



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Local Housing Authorities (LHAs) with an Alternative Housing Voucher Program (AHVP) Allocation

FROM: Ann Cwartkowski, Housing Specialist, Bureau of Rental Assistance

RE: Re-issuance of AHVP Turnover Vouchers

Date: January 22, 2010

As you know, due to a sharper than expected increase in AHVP leasing and the resulting program expenditures in Fiscal Year 2007, DHCD implemented a suspension of AHVP Voucher issuance effective on April 9, 2007. That policy remains in effect today. However, through your effective implementation of this policy, as well as the successful transition of more than 50 AHVP Participants to DHCD's Section 8 program, we have seen a significant reduction in AHVP costs.

Therefore, DHCD is now pleased to inform you that effective immediately, LHAs with an allocation of AHVP Vouchers may begin to reissue currently leased Vouchers as they become available through turnover. Due to the current 15% decrease in AHVP funding – from last year's \$4 million down to \$3.45 million for Fiscal Year 2010 – DHCD is likewise forced to reduce each LHA's allocation from the most recent numbers determined back in 2006. Following this notification, you will also receive LHA specific information concerning your new allocation number and the re-issuance process. If you have any questions regarding this notice, or the follow-up information, please contact me via e-mail or phone at (617)-573-1222.

The Department appreciates the time and effort your LHA has given to this worthwhile program, and applaud the work that you and your staff are doing to ensure its continued success. Thank you again for all your efforts in serving AHVP applicant and participant households.

cc: Mary-Anne Morrison, Director
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