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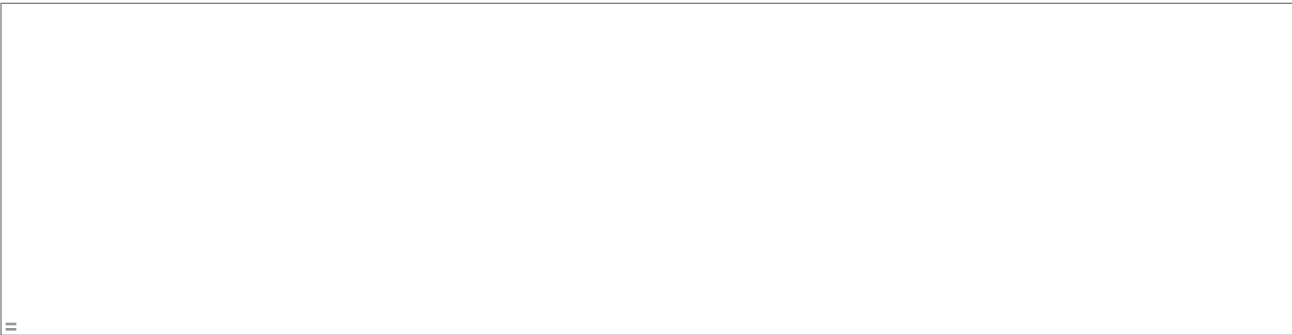
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Autumn has arrived, and with winter's chill fast approaching, many Americans are eyeing warmer destinations in the South. If Alabama's on your radar, a group of small towns is ready to welcome you and keep you — and they're offering a handsome \$10,000 incentive from the [local economic development authority](#) to sweeten the deal.

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Alabama's [Remote Shoals](#) initiative extends this \$10K relocation bonus to attract fresh talent and energy to four cities in northwest Alabama, each boasting low living costs and a rich cultural experience. Joining a growing trend among U.S. towns vying for remote workers, these cities see the program as a way to revitalize the local economy with the skills and stability digital nomads can bring.

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The initiative's website says relocating to The Shoals is "a sweet deal that keeps getting sweeter."

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The four towns — Sheffield, Florence, Muscle Shoals, and Tuscumbia — make up the picturesque Shoals region along the Tennessee River. This area is known for its Southern charm and appeal to artists and nature lovers. Although it's become a destination for tourism, the region has stubbornly lagged economically. Its location, over 60

miles from other metropolitan hubs and about 50 miles from the nearest interstate, attracts nearby rural residents but has lacked the economic benefits of larger cities and major transportation arteries.

Promotional material on the program’s website highlights The Shoals as an ideal spot for remote workers, with affordable real estate, low property taxes, and an overall lower cost of living. Housing prices in the region are particularly appealing, with the median home price in Muscle Shoals at about [\\$212,000](#) according to Redfin — far below the [national median](#) of \$412,000.



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While a \$10K incentive might sound like a no-brainer, it comes with some strings.



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professional backgrounds and their likelihood of establishing roots in the community.

Qualified participants receive the bonus in installments tied to specific milestones, ensuring newcomers sustain their commitment. This staggered payout model allows residents to settle in and benefit from The Shoals’ affordable housing, while the local economy gains a reliable boost.

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Alabama isn’t the only state using cash to attract new residents. [Similar programs](#) have sprouted up across the U.S., hoping to capture some of the remote work boom. Vermont’s Remote Worker Grant Program provides up to \$7,500 to new residents who work remotely. Topeka, Kansas, will pay up to \$15,000 to remote workers who buy or rent a home in the city.



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With remote work now a reality for [roughly 14% of U.S. workers](#) according to Pew, cities and states have more competition for residents who have newfound freedom to choose where they live.

High costs in cities like San Francisco and New York are driving young professionals to seek more affordable, spacious locales, and smaller communities see a chance to provide them with a soft place to land.

While the cash amounts and requirements vary, these communities share a common goal: to attract fresh energy, skills, and economic growth. The Shoals is among the latest to join this trend, while other programs, such as Tulsa Remote, have already [reported success](#) in drawing younger remote workers and boosting local economies.

These relocation incentives aim to be more than just cash grabs for relocators. For areas like The Shoals, the goal isn't merely to fill houses, but to build sustainable communities where new residents choose to stay, work, and raise families.

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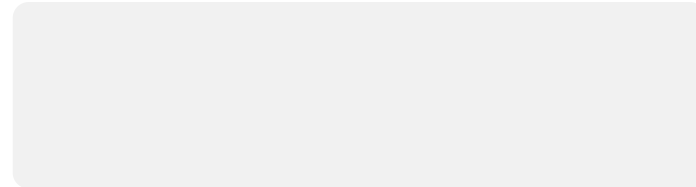
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[ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.](#) (KRQE) – Residents of manufactured home communities in Albuquerque will now have more protections, following a vote at Monday night's city council meeting. City councilors have voted to pass the "Stability and Empowerment" ordinance for manufactured home communities. Councilor Nicole Rogers introduced the resolution earlier this year, saying many residents of those communities own the homes they live in but do not own the land and pay a "lot rent" to the landowner.



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Rogers said when those landowners decide to sell, residents are left with no say in the process and little to no housing security. Now, under the new policy, a landowner selling their lot must give residents advance notice, allow residents to submit an offer to purchase the land themselves and maintain clear, good faith communication with the community during the selling, leasing, or transferal process.

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