



Dothan Housing Authority (DHA)
Public Notice of Significant Amendment for Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs)
FY2022 Annual Plan, Revision #2 to FY2020-2024 Five-Year Plan

In the coming year of **FY2022**, Dothan Housing Authority (DHA) projects expanding its current number of 55 Project-Based Voucher (PBV) units with an additional 100 PBV units. While 100 additional project-based units are currently planned, DHA may elect to project base additional units up to HUD limits, as allowed by PBV regulations. DHA plans to post a Request for Proposals (RFP) for PBVs on its website (<https://www.dothanhousing.org/>), to support the Agency's goal of expanding the supply of affordable housing during FY2022.

According to **PIH Notice 2021-14**, DHA is required to notify Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) families of any impacts that a significant amendment may have on them by whatever means it considers most effective as soon as practicable. The increase in PBVs require the significant amendment process for DHA, who must provide its criteria for determining a "Significant Amendment or Modification" to its 5-Year and Annual Plan. In Section 232 of the Fiscal Year 2001 Appropriations Act, Congress authorized the PBV program. The regulations for the PBV are contained in 24 CFR 983. The PBV program is a discretionary component of a Public Housing Authority's (PHA's) HCVP. There are no appropriations for PBV, and HUD does not allocate funding for PBV assistance. Instead, funding for PBVs comes from funds already obligated by HUD to DHA under its HCVP Annual Contributions Contract (ACC).

As noted earlier, HUD recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic presents unique challenges from a staffing and communication perspective and encourages PHAs to adapt their communications in consideration of local conditions and resources. Therefore, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic while preventing the spread of coronavirus and its different variants, DHA has posted this information on its website (<https://www.dothanhousing.org/>), Facebook, and sent this Public Notice through the mail to all HCVP families including current Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) PBV, and other PBV families. DHA will have a Resident Advisory Board (RAB) meeting online via ZOOM on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss this further. **Meeting ID: 838 2252 5182 and Passcode: 182740**

Project-based units may be located anywhere in the jurisdiction of DHA that includes the Wiregrass Metro Area (WMA) that consists of the five counties of Houston, Geneva, Dale, Henry, and Coffee. DHA's PBV program plan is consistent with the statutory goals of deconcentrating poverty and expanding housing and economic opportunities. The purpose of the PBV program is to provide PHAs with a flexible tool to increase housing opportunities for low-income families outside of areas of concentrated poverty. It is an optional program that PHAs may implement with the discretion to meet the affordable housing demands in their area. DHA realizes some key advantages of the PBV program, such as improving voucher utilization in tight markets and helping families find units in tight markets. PBVs also guarantee affordable units and expand the pool of supportive housing for persons with disabilities, veterans, and senior populations. DHA continues to streamline its operations during the COVID-19 pandemic through technology to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic while preventing the spread of coronavirus and its different variants.

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