

2018 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, 2018

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.

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;
- 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;
- 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;

2016-2017

Prairie State College/ HACC Promise Scholarship:

- Broadened program to adult learners
- 3 evening info sessions in April. 55 attendees
- Increased applications from 18 in 2016 to 73 in 2017

- Currently 28 scholars in our program

Harper College/ HACC Promise Scholarship:

- Created new scholarship for Harper College district clients 18-54 years old
- Letter, text blast, email blast to all voucher holders
- 1 evening information session/ 8 residents attended
- 6 current scholars

Cradles to Crayons:

- Established relationship with Bernard Cherkasov, Executive Director
- June 20 delivery of 3 toys/ 5 books to 460 children in LIPH & scattered sites
- Midway Movers for gifted moving help
- August backpack & school supply delivery to 460 LIPH & scatter sites
- November plan to deliver coats, hats & winter clothing to 460 LIPH & scatter sites

After-school programs:

- Researched best after-school programs in the LIPH areas
- Found The Jones Center & established relationship with Cheryl Roop
- Negotiated MOU for 20 HACC children for after-school & summer camp including additional hires for effective coverage
- Negotiated after-school program & summer camp opportunity for 20 HACC children in Robbins

Healthcare Scholarship (HPOG):

- Scholarship funded by the Affordable Care Act for 2 and 4 year college degrees @ Chicago State University and South Suburban College
- Created marketing video, and flyers. Distributed through email & text blast as well as in response to individual emails inquiring about healthcare careers
- 6 HACC residents now enrolled in free college healthcare education program at CSU. 5 in control group. (As of 4/30/17)
- Late November will start another campaign for next cohort

Grant application:

- Working on application for Jobs Plus for Chicago Heights & Ford Heights

Head Start/ Early Head Start:

- Established relationship with IL Action for Children
- Text campaign around early childhood education...results unimpressive
- Two Head Start registration fairs
 - Dolton February 21, 2017
 - Ford Heights February 7, 2017
 - Increased the number of HACC residents enrolled & heightened awareness/ importance of early childhood education
- organized 2 rounds of door-to-door recruiting with IL Action for Children/ Belinda Berry
- IL

Safe & Thriving Communities:

- In partnership with the Justice Advisory Council, managing this \$1M grant in Robbins, Ford Heights & Harvey, towns with high numbers of LIPH residents and voucher holders.

Greater Chicago Food Depository:

- Initiated relationship with GFCD
- Established produce delivery to Wheeling Tower, Juniper Towers & Armond King
- Workforce training market their Community Kitchen Program which prepares residents to work in the food service industry
- Rich Monocchio now on Cook County Hunger Task Force

Friends of the Forest Preserve:

- Created summer jobs program which employed 50 south suburban youth client in the Forest Preserve. The program included a conservation education program

Established Relationship with IL Student Assistance Commission (ISAC)

- Created independent text line for HACC resident questions about college planning and financial aid
- Creating workshops for all age high school students and their families re: college planning

Restructured & Relaunched Top Box Foods Program:

- Adopted Pop-up Truck model delivered discounted healthy foods to our LIPH family sites and 2 senior sites

Career Fairs

- 3 so far in 2017
- bring together the funders, the trainers and our residents who need both
- Clients have secured job certification training in healthcare, manufacturing and technology fully funded by Federal dollars.

Opportunity Works:

- Created marketing materials & distributed through text & email blast before the County had marketing materials. Of the first 100 applicants, 20% indicated that they were HACC client
- Working w/ Cory Muldoon to create simply & rapid path for HACC client acceptance

Family Resource & Healthcare Fair

- Healthcare providers, community colleges, Secretary of State, and other educators all under one roof on a Saturday for one-stop-shopping for our clients

Creating a Pre-Apprenticeship program with the trades March 1st Work in the Trades Fair at South Suburban College

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 2017 approximately 866 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)