

## **Streamline Voluntary Conversion**

The Guttenberg Housing Authority (the “Authority”) is amending its annual and five-year PHA Plan because it will be undergoing a streamlined voluntary conversion of its Section 9 public housing units pursuant to Section 22 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (“Section 22”). Section 22 provides public housing agencies with 250 or fewer public housing units greater flexibility to respond to local needs, allows them to pursue private financing, and provides greater housing choice and mobility to assisted households.

HUD remains committed to providing deeply subsidized rental assistance to the nation’s most vulnerable populations, including the elderly, disabled and formerly homeless families. Meeting this commitment has been challenged by significant capital backlog, combined with regulatory burdens and limited access to private capital. The Notice represents one of an array of tools that HUD is offering to housing authorities to allow them to voluntarily reposition public housing units to more sustainable funding platforms in order to meet local objectives.

As a result, the Authority will be converting to (Project Based Vouchers under the guidelines of PIH Notice 2019-05 (the “Notice”), and any successor Notices. Upon streamlined voluntary conversion, the Authority will abide the resident rights set forth in the Notice, including but not limited to Attachment A thereto. These resident rights are available at the Housing Authority offices. Additionally, the Guttenberg Housing Authority is currently compliant with all fair housing and civil rights requirements.