

2017 PHA Annual Plan Attachment B.5 Mission and Goals

Housing Authority #	Housing Authority Name	Fiscal Year Begin Date
IL025	Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC)	April 1, 2017

(a) Progress in Meeting Mission and Goals. Provide a brief statement of the PHA’s progress in meeting the mission and goals described in the 5-Year Plan.

PHA Goals: Aggressively pursue non-PIH resources such as HOME, CDBG, LIHTC, Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Energy Service contract guarantees and to make physical improvements to properties and Analyze the financial viability of converting some or the entire portfolio to RAD, a more flexible and reliable funding platform:

For AMPs 2511 and 2530, HACC is taking part in the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program, received a reservation for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits and a commitment letter from Cook County for HOME funds for the redevelopment of units and making modifications to expand the number of UFAS units.

For AMP 2504, HACC is taking part in the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program and is currently working with IHDA to receive a reservation for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits for the redevelopment of units and making modifications to expand the number of UFAS units.

For AMPs 2508, 2509, 2513, 2522 and 2524, HACC is taking part in the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program and is working with IHDA to receive a reservation for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits and has also received a commitment letter from Cook County for HOME funds for the redevelopment of units and making modifications to expand the number of UFAS units.

For AMPs 2501, 2502, 2505, 2507, 2518, 2520, 2529, 2598 and 2599, HACC received a Commitment to enter into a Housing Assistance Payment contract under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program and has positioned itself for possible tax credit funds for modernization and redevelopment of units. If it is determined that maintaining the property in a decent, safe and sanitary environment is not financially feasible due to a lack of subsidy then demolition or disposition may need to be explored.

PHA Goal: Target project-based vouchers to priority areas such as supportive housing and housing for families in opportunity areas:

Continue to participate in the Regional Housing Initiative (RHI);
 Expand internal mobility counseling program;
 Board approved resolution for 13 units of PSH at Axley Place in Glenview;
 Board approved resolution for 34 units of PSH at Graceland Apartments in Des Plaines;
 Board approved resolution for 37 total units at Philhaven;
 Executed HAP contract for 35 units of accessible housing for people with mobility impairments at Southwick Place in Matteson and began the lease up.

PHA Goal: Counsel Voucher holders planning to move on the benefits of areas with higher performing schools, access to jobs and transportation, and lower crime rates (aka opportunity areas):

Continue to expand Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program;
 Continue to host Human Service Fairs;
 Continue to educate Voucher participants as well as Landlords.
 Focus on families with school age children in mobility counseling program.

PHA Goal: Develop human services network for public housing residents, connecting them to health care, job training, placement and educational opportunities as well as add to the on-site activities and resources available to residents:

Connect residents to agencies that provide free transportation services;
Connect residents to Senior Service Centers that provide counseling, aging, health, and wellness services;
Organize field trips for residents to parks, museums, libraries and educational institutions;
Collaboration with Walgreens Pharmacy- provides residents with flu shots, blood pressure screening, and health consultation;
Collaboration with Catholic Charities, New Foundations Center, Grand Prairies Services, National ABLE Network, Prairie State College, Healthcare Consortium of Illinois, and CEDA to provide supportive services and/or referrals for residents;
Education Scholarship Program with Prairie State College and One Million Degrees to offer youth the opportunity to attend Prairie State College with tuition assistance, private tutoring, professional development and academic support;
Collaboration with local manufacturing companies to provide apprentice, construction and training programs for residents to achieve certification and job placement;
Ladder Up- provides financial literacy and education services;
LIHEAP- provides assistance with energy costs;
Various volunteers in the communities provide language services and classes;
Food Service Programs such as Greater Chicago Food Depository, Meals on Wheels, Top Box and Northwestern Campus Kitchen;
Tenant Councils host resident activities such as movie nights, chess, bingo, garden and book clubs, holiday parties, etc.;
On-Site summer youth camps and food programs for children;
Collaboration with area Park Districts (KABOOM), Blue Cross/Blue Shield and professional Chicago sports teams to build playgrounds, basketball courts and recreational facilities;
Boys and Girls Club partnership for year-round after school programs and summer school/camp
Cook County Health and Hospital Systems partnership assisting in CountyCare insurance coverage;
Health Impact Collaborative of Cook County Advisory Team – promoting, leveraging, and providing direct access for community health;
Community Health Partner Committee - development of a suburban Cook County-wide community health assessment and health improvement plan known as WePLAN 2020;
Other service providers: Aunt Martha's, PLCCA, Thresholds, Ford Heights Community Service Organization, Robbins Community Help Agency, Respond Now, South/North Suburban Pads, Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, Restoration Ministries;

PHA Goal: Pursue alternative resources to augment decreasing opportunity budget (developer fees through tax credit awards, state contract through Olmstead Decree) and continue to support efforts to transition the disabled from institutional settings into community based living by providing a preference for housing and working with the State on the Colbert Consent Decree:

Adopted a preference for individuals with disabilities currently transitioning from institutional settings into community-based living for the Housing Choice Voucher Program as well as Public Housing; as of October 2016 approximately 700 individuals have been housed who qualify for this preference.

PHA Goal: Continue to support efforts to end chronic homelessness by partnering with various organizations such as the Alliance to End Homelessness, Edward Hines VA, and developers interested in providing housing for the homeless:

Adopted a homeless preference for applicants on the Housing Choice Voucher Wait List and all Public Housing Wait Lists;
Proposed a preference for individuals with disabilities currently transitioning or “moving up” from Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units referred by the Alliance to End Homelessness;
Increased VASH program participation to approximately 450 tenant based vouchers;
Executed HAP contract for 72 units of PSH VASH housing at Freedoms Path on the campus of the Hines VA and they are all leased up;
Partnered with local agencies and communities to end Veteran and Chronic Homelessness
PBV sites designated to service homeless population in service (Country Club Hills Wellness)