pursue and strengthen partnerships by both building upon the existing partnerships and developing new formal and informal partnerships, with community and cross-sector organizations who provide services and meet the array of needs for those in crisis. These partnerships will be further supported by BHA's MTW designation and the on-going work of its in-house service programs.
- (4) BHA will continue to seek opportunities to partner with homeownership agencies to determine if there are viable and sustainable program options to offer to the community.
- (5) BHA will undertake the extensive rehabilitation of the Hughes Station Apartments (120 Family Units) and utilizing additional MTW flexibilities, will assign project-based vouchers to the site to further ensure not only income restricted affordable units, but a source of long-term subsidized affordable units.
- (6) BHA will see the conclusion of the Rental Assistance Demonstration ("RAD") which will see the remaining ten decommissioned former public housing units converted into thirteen affordable housing units.
- (7) BHA will further expand its utilization of its MTW flexibilities to reduce administrative burdens, streamline regulatory requirements, unlock new opportunities through redesigned approaches to subsidy calculations while promoting further self-sufficiency and housing choice.

These are only the beginning details of the proposed update to the 5-Year PHA Plan. Additional revisions will be included that address the progress since the adoption of the previous plan as well as the PHA goals for VAWA.

There will be a public hearing on the presentation on the plan before it goes to the BHA Board of Commissioners for approval. Public comment is encouraged and will be addressed or incorporated into the final draft of this plan.

**The public hearing is scheduled for: November 5, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. This hearing will take place at BHA offices located at 22 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brighton, CO 80601.**

Over the next few weeks, BHA will be engaging in additional resident outreach efforts and community engagement. Details of those outreach events will be posted BHA's website at [www.brightonhousingauthority.org](http://www.brightonhousingauthority.org). Information on these outreach meetings can also be found by calling BHA offices during normal business hours.

Aside from the upcoming outreach meetings, if you have any questions or comments feel free to contact Deputy Director Andrew Dall at 303-655-2160.