

Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Hampton, VA

Understanding the Needs of HRHA Residents

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Problem Statement

Shortage of Affordable Housing



The **Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority** (HRHA), Hampton, Virginia needs to serve:

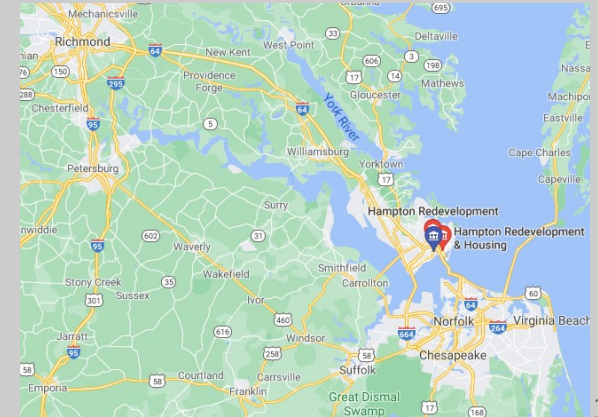
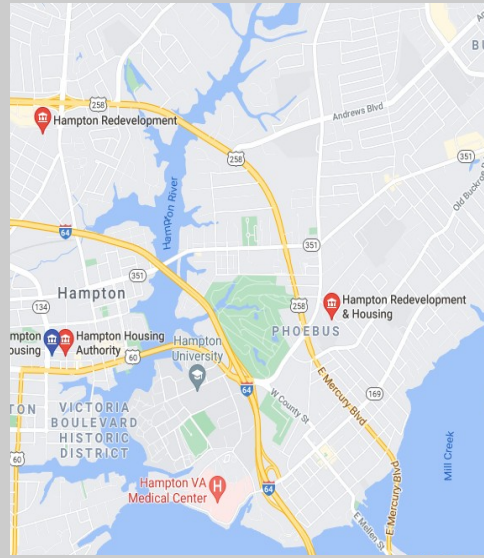
- People with low income who need affordable housing
- Many people who are out of work with no income
- 1,000 people on the waiting list to get housing

Solution: Participation in the **Move-to-Work** program that allows HRHA to help families achieve **self-sufficiency**.

Policy Context

Assessment of families being served by HRHA

- Measure their capacity for independent living
- Connect them with the services that can facilitate their progress toward self-sufficiency



Policy Formation

Move-to-Work Program



Three **Primary Goals** of the **Move-to-Work (MTW) Program**

- Reduce cost and achieve greater cost efficiency in Federal expenditures
- Give incentives to families with children where the head of household is working, is seeking work, or is preparing for work
- Increase housing choices for low-income families

Policy Formation

Move-to-Work Survey



Move-to-Work Survey Instrument

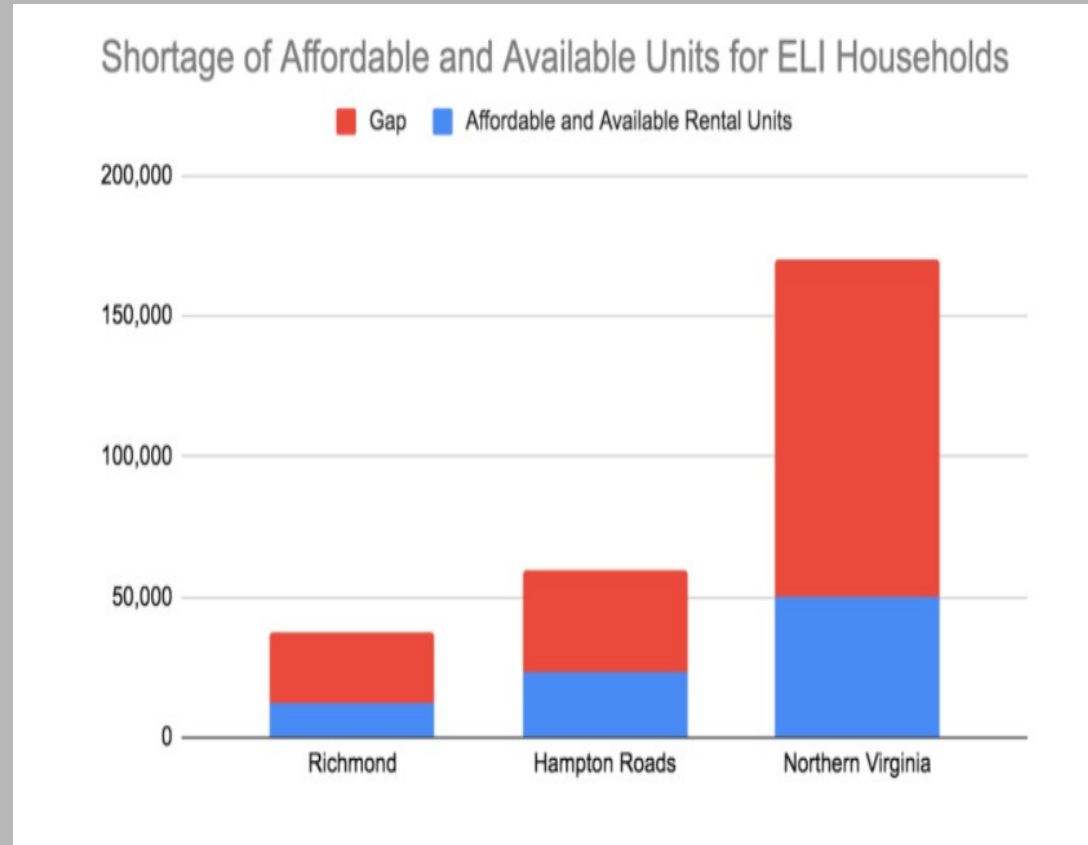
To gather information on an array of variables which address many components of self-sufficiency.



Policy Analysis

Shortage of Affordable Housing

- Low-income Virginians are paying too much for their housing
- More than 80% of extremely low-income and very low-income households are housing “cost-burdened”.



Policy Implications

Reducing Evictions



Changes to laws to help **reduce evictions** and lessen the impact of evictions on affected households:

- Requiring written leases
- Putting a cap on late fees
- Requiring eviction orders to be expunged from records if the case is later dismissed

Support policies to fund the **Move-to-Work Program**

Recommendations for HRHA



1. Use the **Move-to-Work survey** data to learn about the needs of its residents
2. Offer needed resources to help low-income families achieve self-sufficiency
3. Support families as they move from public housing to other housing options

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