# Uxbridge Housing Authority Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2023 For State-Aided Public Housing

The Annual Plan is a document compiled by housing authority staff in advance of each new fiscal year. The plan serves as both a tool for the Local Housing Authority (LHA) to reflect upon the prior fiscal year, and as an opportunity to develop a clear and transparent plan that builds on successes, identifies needs, and corrects any issues that have arisen in prior years. Additionally, the Annual Plan is an important tool for tenants, who may use the document to better understand the operations and needs of their housing authority, advocate for changes to policies and procedures, access data about the housing authority, and participate in their housing authority's governance.

In addition to the physical document, the Annual Plan is also a process of public engagement. Throughout the Annual Plan process, the LHA executive director or their designee will be expected to review the Plan with any Local Tenant Organizations (LTO's) and Resident Advisory Board (RAB) before the LHA presents the plan to the LHA Board of Commissioners; make a draft available for review to all residents and the general public; post on the website and make a copy available to each LTO at least 30 business days before the public hearing; hold a hearing on the document; and collect, integrate, and report back on substantive comments. Additionally, the Board will read, offer recommendations, and approve the Annual Plan in advance of its submission to DHCD.

The law that mandates the Annual Plan is An Act Relative to Local Housing Authorities, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 121B Section 28A. The regulation that expands upon Section 28A is 760 CMR 4.16. The regulations that address Local Tenant Organization (LTO) and resident participation in the Annual Plan are 760 CMR 6.09 (3)(h) and 760 CMR 6.09(4)(a)(4).

The Uxbridge Housing Authority's Annual Plan for their 2023 fiscal year includes the following components:

- 1. Overview and Certification
- 2. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- 3. Maintenance and Repair Plan
- 4. Operating Budget
- 5. Narrative responses to Performance Management Review (PMR) findings
- 6. Policies
- 7. Waivers
- 8. Glossary
- 9. Other Elements
  - a. Annual Plan Hearing 9/8/22
  - b. Cover sheet for tenant satisfaction surveys
  - c. Tenant Satisfaction Survey 667 Program
  - d. Performance Management Review

#### **Overview and Certification**

### **State-Aided Public Housing Developments**

The following table identifies the state-aided public housing units with developments of more than 8 units listed separately. Units in developments of 8 or fewer units are aggregated as noted. Units that the LHA provides to assist clients of the Department of Mental Health (DMH), the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), or other agencies are also aggregated separately.

Dev No	Туре	Development Name	Num Bldgs	Year Built	Dwelling Units
667-01	Elderly	CALUMET COURT 667-01	7	1961	30
667-02	Elderly	CENTENNIAL COURT 667-02	8	1975	56
200-01	Family	VETERANS PARKWAY 200-01	11	1951	22
705-01	Family	WATERMAN APTS 705-01	6	1990	12
	Other	Special Occupancy units	2		16
Total			34		136

### **LHA Central Office**

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## **LHA Board of Commissioners**

	<u>Role</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Richard Baker	Chair		05/16/2019	05/16/2029
Elizabeth Clark			02/14/2022	06/30/2023
Arthur Dubois	Treasurer		05/16/2022	05/16/2027
Patrick Fitzgerald	Vice-Chair		05/16/2020	05/16/2025

# <u>Plan History</u>

The following required actions have taken place on the dates indicated.

REQ	REQUIREMENT				
		COMPLETED			
A.	Advertise the public hearing on the LHA website.	07/05/2022			
В.	Advertise the public hearing in public postings.	07/05/2022			
C.	Notify all LTO's and RAB, if there is one, of the hearing and	NI/A			
	provide access to the Proposed Annual Plan.	N/A			
D.	Post draft AP for tenant and public viewing.	07/05/2022			
E.	Hold quarterly meeting with LTO or RAB to review the draft AP.	NI/A			
	(Must occur before the LHA Board reviews the Annual Plan.)	N/A			
F.	Annual Plan Hearing. Hosted by the LHA Board, with a quorum of members present. (For Boston, the Administrator will host the hearing.)	09/08/2022			
G.	Executive Director presents the Annual Plan to the Board.	09/08/2022			
H.	Board votes to approve the AP. (For Boston Housing Authority, the Administrator approves and submits the AP.)	09/08/2022			

### Certification

CERTIFICATION OF LHA USER AUTHORIZATION FOR DHCD CAPITAL SOFTWARE AND HOUSING APPLICATIONS

I, Linda Kelly, Executive Director of the Uxbridge Housing Authority, certify on behalf of the Housing Authority that I have conducted an annual review of all Uxbridge Housing Authority users of DHCD Capital Software applications and Housing Applications and that all current LHA users are authorized to use the systems and have the appropriate level of user access based on their job responsibility. I approve all system access and access levels for all Uxbridge Housing Authority users.

This certification applies to the following applications:

- Capital Planning System (CPS)
- Consolidated Information Management System (CIMS)
- Cap Hub
- DHCD Housing Management Systems

#### CERTIFICATION FOR SUBMISSION OF THE ANNUAL PLAN

I, Linda Kelly, Executive Director of the Uxbridge Housing Authority, certify on behalf of the Housing Authority that: a) the above actions all took place on the dates listed above; b) all facts and information contained in this Annual Plan are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and c) that the Annual Plan was prepared in accordance with and meets the requirements of the regulations at 760 CMR 4.16 and 6.09.

Date of certification: 09/09/2022

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The Board and Executive Director further certify that LHA operations and all LHA Board-adopted policies are in accordance with M.G.L. c. 121B and all Massachusetts state-aided public housing regulations, including, but not limited to 760 CMR 4.00; 5.00; 6.00; 8.00; and 11:00, as well as adhere to Department-promulgated guidance.

Date of certification: 09/09/2022

This Annual Plan (AP) will be reviewed by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) following the public comment period, the public hearing, and LHA approval.

# Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

**Annual Plan** 

### **Capital Improvement Plan**

#### **DHCD Description of CIPs:**

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a five year plan which identifies capital projects, provides a planning scope, schedule and budget for each capital project and identifies options for financing and implementing the plan. The CIP identifies anticipated spending for each Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) based on the project schedules.

Local Housing Authorities (LHAs) receive yearly awards from DHCD (Formula Funding Awards) which they target to their most urgent capital needs in their CIP. They may also receive special awards from DHCD for specific projects which meet specific criteria. Special awards may be given for certain emergency, regulation compliance, energy and water conservation, and other projects. The first three years of the CIP are based on actual awards made to the LHA, while years four and five are based on estimated planning amounts, not actual awards.

LHAs may sometimes secure other sources of funding and assistance that you will note in their CIP, such as: Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, Local Affordable Housing Trust Funds (AHTF), HOME grants, income from leasing a cell tower on their property, savings from net meter credit contracts with solar developers, utility rebates and contracted work from utility providers, and Sheriff's Department work crews. However, not all of these funding sources are available every year, or in all communities.

The CIP includes the following parts:

- A table of available funding sources and amounts
- A list of planned capital projects showing spending per fiscal year
- A table showing special awards and other funding for targeted projects, if any, which supplements Formula Funding awarded to the LHA
- A 'narrative' with a variety of additional information.

#### **Additional Remarks by Uxbridge Housing Authority**

Replacement of the sewer line at our elderly project on Centennial Court (667-2) will be replaced in 2021.

All schematic designs have been approved and the project is underway.

#### **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**

### Aggregate Funding Available for Projects in the First Three Years of the CIP:

Category of Funds	Allocation	Planned	Description
		Spending	
Balance of Formula	\$685,206.70		Total of all FF awards minus prior FF spending
Funding (FF)			
LHA Emergency Reserve	\$68,520.67		Amount to reserve for emergencies
Net FF Funds (First 3 Years of the CIP)	\$616,686.03		Funds to plan & amount actually planned in the first 3 years of the CIP
ADA Set-aside	\$13,735.91	\$13,735.91	Accessibility projects
DMH Set-aside	\$0.00	\$0.00	Dept. of Mental Health facility
DDS Set-aside	\$61,484.07	\$61,484.07	Dept. of Developmental Services facility
Unrestricted Formula	\$541,466.05	\$395,750.97	Funds awarded by DHCD to be used on
Funding (FF)	, ,	, ,	projects selected by the LHA and
			approved by DHCD.
Special DHCD Funding	\$253,857.00	\$253,857.00	Targeted awards from DHCD
Community Development	\$0.00	\$0.00	Federal funds awarded by a city
Block Grant (CDBG) Funds			or town for specific projects.
Community Preservation Act (CPA) Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	Community Preservation Act funds awarded by a city of town for specific projects.
Operating Reserve(OR) Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	Funds from the LHA's operating budget.
Other Funds	\$481,250.00	\$481,250.00	Funds other than those in the above
			categories. See explanation below.
Total funds and	\$1,351,793.03	\$1,206,077.95	Total of all anticipated funding available
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#### Additional notes about funding:

Sustainability funds have been approved for bathroom and kitchen fans; insulation; and electric panel.

# Annual Plan Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

#### **CIP Definitions:**

**ADA Set-aside** is funding allocated within the Formula Funding (FF) for use on projects that improve accessibility for people with disabilities. 10% of FF awards are designated for this purpose.

**Available State Bond Funding** is the amount of State Bond Funding available to the LHA for the first three years of the CIP. It is calculated by totaling all of FF and Special Awards granted to the LHA through the end of the third year of the plan and subtracting the amount of these funds spent prior to July 1 of the first year of the plan.

**Amount spent prior to the plan** is the total amount of Formula Funding (FF) and Special Awards spent prior to July 1 of the first year of the plan.

**Capital project** is a project that adds significant value to an asset or replaces building systems or components. Project cost must be greater than \$1000.

CDBG stands for Community Development Block Grant, a potential source of project funds.

**CPA** stands for Community Preservation Act, a potential source of project funds.

**CapHub Project Number** is the number given to projects entered into DHCD's project management system known as CapHub.

**DMH Set-aside** is funding allocated within the Formula Funding (FF) for use on facilities leased to the Department of Mental Health (DMH) program vendors, if any exist at this LHA.

**DDS Set-aside** is funding allocated within the Formula Funding (FF) for use on facilities leased to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) program vendors, if any exist at this LHA.

**Formula Funding** (FF) is an allocation of state bond funds to each LHA according to the condition (needs) of its portfolio in comparison to the entire state-aided public housing portfolio.

**Operating Reserve** is an account, funded from the LHA operating budget, primarily used for unexpected operating costs, including certain extraordinary maintenance or capital projects.

**Other Funds** could include other funding by the city or town or from other sources.

**Special Awards** are DHCD awards targeted to specific projects. Award programs include funds for emergencies beyond what an LHA can fund, for complying with regulatory requirements, for projects that will save water or energy use, and various other programs the department may run from time to time.

Total Cost is the sum of investigation, design, administration, permitting, and construction costs for a project

**Unrestricted Formula Funding (FF)** is money awarded to the LHA by DHCD under the Formula Funding program other than amounts set aside (restricted) for accessibility improvements or for facilities operated by DMH or DDS.

# Annual Plan Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

#### **Regional Capital Assistance Team**

Uxbridge Housing Authority participates in the Regional Capital Assistance Team (RCAT) program and project implementation responsibilities are as follows:

o For projects with construction cost under \$10,000, the LHA has the sole responsibility to initiate, implement and manage the project. RCAT offers technical assistance upon request.

o For projects with construction cost between \$10,000 and \$100,000 the RCAT will have lead responsibility to initiate, implement and manage the project with both DHCD and LHA involvement and oversight throughout the process. For projects in this range, the LHA will work with the RCAT Project Manager who will contact the LHA to initiate projects.

o For projects with construction cost over \$100,000, or projects below that threshold that are complex or have a subsequent phase that exceeds \$100,000 construction cost, DHCD will take the lead and draft a WO or RFS to hire a designer to prepare plans and specs. RCAT will not be involved in the implementation of projects in this range and the LHA will continue to work directly with the DHCD Project Manager and DHCD design staff.

### **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**

Formula Funding and Special DHCD Award Planned Spending - Other funding not included

Cap Hub Project Number	Project Name	Development(s)	Total Cost	Amount Spent Prior to Plan	Remaining Planned for 2022	fy2023 Planned	fy2024	fy2025	fy2026	fy2027
	2008 FF Master CFA	VETERANS PARKWAY 200-01	\$9,900	\$7,900	\$0	\$1,126	\$875	\$0	\$0	\$0
304047	Unit Remodel at Turnover	VETERANS PARKWAY 200-01	\$11,173	\$9,193	\$0	\$1,980	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Parking Lot Repacement and Curbing Replacement	CALUMET COURT 667-01	\$141,652	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$141,652	\$0	\$0	\$0
304050	Paving Repairs	VETERANS PARKWAY 200-01	\$56,672	\$0	\$0	\$54,406	\$2,267	\$0	\$0	\$0
304053	Unit turnover modernization	CALUMET COURT 667-01	\$9,999	\$9,574	\$0	\$426	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Sewer Line Replacement (Buildings to Main)	CENTENNIAL COURT 667-02	\$260,442	\$209,510	\$0	\$39,009	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	SUST 2021 Kitchen and Bath Improvements	CALUMET COURT 667-01	\$271,987	\$18,130	\$0	\$253,857	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
304062	Calumet Waste Piping	CALUMET COURT 667-01	\$9,919	\$3,303	\$0	\$6,617	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
304063	Uxbridge House bedroom floor	UXBRIDGE HOUSE 689-01	\$1,220	\$1,061	\$0	\$160	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Tancrell bedrooms floor replacement	TANCRELL HOUSE 689-02	\$4,074	\$4,074	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Tancrell Foyer and Office floor replacement	TANCRELL HOUSE 689-02	\$4,392	\$4,392	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Tancrell Floor Drains	TANCRELL HOUSE 689-02	\$6,670	\$0	\$0	\$6,670	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Formula Funding and Special DHCD Award Planned Spending - Other funding not included

Cap Hub Project Number	Project Name	Development(s)	Total Cost	Amount Spent Prior to Plan	Remaining Planned for 2022	fy2023 Planned	fy2024	fy2025	fy2026	fy2027
304067	Fire Protection System Upgrade	CENTENNIAL COURT 667-02	\$83,490	\$0	\$0	\$80,296	\$3,195	\$0	\$0	\$0
304068	ARPA Targeted Award: Uxbridge Federal Pacific Panel Replacement	CENTENNIAL COURT 667-02	\$481,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
•	200-1 Unit Turnover FY2023	VETERANS PARKWAY 200-01	\$9,999	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,999	\$0
•	Kitchen modernization - 2019 Phase 2	CALUMET COURT 667-01	\$163,493	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$55,065	\$108,429	\$0
•	667-1 Unit Turnover FY2023	CALUMET COURT 667-01	\$9,999	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,999	\$0
•	Parking lot and walkway re-paving	CENTENNIAL COURT 667-02	\$261,405	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$113,508
•	Bathroom Upgrade - Calumet	CALUMET COURT 667-01	\$59,709	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$59,709
•	Kitchen Cabinets and Counter top replacement	TANCRELL HOUSE 689-02	\$18,260	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,260	\$0	\$0	\$0
•	Resurface Parking Lot	TANCRELL HOUSE 689-02	\$58,972	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$58,972	\$0	\$0	\$0

### **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**

#### FUNDS IN ADDITION TO ANNUAL FORMULA FUNDING AWARD

Cap Hub	Project Name	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Special DHCD Awards			Other Funding			
Project Number		Award Comment	Emergency Reserve	Compliance Reserve	Sustain- ability	Special Awards	CDBG	СРА	Operating Reserve	Other Funds
304056 304068	SUST 2021 Kitchen and Bath Improvements ARPA Targeted Award: Uxbridge Federal Pacific Panel Replacement	Kitchen and Bath Fans	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$271,987 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$481,250

# Annual Plan Capital Improvement Plan

Prepared for Submittal to DHCD

### **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Narrative**

### **Including Requests to DHCD & Supporting Statements**

#### 1. Request for increased spending flexibility.

DHCD designates a spending target (cap share) and an allowable spending range for each year of the CIP. A Housing Authority may request to shift the cap shares of the first three years in order to increase scheduling flexibility. A CIP utilizing this flexibility is called an Alternate CIP. The total spending over three years and over five years must continue to meet the limits set by DHCD. DHCD will approve an Alternate CIP only with acceptable justification and only if funding is available.

Uxbridge Housing Authority has submitted an Alternate CIP with the following justification:

• Projected spending on projects currently in bidding or construction exceeds Cap Share in one or more years of the CIP.

Spending in Year 1 exceeds the yearly Capshare.

#### 2. Request for additional funding.

A Housing Authority may request additional funding from DHCD for projects that qualify as emergencies, required legal compliance upgrades, or sustainability improvements.

Uxbridge Housing Authority has not requested additional funding.

#### 3. Overall goals of the Housing Authority's CIP

The LHA's goals are to replace fire alarm systems and roadway paving.

#### 4. Changes from the Housing Authority's previous CIP

Every new CIP differs from the previous CIP because projects have been completed and a new year has been added with new projects. These changes and other significant changes to the content of the CIP are highlighted below:

There are no drastic changes to previous CIP.

#### 5. Requirements of previous CIP approval

There were no special conditions attached to the approval of our previous CIP.

#### 6. Quarterly capital reports

Our most recent quarterly capital report (form 80 and 90) was submitted on 04/12/2022.

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#### 7. Capital Planning System (CPS) updates

Our CPS facility data has been updated with current condition information, including changes resulting from projects completed in the past year, as of 05/30/2022.

#### 8. Project priorities

All the projects in our CIP are high priority (Priority 1 and 2 projects).

#### 9. High priority deficiencies

We have not been able to include all of our high priority (CPS priority 1 and 2) projects in our CIP:

Projects will be completed as funding allows.

#### 10. Accessibility

We are not aware of any accessibility deficiencies in our portfolio.

#### 11. Special needs development

Uxbridge Housing Authority has one or more special needs (167 or 689 programs) development. We have completed the service provider input process according to the required procedures detailed in the lease agreement and held an annual meeting with the service provider staff at all special needs developments as of 01/11/2022.

#### 12. Energy and water consumption

Our 12 most recent monthly energy reports are for months 8/2021 to 7/2022.

The following table lists the DHCD thresholds for Per Unit Monthly (PUM) expense for electricity, natural gas, oil, and water use and the developments at the Housing Authority that have expenses in excess of the thresholds, if any.

Electric		Gas	Oil	Water	
PUM > Threshold		PUM > Threshold	PUM > Threshold	PUM > Threshold	
Threshold PUM:	\$100	\$80	\$50	\$60	

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Recent Sustainability projects for insulation and kitchen and bath improvements should reduce consumption of electricity and water.

# Annual Plan Capital Improvement Plan

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#### 13. Energy or water saving initiatives

Uxbridge Housing Authority is not currently pursuing any energy or water-saving audits or grants that could affect CIP project scope, costs or timing of projects.

#### 14. Vacancy rate

Our unadjusted vacancy rate reported to DHCD is as follows. (The unadjusted vacancy rate captured in these figures is the percentage of ALL housing units that are vacant, including both offline units being used for other purposes and units with DHCD vacancy waivers.)

0% c. 667 (DHCD Goal 2%)

0% c. 200 (DHCD Goal 2%)

0% c. 705 (DHCD Goal 2%)

Uxbridge Housing Authority will address the excess vacancies in the following manner: Stronger guidance has been issued to Maintenance to achieve the goal of the HA as well as DHCD for our occupancy rates.

# Annual Plan 2023 Maintenance and Repair Plan

#### Maintenance and Repair Plan

#### **Maintenance Objective**

The goal of good property maintenance at a public housing authority is to serve the residents by assuring that the homes in which they live are decent, safe, and sanitary.

#### **About This Maintenance and Repair Plan**

This Maintenance & Repair Plan consists of several subsections describing maintenance systems followed by charts showing typical preventive maintenance, routine maintenance, and unit inspection tasks and schedules. These subsections are:

- a. Classification and Prioritization of Maintenance Tasks Defines and prioritizes types of work to be accomplished by maintenance staff and vendors. Explains how the housing authority is expected to respond to work orders (tasks or requests) based on the work order classification.
- b. **Emergency Response System** Defines what constitutes an emergency and how to notify staff of an emergency.
- c. **Normal Maintenance Response System** How to contact the maintenance staff for a non-emergency request.
- d. **Work Order Management** Description of the housing authority's system for managing work orders (tasks and requests).
- e. **Maintenance Plan Narrative & Policy Statement** Self-assessment, basic information, and goals for the coming year, along with a description of the housing authority's maintenance program.
- f. **Preventive Maintenance Schedule** A listing and schedule of tasks designed to keep systems and equipment operating properly, to extend the life these systems and equipment, and to avoid unexpected breakdowns.
- g. **Routine Maintenance Schedule** A listing and schedule of ordinary maintenance tasks such as mopping, mowing, raking, and trash collection required to keep the facilities in good condition.
- h. **Unit Inspections** Scheduling of annual unit inspections.

#### **Classification and Prioritization of Maintenance Tasks**

Maintenance items are tracked as "work orders" and are classified in the following categories. They are prioritized in the order listed. The following classifications and prioritization are required by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

- I. **Emergencies** Emergencies are only those conditions which are **immediately threatening** to the life or safety of our residents, staff, or structures.
  - Goal: initiated with 24 to 48 hours.
- II. Vacancy Refurbishment Work necessary to make empty units ready for new tenants.
  - After emergencies, the refurbishment of vacancies for immediate re-occupancy
    has the highest priority for staff assignments. Everyday a unit is vacant is a day of
    lost rent.
  - Goal: vacancy work orders are completed within 30 calendar days or if not completed within that timeframe, LHA has a waiver.
- III. **Preventive Maintenance** Work which must be done to **preserve and extend the useful life** of various elements of your physical property and avoid emergency situations.
  - A thorough Preventive Maintenance Program and Schedule that deals with all elements of the physical property is provided later in the document.
  - The Preventive Maintenance Program is reviewed and updated annually and as new systems and facilities are installed.
- IV. **Programmed Maintenance** Work which is important and is completed to the greatest extent possible within time and budget constraints. Programmed maintenance is grouped and scheduled to make its completion as efficient as possible. Sources of programmed maintenance include:
  - Routine Work includes those tasks that need to be done on a regular basis to keep our physical property in good shape. (Mopping, Mowing, Raking, Trash, etc.)
  - Inspections are the other source of programmed maintenance.
    - o Inspections are visual and operational examinations of parts of our property to determine their condition.
    - o All dwelling units, buildings and sites must be inspected at least annually.
    - O Goal: Inspection-generated work orders are completed within 30 calendar days from the date of inspection, OR if cannot be completed within 30 calendar days, are added to the Deferred Maintenance Plan or the Capital Improvement Plan in the case of qualifying capital repairs (unless health/safety issue).
- V. **Requested Maintenance** Work which is requested by residents or others, does not fall into any category above, and should be accomplished as time and funds are available.
  - Requests from residents or others for maintenance work which does not fall into one of the other categories has the lowest priority for staff assignment.
  - Goal: Requested work orders are completed in 14 calendar days from the date
    of tenant request or if not completed within that timeframe (and not a health or
    safety issue), the task is added and completed in a timely manner as a part of
    the Deferred Maintenance Plan and/or CIP.

# Annual Plan 2023 Maintenance and Repair Plan

#### **Emergency Request System**

For emergency requests call the numbers listed here. Qualifying emergency work requests are listed below.

METHOD	CONTACT INFO.	TIMES		
Call LHA at Phone Number	508-278-3232	Business hours 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM.		
Other	508-278-5642	3:30 PM to after hours, weekends, ho		

UHA has a 24 hour system for responding to emergencies.

Office business hours: Monday thru Friday - 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM - 508-278-3232.

When calling the office phone number after hours, the answering machine will advise you of the Maintenance Emergency/OnCall number - 508-278-5642. Emergency number is for after hours calls, weekends and holidays.

The UHA has distributed the Emergency Contact procedures to all tenants and is posted on the Administration Office door.

List of Emergencies - Emergencies are those conditions which are immediately threatening to the life or safety of our residents, staff, or structures. The following is a list of typical conditions that warrant an emergency response. If there is an emergency condition whether or not enumerated on this list please notify the office or answering service at the numbers listed above. If you have any questions regarding this list or other matters that may constitute an emergency, please contact the Uxbridge Housing Authority main office.

QUALIFYING EMERGENCY WORK REQUESTS
Fires of any kind (Call 911)
Gas leaks/ Gas odor (Call 911)
No electric power in unit
Electrical hazards, sparking outlets
Broken water pipes, flood
No water/ unsafe water
Sewer or toilet blockage
Roof leak
Lock outs
Door or window lock failure
No heat
No hot water
Snow or ice hazard condition
Dangerous structural defects
Inoperable smoke/CO detectors, beeping or chirping

#### **Normal Maintenance Request Process**

Make normal (non-emergency) maintenance requests using the following methods:

METHOD	CONTACT INFO.	TIMES
Text Phone Number		
Call Answering Service		
Call Housing Authority Office	508-278-3232	Monday thru Friday - 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Submit Online at Website		
Email to Following Email		
Other		

If office should be closed for any reason for normal maintenance requests, the office can still be called and the answering machine includes the Maintenance number of 588-278-5642 to call and maintenance will respond to their non-emergency request.

#### **Work Order Management**

A. DHCD review of this housing authority's operations shows that the authority uses the following system for tracking work orders:

Type of work order system: PHANetwork

Work order classification used:

Emergency	<b>√</b>
Vacancy	<b>&gt;</b>
Preventative Maintenance	✓
Routine	<b>√</b>
Inspections	<b>✓</b>
Tenant Requests	<b>√</b>

B. We also track deferred maintenance tasks in our work order system.

C. Our work order process includes the following steps:

Step	Description	Checked steps are used by LHA
1	Maintenance Request taken/submitted per the standard procedures listed above for the Emergency Request System and the Normal Maintenance Request Process.	<b>V</b>
2	Maintenance Requests logged into the work system	$\checkmark$
3	Work Orders generated	$\checkmark$
4	Work Orders assigned	<b>✓</b>
5	Work Orders tracked	<b>✓</b>
6	Work Orders completed/closed out	<b>✓</b>
7	Maintenance Reports or Lists generated	$\checkmark$

D. Additional comments by the LHA regarding work order management:

UHA has a 24-hour system for responding to emergencies.

Office business hours: Monday thru Friday - 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM - 508-278-3232.

When calling the office phone number after hours, the answering machine will advise caller of the Maintenance Emergency/OnCall number - 508-278-5642. Emergency number is for after hours calls, weekends and holidays.

The UHA has distributed the Emergency Contact procedures to all tenants and is posted on the Administration Office door.

#### **Maintenance Plan Narrative**

Following are Uxbridge Housing Authority's answers to questions posed by DHCD.

A. Narrative Question #1: How would you assess your Maintenance Operations based on feedback you've received from staff, tenants, DHCD's Performance Management Review (PMR) & Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP), and any other sources?

The Maintenance Operations of the Uxbridge Housing Authority are efficient, effective, and provide outstanding service to the residents of our low-income housing programs. All work order requests, whether routine or emergency, are addressed professionally, courteously and completed as quickly as possible. Work orders are prioritized and completed in a timely manner. A report is generated at the end of each month to determine what work orders are outstanding and address them immediately; unless deferred. It has always been our goal to maintain a qualify appearance of the property. We maintain this appearance with the cooperation of our residents as well as with our maintenance staff who perform weekly landscaping, which includes cutting of grass, hedge trimming, string trimming, raking and sweeping.

B. Narrative Question #2: What changes have you made to maintenance operations in the past year?

The Uxbridge Housing Authority continues to lower the timetable for completion of work orders and is working more efficiently to lower the average time to complete a work order compared to previous years. We have implemented the use of a Preventative Maintenance Schedule using PHA Network and the continued use of new forms at the recommendation of DHCD in past PMR's. These forms include inspection sheets and vacant unit turnover sheets. Our maintenance operation include more detailed attention to preventative maintenance to help preserve and extend the useful life of various elements of our physical property to avoid emergency situations. Our programmed maintenance work is completed to the greatest extent possible within time and budget constraints. Programmed maintenance includes routine work done on a regular basis to keep our physical property in good shape and inspections to determine the condition of the property.

C. Narrative Question #3: What are your maintenance goals for this coming year?

Goals for the coming year of the Uxbridge Housing Authority include, but are not limited to, to lower work order time completion, lower turnover time completion for vacated units and an increase in our Preventative Maintenance Plan. It is reviewed and updated annually as new systems and facilities are installed. Other goals will continue to include other improvements to the property whether they improve the appearance of the property or other requested work by our residents. Several small projects in our CIP due to age of various components greatly improved the property.

D. Maintenance Budget Summary

The budget numbers shown below are for the consolidated budget only. They do not include values from supplemental budgets, if any.

	Total Regular Maintenance Budget	Extraordinary Maintenance Budget
Last Fiscal Year Budget	\$226,255.00	\$70,926.00
Last Fiscal Year Actual Spending	\$194,035.00	\$85,163.00
Current Fiscal Year Budget	\$240,838.00	\$59,620.00

#### E. Unit Turnover Summary

# Turnovers Last Fiscal Year	8
Average time from date vacated to	
make Unit "Maintenance Ready"	30 days
Average time from date vacated to	
lease up of unit	38 days

#### F. Anything else to say regarding the Maintenance Plan Narrative?

The Uxbridge Housing Authority strives to provide decent, safe and sanitary conditions in all of units, for all residents, in all of our programs.

We continue to make improvements and maintain the property to ensure everyone has all of their housing needs met and can be proud of where they live, knowing we take great pride in the property we manage and where they reside.

#### **Attachments**

These items have been prepared by the Uxbridge Housing Authority and appear on the following pages:

<u>Preventive Maintenance Schedule</u> - a table of preventive maintenance items showing specific tasks, who is responsible (staff or vendor), and the month(s) they are scheduled

<u>Deferred Maintenance Schedule</u> - a table of maintenance items which have been deferred due to lack of resources.

# Attachment D: Sample format for Preventive Maintenance Schedule Word version from PHN 2016-18

#### Introduction from PHN 2016-18:

As a reminder the Facilities Management Specialist Unit has developed a uniform set of tasks in order to help assist LHA's in their responsibility to effectively preserve and extend the useful life of materials, equipment, fixtures and other elements of their property.

This program is designed to assist LHA's of all sizes and varying degrees of capacity. The program is a set of reminders not to be interpreted as a complete and comprehensive preventative maintenance program (PMP). Each LHA is responsible to develop a comprehensive Preventative Maintenance Program that is based on the buildings, systems and equipment at their location.

DHCD is providing all LHA's with this PHN of monthly reminders in hopes that this information will be useful in establishing or complementing your own PMP and would assist in protecting your assets.

Attached you will find all monthly reminders for the 2016 calendar year.

Adopting the program will help to avoid costly emergency situations that threaten your budget and the health and safety of your staff and residents.

These preventative maintenance schedules may be used for the Annual Plan if they are properly customized for the actual equipment at your LHA. Edit the task lists as appropriate, then create a PDF file and upload it to the maintenance plan component of the Annual Plan.

# January Preventative Maintenance Task

- 1. Monitor and issue on-going snow removal work orders.
- 2. Hot air furnace / Boiler winter PM.
- 3. Oil circulator pumps.
- 4. Clean dryer vents.
- 5. Vehicle Inspection:
  - Check all fluid levels: crank case, transmission, etc.
  - Check antifreeze, radiator rust inhibiter, and thermostat.
  - Check windshield washer fluid.
  - Check belts and hoses.
  - Check plugs, wiring, battery, clean and grease terminals.
  - Clean out air cleaner.
  - Check wheel alignment and tire balance (signs of uneven wear).
  - Check heater and defroster.
  - Check wiper blades for wear.
  - Check underbody for corrosion and hose off.
  - Change engine oil in all vehicles. (1<sup>st</sup> quarter)
- 6. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors during annual inspections.
- 7. Inventory tools, equipment, refrigerators and stoves in stock.
- 8. Inventory of supplies and small parts.
- 9. Unit inspections schedule so as to complete 100% each year.
  - It is recommended that inspections be completed by an administrative staff member or the
    Executive Director and a maintenance staff employee. This will ensure that the executive
    director and administrative staff become aware of the property conditions and any lease
    enforcement issues.
  - It is recommended that you inspect a manageable number of units each month which allows for all maintenance deficiencies to be completed within the DHCD Property Maintenance Guidelines 14-day period.
- 10. Lease enforcement: Snow removal from front and rear egress.
- 11. Keep all chimneys, exhaust and intake vents free of snow throughout the winter season and keep dryer exhaust vents free of snow throughout the winter season.
  - Blocked chimneys, exhaust vents and intake vents could result in carbon monoxide poisoning and can affect the performance of the furnace.

## February Preventative Maintenance Task

- 1. Monitor and issue on-going snow removal work orders.
- 2. A/C, heat and air handler filter change.
- 3. Clean sanitary systems, lubricate valves and pumps.
- 4. Strip, wax and buff VAT and linoleum flooring.
- 5. Vehicle Inspection:
  - a. Check all fluid levels: crank case, transmission, etc.
  - b. Check antifreeze, radiator rust inhibiter, and thermostat.
  - c. Check windshield washer fluid.
  - d. Check belts and hoses.
  - e. Check plugs, wiring, battery, clean and grease terminals.
  - f. Clean out air cleaner.
  - g. Check wheel alignment and tire balance (signs of uneven wear).
  - h. Check heater and defroster.
  - i. Check wiper blades for wear.
  - j. Check underbody for corrosion and hose off.
- 6. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors during annual inspections.
- 7. Inventory of supplies and small parts.
- 8. Unit inspections schedule so as to complete 100% each year.
  - It is recommended that inspections be completed by an administrative staff member or the Executive Director and a maintenance staff employee. This will ensure that the executive director and administrative staff become aware of the property conditions and any lease enforcement issues.
  - It is recommended that you inspect a manageable number of units each month which allows for all maintenance deficiencies to be completed within the DHCD Property Maintenance Guidelines 14-day period.
- 9. Lease enforcement: Clear common hallways and stairs free from all obstructions. (PHN 2012-12)
  - According to the State Sanitary code 105 CMR 410.451 No person shall obstruct any exit or
    passageway. The owner is responsible for maintaining free from obstruction every exit used or
    intended for use by occupants of more than one dwelling unit or rooming unit. The occupant
    shall be responsible for maintaining free from obstruction all means of exit leading from his
    unit and not common to the exit of any other unit.
- 10. Keep all chimneys, exhaust and intake vents free of snow throughout the winter season and keep dryer exhaust vents free of snow throughout the winter season.
  - Blocked chimneys, exhaust vents and intake vents could result in carbon monoxide poisoning and can affect the performance of the furnace.

#### March Preventative Maintenance Task

- 1. Second Sunday, reset light timers and clocks for daylight saving time.
- 2. Monitor and issue on-going snow removal work orders.
- 3. Clean storage rooms and maintenance areas.
- 4. Touch up all common area paint.
- 5. Clean heater vents in all common areas.
- 6. Vehicle Inspection:
  - a. Check all fluid levels: crank case, transmission, etc.
  - b. Check antifreeze, radiator rust inhibiter, and thermostat.
  - c. Check windshield washer fluid.
  - d. Check belts and hoses.
  - e. Check plugs, wiring, battery, clean and grease terminals.
  - f. Clean out air cleaner.
  - g. Check wheel alignment and tire balance (signs of uneven wear).
  - h. Check heater and defroster.
  - i. Check wiper blades for wear.
  - j. Check underbody for corrosion and hose off.
- 7. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors during annual inspections.
- 8. Unit inspections schedule so as to complete 100% each year.
  - It is recommended that inspections be completed by an administrative staff member or the Executive Director and a maintenance staff employee. This will ensure that the executive director and administrative staff become aware of the property conditions and any lease enforcement issues.
  - It is recommended that you inspect a manageable number of units each month which allows for all maintenance deficiencies to be completed within the DHCD Property Maintenance Guidelines 14-day period.
- 9. Lease enforcement: Furniture, trash and debris free from exteriors.
- 10. Inventory of supplies and small parts.
- 11. Keep all chimneys, exhaust and intake vents free of snow throughout the winter season and keep dryer exhaust vents free of snow throughout the winter season.

Blocked chimneys, exhaust vents and intake vents could result in carbon monoxide poisoning and can affect the performance of the furnace.

# April Preventative Maintenance Task

- 1. Fire extinguisher annual recertification.
- 2. Inspect all entry doors.
- 3. Clean dryer vents, exhaust vents and roof vent motors.
- 4. Service lawn equipment.
- 5. Inspect roofs and siding.
- 6. Clean common area flooring and carpeting.
- 7. Clean/disinfect dumpsters and compactor.
- 8. Cleaning of parking areas, roadways, driveways, walkways and storm drains.
- 9. Inspect trees and trim as needed (maintain 10ft distance from buildings)
- 10. Vehicle Inspection:
  - a. Check all fluid levels: crank case, transmission, etc.
  - b. Check antifreeze, radiator rust inhibiter, and thermostat.
  - c. Check windshield washer fluid.
  - d. Check belts and hoses.
  - e. Check plugs, wiring, battery, clean and grease terminals.
  - f. Clean out air cleaner.
  - g. Check wheel alignment and tire balance (signs of uneven wear).
  - h. Check heater and defroster.
  - i. Check wiper blades for wear.
  - j. Change engine oil in all vehicles (2<sup>nd</sup> quarter)
- 11. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors during annual inspections.
- 12. Inventory of supplies and small parts.
- 13. Unit inspections schedule so as to complete 100% each year.
  - It is recommended that inspections be completed by an administrative staff member or the Executive Director and a maintenance staff employee. This will ensure that the executive director and administrative staff become aware of the property conditions and any lease enforcement issues.
  - It is recommended that you inspect a manageable number of units each month which allows for all maintenance deficiencies to be completed within the DHCD Property Maintenance Guidelines 14-day period.
- 14. Lease enforcement: Check for proper AC installation (according to policy) (See attached recommended Air Conditioner Policy)

# May Preventative Maintenance Task

- 1. Clean A/C condensers.
- 2. Sidewalk and parking lot crack and crevice sealing and repair.
- 3. Weed treatment at all sites.
- 4. Edge and mulch all planting beds.

<u>NOTE</u>: Please note that in accordance with 527 CMR 17, which took effect September 2012, the new application of mulch within 18 inches around combustible exteriors of buildings such as wood or vinyl, but not brick or concrete, is prohibited. (See attachment.)

- 5. Prune/trim all shrubs and bushes away from buildings (maintain 2ft clearance from all structures).
- 6. Fertilize lawns.
- 7. Vehicle Inspection:
  - a. Check all fluid levels: crank case, transmission, etc.
  - b. Check antifreeze, radiator rust inhibiter, and thermostat.
  - c. Check windshield washer fluid.
  - d. Check belts and hoses.
  - e. Check plugs, wiring, battery, clean and grease terminals.
  - f. Clean out air cleaner.
  - g. Check wheel alignment and tire balance (signs of uneven wear).
  - h. Check heater and defroster.
  - i. Check wiper blades for wear.
- 8. Inventory of supplies and small parts.
- 9. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors during annual inspections.
- 10. Unit inspections schedule so as to complete 100% each year.
  - It is recommended that inspections be completed by an administrative staff member or the Executive Director and a maintenance staff employee. This will ensure that the executive director and administrative staff become aware of the property conditions and any lease enforcement issues.
  - It is recommended that you inspect a manageable number of units each month which allows for all maintenance deficiencies to be completed within the DHCD Property Maintenance Guidelines 14-day period.
- 11. Lease enforcement: Cooking grills and fire pits (according to policy)
  - DHCD recommends the ban of fire pits on all public housing property. There is extreme risk to life and safety with the unsupervised use of fire pits.

All cooking grills should be used a minimum of 10 feet from all structures.

#### June Preventative Maintenance Task

- 1. Summer boiler shut-down and PM service. (non-heating season June 16<sup>th</sup> to September 14<sup>th</sup>)
- 2. Change A/C, heat and air handler filters.
- 3. Check interior emergency lighting.
- 4. Weed and edge all planting beds every 2 weeks (June 1<sup>st</sup> to Oct 1<sup>st</sup>)
- 5. Inspect site railings, walkways and stairs for potential hazards. Identify and repair as needed.
- 6. Edge and mulch all planting beds.

<u>NOTE</u>: Please note that in accordance with 527 CMR 17, which took effect September 2012, the new application of mulch within 18 inches around combustible exteriors of buildings such as wood or vinyl, but not brick or concrete, is prohibited. (See attachment.)

- 7. Clean/disinfect dumpsters and compactor.
- 8. Check flags and replace as needed
- 9. Vehicle Inspection:
  - a. Check all fluid levels: crank case, transmission, etc.
  - b. Check antifreeze, radiator rust inhibiter, and thermostat.
  - c. Check windshield washer fluid.
  - d. Check belts and hoses.
  - e. Check plugs, wiring, battery, clean and grease terminals.
  - f. Clean out air cleaner.
  - g. Check wheel alignment and tire balance (signs of uneven wear).
  - h. Check heater and defroster.
  - i. Check wiper blades for wear.
- 10. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors during annual inspections.
- 11. Inventory of supplies and small parts.
- 12. Unit inspections schedule so as to complete 100% each year.
  - It is recommended that inspections be completed by an administrative staff member or the Executive Director and a maintenance staff employee. This will ensure that the executive director and administrative staff become aware of the property conditions and any lease enforcement issues.
  - It is recommended that you inspect a manageable number of units each month which allows for all maintenance deficiencies to be completed within the DHCD Property Maintenance Guidelines 14-day period.
- 13. Lease enforcement: Pools, trampolines and swing-sets (according to policy, see PHN 2003-04) Furniture, trash and debris free from exterior.

# July Preventative Maintenance Task

- 1. Clean dryer vents, exhaust vents and roof vent motors.
- 2. Inspect gutters, downspouts and splash blocks repair as needed.
- 3. Inspect common area windows (glass, seals, balances and locks).
- 4. Inspect and repair site fencing
- 5. Vehicle Inspection:
  - a. Check all fluid levels: crank case, transmission, etc.
  - b. Check antifreeze, radiator rust inhibiter, and thermostat.
  - c. Check windshield washer fluid.
  - d. Check belts and hoses.
  - e. Check plugs, wiring, battery, clean and grease terminals.
  - f. Clean out air cleaner.
  - g. Check wheel alignment and tire balance (signs of uneven wear).
  - h. Check heater and defroster.
  - i. Check wiper blades for wear.
  - j. Change engine oil in all (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter)
- 6. Inventory of supplies and small parts.
- 7. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors during annual inspections.
- 8. Unit inspections schedule so as to complete 100% each year.
  - It is recommended that inspections be completed by an administrative staff member or the Executive Director and a maintenance staff employee. This will ensure that the executive director and administrative staff become aware of the property conditions and any lease enforcement issues.
  - It is recommended that you inspect a manageable number of units each month which allows for all maintenance deficiencies to be completed within the DHCD Property Maintenance Guidelines 14-day period.
- 10. Lease enforcement: Pet policy (according to pet policy)

# August Preventative Maintenance Task

- 1. Strip, wax and buff VAT and linoleum flooring.
- 2. Vehicle Inspection:
  - a. Check all fluid levels: crank case, transmission, etc.
  - b. Check antifreeze, radiator rust inhibiter, and thermostat.
  - c. Check windshield washer fluid.
  - d. Check belts and hoses.
  - e. Check plugs, wiring, battery, clean and grease terminals.
  - f. Clean out air cleaner.
  - g. Check wheel alignment and tire balance (signs of uneven wear).
  - h. Check heater and defroster.
  - i. Check wiper blades for wear.
- 3. Inventory of supplies and small parts.
- 4. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors during annual inspections.
- 5. Lease enforcement: Common hallways and stairs free from all obstructions. (PHN 2012-12)
  - According to the State Sanitary code 105 CMR 410.451 No person shall obstruct any exit
    or passageway. The owner is responsible for maintaining free from obstruction every exit
    used or intended for use by occupants of more than one dwelling unit or rooming unit. The
    occupant shall be responsible for maintaining free from obstruction all means of exit
    leading from his unit and not common to the exit of any other unit.
- 6. Unit inspections schedule so as to complete 100% each year.
  - It is recommended that inspections be completed by an administrative staff member or the Executive Director and a maintenance staff employee. This will ensure that the executive director and administrative staff become aware of the property conditions and any lease enforcement issues.

It is recommended that you inspect a manageable number of units each month which allows for all maintenance deficiencies to be completed within the DHCD Property Maintenance Guidelines 14-day period.

# September Preventative Maintenance Task

- 1. Check electrical panels in boiler rooms and all common areas.
- 2. Domestic hot water systems PM.
- 3. Clean storage rooms and maintenance areas.
- 4. Touch up all common area paint.
- 5. Clean heater vents in all common areas.
- 6. Vehicle Inspection:
  - a. Check all fluid levels: crank case, transmission, etc.
  - b. Check antifreeze, radiator rust inhibiter, and thermostat.
  - c. Check windshield washer fluid.
  - d. Check belts and hoses.
  - e. Check plugs, wiring, battery, clean and grease terminals.
  - f. Clean out air cleaner.
  - g. Check wheel alignment and tire balance (signs of uneven wear).
  - h. Check heater and defroster.
  - i. Check wiper blades for wear.
- 7. Inventory of supplies and small parts.
- 8. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors during annual inspections.
- 9. Unit inspections schedule so as to complete 100% each year.
  - It is recommended that inspections be completed by an administrative staff member or the
    Executive Director and a maintenance staff employee. This will ensure that the executive
    director and administrative staff become aware of the property conditions and any lease
    enforcement issues.
  - It is recommended that you inspect a manageable number of units each month which allows for all maintenance deficiencies to be completed within the DHCD Property Maintenance Guidelines 14-day period.
- 10. Lease enforcement: Removal of all AC's (according to policy)

#### October Preventative Maintenance Task

- 1. October 7<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup> Fire Prevention Month Perform PM and check all fire systems, sprinklers, fire pumps, fire extinguishers, common area egress, etc.
- 2. Boiler tune-up. (Heating season is September 15<sup>th</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup>)
- 3. Change A/C, heat and air handler filters.
- 4. Annual cleaning of all gutters.
- 5. Leaf removal.
- 6. Prune and trim all shrubs and bushes. (maintain 2ft clearance from all structures)
- 7. Fertilize lawns.
- 8. Buy and stock ice melt for winter.
- 9. Clean dryer vents, exhaust vents and roof vent motors.
- 10. Service snow blowers.
- 11. Cleaning of parking areas, roadways, driveways, walkways and storm drains.
- 12. Clean, service and store lawn equipment.
- 13. Vehicle Inspection:
  - a. Check all fluid levels: crank case, transmission, etc.
  - b. Check antifreeze, radiator rust inhibiter, and thermostat.
  - c. Check windshield washer fluid.
  - d. Check belts and hoses.
  - e. Check plugs, wiring, battery, clean and grease terminals.
  - f. Clean out air cleaner.
  - g. Check wheel alignment and tire balance (signs of uneven wear).
  - h. Check heater and defroster.
  - i. Check wiper blades for wear.
  - j. Change engine oil in all vehicles. (4<sup>th</sup> quarter)
- 14. Inventory of supplies and small parts.
- 15. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors during annual inspections.
- 16. Unit inspections schedule so as to complete 100% each year.
  - It is recommended that inspections be completed by an administrative staff member or the Executive Director and a maintenance staff employee. This will ensure that the executive director and administrative staff become aware of the property conditions and any lease enforcement issues.
  - It is recommended that you inspect a manageable number of units each month which allows for all maintenance deficiencies to be completed within the DHCD Property Maintenance Guidelines 14-day period.
- 17. Lease enforcement: Decorations (Halloween) cords running through doors and windows.

- a. Inspect all basements for proper clearance from heating systems (5ft).
- b. Fire prevention notices to tenants.

#### November Preventative Maintenance Task

- 1. First Saturday in November reset light timers and clocks back 1 hour for daylight saving time.
- 2. Monitor and issue on-going snow removal work orders.
- 3. Inspect trees and trim as needed (maintain 10ft clearance from all structures).
- 4. Monitor and issue on-going snow removal work orders.
- 5. Clean common area carpets and flooring.
- 6. Clean/disinfect compactor and trash chutes.
- 7. Vehicle Inspection:
  - a. Check all fluid levels: crank case, transmission, etc.
  - b. Check antifreeze, radiator rust inhibiter, and thermostat.
  - c. Check windshield washer fluid.
  - d. Check belts and hoses.
  - e. Check plugs, wiring, battery, clean and grease terminals.
  - f. Clean out air cleaner.
  - g. Check wheel alignment and tire balance (signs of uneven wear).
  - h. Check heater and defroster.
  - i. Check wiper blades for wear.
  - j. Check underbody for corrosion and hose off.
- 8. Inventory of supplies and small parts.
- 9. Lease enforcement: Blocked egresses.
- 10. Keep all chimneys, exhaust and intake vents free of snow throughout the winter season and keep dryer exhaust vents free of snow throughout the winter season.
  - Blocked chimneys, exhaust vents and intake vents could result in carbon monoxide poisoning and can affect the performance of the furnace.

#### December Preventative Maintenance Task

- 1. Monitor and issue on-going snow removal work orders.
- 2. Check and replace flags as needed.
- 3. Clean/disinfect compactor and trash chutes.
- 4. Vehicle Inspection:
  - a. Check all fluid levels: crank case, transmission, etc.
  - b. Check antifreeze, radiator rust inhibiter, and thermostat.
  - c. Check windshield washer fluid.
  - d. Check belts and hoses.
  - e. Check plugs, wiring, battery, clean and grease terminals.
  - f. Clean out air cleaner.
  - g. Check wheel alignment and tire balance (signs of uneven wear).
  - h. Check heater and defroster.
  - i. Check wiper blades for wear.
  - j. Check underbody for corrosion and hose off.
- 5. Inventory of supplies and small parts.
- 6. Lease enforcement: Decorations (Christmas) Cords running through doors and windows.
- 7. Keep all chimneys, exhaust and intake vents free of snow throughout the winter season and keep dryer exhaust vents free of snow throughout the winter season.
  - Blocked chimneys, exhaust vents and intake vents could result in carbon monoxide poisoning and can affect the performance of the furnace.

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Deferred Maintenance is maintenance, upgrades, or repairs that are deferred to a future budget cycle or postponed for some other reason. The purpose of a Deferred Maintenance Plan is to ensure that an identified deficiency is not overlooked when that deficiency cannot be addressed immediately.

Deferred Maintenance should not be confused with Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). Large projects that will fall under our "Formula Funding" are still added to our CIP project list.

Items are added to our Deferred Maintenance List when an existing work order needs to be deferred.

Some of the reasons we defer a deficiency are:

## 1. Items Best Completed When Unit is Vacant

 Anything noticed during an inspection that can and should wait until the unit is vacant would be added to our Deferred Maintenance Plan and then completed when the unit becomes vacant.

## 2. Items that cannot be completed because of the season.

• Example: Landscaping, Exterior painting. These would be added to our Deferred Maintenance Plan and completed when the season permits.

#### 3. Lack of Funding

During annual inspection, it was noticed that the common areas needed to be repainted. Because
of a severe winter, the operating budget does not have sufficient funds to complete all the
necessary painting at this time. The work order is moved to the "Deferred Maintenance Plan". It
will be completed as the operating budget permits.

## 4. Efficiency - Items can be grouped together by location, task or trade

 Example: A contractor is required for several work orders, they are deferred and scheduled to be completed all at once.

#### 5. Vacancy Crisis

 When the housing authority experiences an unusually high vacancy count, low priority work orders will be moved to the deferred list to allow vacancies to be turned over.

#### 6. Organizational and Upkeep Tasks

 Any tasks that occur infrequently enough that they don't fall under the category of routine work orders. Painting offices or common areas, etc. Any tasks that occur infrequently enough that they don't fall under the category of routine work orders.

Deferred Maintenance plan will include the following information for each item:

Work Order Number, Date Added, Item Description, Site location or Unit Number, Reason Deferred, Materials needed, Target Completion Date, Closed date, and Other Comments.

The Deferred Maintenance List will be reviewed and prioritized weekly.

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## **Uxbridge Housing Authority**

Deferred Maintenance Report

For work orders deferred between 1/1/2022 and 5/31/2022

Work Description	Location/ Bldg/Unit	Reason Deferred	Estimated Costs	Material Needed	Original Work Order No.	Target Completion Date	Actual Completion Date	Other Comments
Paint side door.	689-1/689- 1/86 HI	Weather permitting - spring	\$0.00		19541	05/10/2022		
		Spring (will require bringing door casings outside to sand and repair wood)	\$0.00		19538	05/10/2022		
Posts outside front of building need paint.	689-2/689- 2/30 VP	Weather permitting - spring	\$0.00		19539	05/10/2022		
Scrape and paint bedroom ceiling by the bathroom on the first floor. (check others and complete as needed)	689-1/689- 1/86 HI	Weather permitting - spring	\$0.00		19542			
Trim tree branches hanging over driveway.	689-1/689- 1/86 HI	Weather permitting - spring	\$0.00	)	19543			
The downspout to the right of the front door needs to be repaired.		Weather permitting - spring	\$0.00		19581	05/10/2022		
Clean gutters - 667-1 and 667-2	667-1/H/	Weather permitting. Seasonal staff.	\$0.00		19753	06/30/2022		
Clean gutters - 200 and 705		Weather permitting. Seasonal staff.	\$0.00		19754	06/30/2022		
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## **Operating Budget**

The tables on the following pages show the approved budget and actual income and spending per budget account (row) for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2021. It also shows the approved budget for the current year (2022) if there is one, and the percent change from last year's spending to this year's approved budget. The final column shows the current approved amount for each account divided by the number of housing units and by 12 months to show the amount per unit per month (PUM). The chart does not show a draft budget for the coming fiscal year as that will typically be developed in the final month of the fiscal year.

The budget format and accounts are mandated by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). For a better understanding of the accounts and discussion of special situations see the notes following the budget tables and the "Definitions of Accounts" at the end of this section.

The LHA maintains a consolidated budget (400-1) for all state-aided 667 (Elderly), 200 (family), and 705 (scattered site family) developments owned by the LHA. It does not maintain separate budgets for each development.

## **Operating Reserve**

The LHA's operating reserve is the amount of funds that an LHA sets aside to sustain itself during lean years, or to remedy urgent health and safety concern or address deferred maintenance items. In addition, while DHCD approves a fixed non-utility operating budget level for every LHA (called the Allowable Non-Utility Expense Level, or ANUEL), LHAs can propose a budget that exceeds that level, with the additional cost to be funded from the Operating Reserve, as long as the reserve will still remain above the minimum threshold set by DHCD.

DHCD defines a full (100%) Operating Reserve (OR) amount to be equal to one-half of the previous year's operating expenses and requires LHAs to maintain a minimum OR of 35% of this amount to cover any unplanned but urgent needs that may arise during the year and that can't be funded by the operating budget. If the reserve is between 20% and 35% of the full level, the LHA must obtain prior written approval from DHCD to spend reserve funds, unless the expense is to resolve a health and safety issue. If the reserve is below the 20% level, the LHA can only spend OR funds on health and safety issues. In both cases, the LHA should address the health and safety issue immediately but must retroactively inform DHCD and obtain its approval.

The Uxbridge Housing Authority operating reserve at the end of fiscal year 2021 was \$304,495.00, which is 77.7% of the full reserve amount defined above.

Consolidated Budget (400-1) for all state-aided 667 (Elderly), 200 (family), and 705 (scattered site family) developments owned by Uxbridge Housing Authority.

	owned by Uxbridge Housing Authority.					
REVENUE						
						2022
		2021	2021 Actual	2022	% Change	Dollars
		Approved	Amounts	Approved	from 2021	Budgeted
Account		Revenue	Received	Revenue	Actual to	per Unit per
Number	Account Class	Budget		Budget	2022 Budget	Month
3110	Shelter Rent - Tenants	\$618,912.00	\$615,897.00	\$639,620.00	3.9%	\$444.18
3111	Shelter Rent - Tenants -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
	Fraud/Retroactive					
3115	Shelter Rent - Federal Section 8	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
3190	Nondwelling Rentals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
3400	Administrative Fee - MRVP	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
3610	Interest on Investments -	\$1,275.00	\$198.00	\$207.00	4.5%	\$0.14
	Unrestricted					
3611	Interest on Investments - Restricted	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
3690	Other Revenue	\$7,400.00	\$7,751.00	\$7,800.00	0.6%	\$5.42
3691	Other Revenue - Retained	\$3,771.00	\$5,828.00	\$5,000.00	-14.2%	\$3.47
3692	Other Revenue - Operating Reserves	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
3693	Other Revenue - Energy Net Meter	\$0.00	\$5,828.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
3801	Operating Subsidy - DHCD (4001)	\$177,730.00	\$153,692.00	\$149,792.00	-2.5%	\$104.02
3802	Operating Subsidy - MRVP Landlords	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
3803	Restricted Grants Received	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
3920	Gain/Loss From Sale/Disp. of Prop.	\$0.00	\$606.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
3000	TOTAL REVENUE	\$809,088.00	\$789,800.00	\$802,419.00	1.6%	\$557.24

Consolidated Budget (400-1) for all state-aided 667 (Elderly), 200 (family), and 705 (scattered site family) developments owned by Uxbridge Housing Authority.

#### **EXPENSES** 2022 % Change 2022 2021 **Dollars** from 2021 2021 Actual **Approved** Approved Budgeted Actual to Amounts Account Expense Expense per Unit per 2022 Budget. Spent Number Account Class Budget **Budget** Month 4.4% \$73.00 4110 Administrative Salaries \$100,687.00 \$100,688.00 \$105,122.00 \$0.00 4120 \$0.00 \$3.713.00 \$0.00 -100% Compensated Absences \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 4130 Legal 0% \$2.16 \$2,705.00 4140 Members Compensation \$2.758.00 \$3.111.00 12.8% 4150 Travel & Related Expenses \$1,764.00 \$0.00 \$1,764.00 100% \$1.23 \$9,084.00 3% \$6.31 Accounting Services \$8,820.00 4170 \$8,820.00 \$3,780.00 0% \$2.63 \$3,780.00 \$3,780.00 4171 Audit Costs \$0.00 4180 Penalties & Interest \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 0% 4190 Administrative Other \$19,574.00 \$9,460.00 \$19,574.00 106.9% \$13.59 \$0.17 \$250.00 4191 Tenant Organization \$0.00 \$250.00 100% \$137,580.00 \$129,219.00 \$142,685.00 \$99.09 4100 TOTAL ADMINISTRATION 10.4% 4310 lWater \$106,901.00 \$86,989.00 \$94,088.00 8.2% \$65.34 4320 \$143,821.00 \$125,504.00 \$87.16 Electricity \$118,690.00 5.7% \$22,255.00 \$15,826.00 \$17,140.00 8.3% \$11.90 4330 lGas \$0.00 \$0.00 4340 lFuel \$0.00 \$0.00 0% 4360 Net Meter Utility Debit/Energy \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 0% \$0.00 Conservation \$0.00 4390 Other \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 0% Solar Operator Costs \$0.00 \$0.00 -100% \$0.00 4391 \$59,350.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 Net Meter Utility Credit (Negative \$-59,350.00 4392 \$0.00 -100% (Amount 4300 TOTAL UTILITIES \$272,977.00 \$221,505.00 \$236,732.00 6.9% \$164.40

Consolidated Budget (400-1) for all state-aided 667 (Elderly), 200 (family), and 705 (scattered site family) developments owned by Uxbridge Housing Authority.

## **EXPENSES**

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		2021	2021 Actual	2022	% Change	2022 Dollars
		Approved	Amounts	Approved	from 2021	Budgeted per
Account		Expense	Spent	Expense	Actual to	Unit per
Number	Account Class	Budget		Budget	2022 Budget	Month
4410	Maintenance Labor	\$141,896.00	\$121,449.00	\$154,734.00	27.4%	\$107.45
4420	Materials & Supplies	\$18,400.00	\$24,735.00	\$24,000.00	-3%	\$16.67
4430	Contract Costs	\$65,959.00	\$47,851.00	\$62,104.00	29.8%	\$43.13
4400	TOTAL MAINTENANCE	\$226,255.00	\$194,035.00	\$240,838.00	24.1%	\$167.25
4510	Insurance	\$33,501.00	\$28,012.00	\$30,656.00	9.4%	\$21.29
4520	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$4,029.00	\$3,984.00	\$4,019.00	0.9%	\$2.79
4540	Employee Benefits	\$124,164.00	\$120,649.00	\$138,269.00	14.6%	\$96.02
4541	Employee Benefits - GASB 45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
4542	Pension Expense - GASB 68	\$0.00	\$21,073.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
4570	Collection Loss	\$0.00	\$109.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
4571	Collection Loss - Fraud/Retroactive	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
4580	Interest Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
4590	Other General Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
4500	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	\$161,694.00	\$173,827.00	\$172,944.00	-0.5%	\$120.10
4610	Extraordinary Maintenance	\$70,926.00	\$85,163.00	\$59,620.00	-30%	\$41.40
4611	Equipment Purchases - Non	\$17,600.00	\$4,168.00	\$18,300.00	339.1%	\$12.71
	Capitalized					
4612	Restricted Reserve Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
4715	Housing Assistance Payments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
4801	Depreciation Expense	\$0.00	\$134,005.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
4600	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$88,526.00	\$223,336.00	\$77,920.00	-65.1%	\$54.11
4000	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$887,032.00	\$941,922.00	\$871,119.00	-7.5%	\$604.94

Consolidated Budget (400-1) for all state-aided 667 (Elderly), 200 (family), and 705 (scattered site family) developments owned by Uxbridge Housing Authority.

## SUMMARY

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Account Number	Account Class	2021 Approved Budget	2021 Actual Amounts	2022 Approved Budget	% Change from 2021 Actual to 2022 Budget	2022 Dollars Budgeted per Unit per Month
3000	TOTAL REVENUE	\$809,088.00	\$789,800.00	\$802,419.00	1.6%	\$557.24
4000	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$887,032.00	\$941,922.00	\$871,119.00	-7.5%	\$604.94
2700	NET INCOME (DEFICIT)	\$-77,944.00	\$-152,122.00	\$-68,700.00	-54.8%	\$-47.71
7520	Replacements of Equip Capitalized	\$40,000.00	\$282,111.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
7540	Betterments & Additions - Capitalized	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
7500	TOTAL NONOPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$40,000.00	\$282,111.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
7600	EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$-117,944.00	\$-434,233.00	\$-68,700.00	-84.2%	\$-47.71

## **Explanation of Budget Accounts**

The following explains how each of the line items is to be prepared.

- <u>3110</u>: <u>Shelter Rent:</u> The shelter rent projection should be based on the current rent roll plus anticipated changes expected from annual rent re-determinations or as a result of regulatory amendments.
- 3111: Shelter Rent Tenants Fraud/Retroactive: This account should be used for the reporting of total rent receipts from residents due to unreported income. These are often called fraud or retroactive balances. In cases where deficit LHAs discover, pursue cases, and have entered into a written fraud/retroactive repayment agreement with a present or former tenant who did not report income, the LHA will be allowed to retain two-thirds of the funds recovered. One third of the total dollar amount recovered should be included in the LHA's quarterly or year-end Operating Statement as Shelter Rent, account #3111, and two-thirds of this total dollar amount should be included in Other Revenue-Retained, account #3691.
- <u>3115</u>: Shelter Rent Section 8: This account applies only to those developments receiving support through the federal government's Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 8 New Construction and/or Substantial Rehab Programs.
- <u>3190: Non-Dwelling Rental:</u> This account should be credited with the rents, other than tenants rents reported in line 3110 and 3115, including charges for utilities and equipment, billed to lessees of non-dwelling facilities as well as apartments rented for non-dwelling purposes, such as social service programs.
- <u>3400:</u> Administrative Fee- MRVP/AHVP: This account should be credited with Administrative Fees to be received for the MRVP/AHVP Program. The MRVP/AHVP administrative fee is \$50.00 per unit per month, as of July 1, 2020.
- <u>3610: Interest on Investments Unrestricted:</u> This account should be credited with interest earned on unrestricted administrative fund investments.
- <u>3611: Interest on Investments Restricted:</u> This account should be credited with interest earned on restricted administrative fund investments. For example, an LHA may receive a grant whose use is restricted to a specific purpose, and the interest income earned on that grant may also be restricted to the same purpose.
- <u>3690: Other Operating Revenues</u>: This account should be credited with income from the operation of the project that cannot be otherwise classified. Income credits to this account include, but are not limited to, penalties for delinquent payments, rental of equipment, charges for use of community space, charges to other projects or programs for the use of central office management and maintenance space, commissions and profits from vending machines, including washing machines, and certain charges to residents for additional services, materials, and/or repairs of damage caused by neglect or abuse in accordance with the Department's regulations on lease provisions.
- <u>3691: Other Revenue Retained</u>: This account should be credited with certain miscellaneous revenue to be <u>retained</u> by the LHA, and which is not used to reduce the amount of operating subsidy the LHA is due. The most common examples for this account is receipts for the rental of roof antennas to cell phone providers and net meter credits earned on electricity bills from Net Meter Power Purchase Agreements (PPA's). Generally, surplus LHAs may retain 100% of these savings and deficit LHAs may retain 25% of the savings, with

the 75% balance used to offset its need for operating subsidy. However, for the period 7/1/16 through 6/30/20, all deficit LHAs may keep 100% of the net meter credit savings, while they can keep 50% effective 7/1/2020.

3692: Other Revenue - Operating Reserves: This account should be credited with funds that LHAs plan to utilize from their operating reserve accounts in excess of the Allowable Non-Utility Expense Level (ANUEL). To be approvable, LHA must maintain the DHCD prescribed operating reserve minimum level after deducting the amount budgeted. The only exception to this is when the expenses are for health and safety issues.

3693: Other Revenue – Net Meter: This account should normally be credited with 75% of the total net meter credit savings realized by a deficit LHA, while surplus LHAs with net meter credit savings would enter \$0 here. Savings are calculated as the value of the net meter credits appearing on the LHA's electric bills (or, in some cases, paid in cash to the LHA by their utility company), minus the cost of the payments made to the solar power developer under their Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). Deficit LHAs normally may retain 25% of the savings. That amount should be included as Other Revenue – Retained on line #3691. However, please note that for the period 7/1/16 through 6/30/20 all LHAs may retain 100% of their total net meter credit savings, and should report those savings as Other Revenue – Retained on line #3691. LHAs can keep 50% of savings effective 7/1/2020.

<u>3801</u>: Operating Subsidy – DHCD (400-1): This account represents all state-funded operating subsidy to be received and or to be earned for the fiscal year. At the end of each fiscal year, this account will be adjusted in the operating statement to equal the actual subsidy earned by the LHA.

## 3802: Operating Subsidy – MRVP/AHVP Landlords:

The credit balance in this account represents the anticipated total receipts from DHCD during the fiscal year for housing assistance payments to landlords. At the end of each fiscal year this account will be adjusted to equal the actual subsidy earned.

<u>3920: Gain/Loss from Sale or Disposition of Property (Capitalized or Non-Capitalized):</u> The debit or credit balance of this account represents the following items: a) Cash proceeds from the sale of property that was either: 1) non-capitalized; or 2) capitalized and has been fully depreciated, and b) Realized gain or loss from the sale or disposition of capitalized properly that has not been fully depreciated.

4110: Administrative Salaries: This account should be charged with the gross salaries of LHA personnel engaged in administrative duties and in the supervision, planning, and direction of maintenance activities and operating services during the operations period. It should include the salaries of the executive director, assistant executive director, accountants, accounting clerks, clerks, secretaries, project managers, management aides, purchasing agents, engineers, draftsmen, maintenance superintendents, and all other employees assigned to administrative duties.

<u>4120: Compensated Absences:</u> The debit balance in this account represents the actual cost incurred during the fiscal year for vacation, paid holidays, vested sick leave and earned compensatory time. This account includes both the direct compensated absences cost and associated employer payroll expenses (employment taxes, pension cost, etc.).

<u>4130:</u> <u>Legal Expense:</u> This account should be charged with retainers and fees paid to attorneys for legal services relating to the operation of the projects.

- 4140: Compensation to Authority Members: A local authority may compensate its members for performance of their duties and such other services as they may render to the authority in connection with its Chapter 200 development(s). Compensation for any other program is not authorized. Because of this, LHAs must base such compensation only on the actual rent receipts for these developments plus a prorated share of other operating receipts of funds on a per unit basis. The precise amount that members may be compensated is defined by statute to a maximum of \$40 per member per day, and \$50 for the chairperson per day. The total of all compensation to all board members is not to exceed two percent (2%) of actual gross income of Chapter 200 developments in any given year, consistent with the approved budget amount. In no case shall the payment of compensation exceed \$12,500 annually for the chairperson, or \$10,000 for any member other than the chairperson. Please note the statute requires the member to perform housing authority business in order to receive compensation.
- <u>4150</u>: <u>Travel and Related Expense</u>: Legitimate travel expenses incurred by board members and staff in the discharge of their duties for any **state-aided program** are reimbursable from this account, as consistent with Department policy.
- <u>4170</u>: <u>Contractual Accounting Services</u>: Fees for accounting services that are provided routinely and are contracted for on an annual basis. Only accounting services performed on a contractual basis (fee accountant) should be included in this item. Full or part-time LHA accounting staff that provides routine accounting services should be included in Account 4110, Administrative Salaries.
- <u>4171:</u> Audit Costs: This account includes the state program's prorated share of audit fees paid to an Independent Public Accountant (IPA). The procurement of an IPA is necessary to satisfy the Federal Government's audit requirements. Costs for these services should be shared with all state and federal programs of LHA. **Audit costs are to be absorbed within the ANUEL.** The new Agreed Upon procedures (AUP) audit costs for state-assisted public housing programs should also be included in this account.
- <u>4180:</u> <u>Penalties and Interest:</u> Any expenses incurred from penalties, fees, and interest paid on delinquent accounts shall be included in this line item.
- <u>4190:</u> Administrative Other: This account is provided for recording the cost of administrative items for which no specific amount is prescribed in this 4100 group of accounts. It includes, but is not limited to, the cost of such items as: reports and accounting forms; stationery and other office supplies; postage; telephone services; messenger service; rental of office space; advertising for bids; publications; membership dues; collection agency & court costs, training costs; management fees, and fiscal agent fees.
- 4191: Tenant Organization: LTO Funding by the LHA. Upon request the LHA shall fund all LTOs in a city or town at the annual rate of \$6.00 per state-aided public housing unit occupied or available for occupancy by residents represented by such LTO(s) or an annual total of \$500.00 prorated among all such LTO(s), whichever is more. For more information on the creation and funding of LTOs see 760 CMR 6.09.

Authorities which operate computer learning centers, which are funded by the state consolidated budget or by other sources (which are typically recorded in line #3691 as "Other Revenue Retained", should budget the cost of the centers on this line.

<u>4310:</u> Water: This account should be charged with the cost of water and sewer charges purchased for all purposes.

<u>4320: Electricity</u>: This account should be charged with the total cost of electricity purchased for all purposes. Many LHAs have entered into Net Meter Credit Power Purchase Agreements (PPA's). In these deals, an LHA executes a contract with a solar power developer who constructs and owns an off- site solar electricity-generating site. In exchange for contracting to purchase a percentage of the solar power produced, the LHA receives a credit on its utility electric bill for each KWH purchased or in some cases receives a direct cash payment from their utility company. Please ensure that the amount charged to this account is the total cost of electricity BEFORE any reductions due to the receipt of net meter credits.

<u>4330:</u> Gas: This account should be charged with the cost of gas (natural, artificial, or liquefied) purchased for all purposes.

<u>4340</u>: Fuel: This account should be charged with the cost of coal, fuel oil, steam purchased, and any other fuels (except electricity and gas) used in connection with Local Housing Authority operation of plants for the heating of space or water supplied to tenants as a part of rent.

<u>4360: Net Meter Utility Debit/Energy Conservation:</u> This account is to be charged with costs incurred for energy conservation measures.

4390: Other Utilities: This account should be charged with the cost of utilities which are not provided for in accounts 4310 through 4360. In addition, for all quarterly or year-end operating statements 9/30/20 or later, and all budgets 6/30/21 or later, please use this line to record the total net meter credits earned as reported in Line 4392, MINUS the Solar Operator Costs reported in Line 4391, with the result expressed as a positive number. For example, if you reported -\$20,000 in Net Meter Utility Credits in Line 4392 and \$15,000 in Solar Operator Costs in Line 4391, you would subtract the \$15,000 reported on Line 4391 from the -\$20,000 reported on Line 4392, and post the remainder of \$5,000 on Line 4360, as a positive number. This number essentially represents the "net" savings the LHA earned from its net meter credit contract.

4391: Solar Operator Costs: Many LHAs have entered into Net Meter Credit Power Purchase Agreements (PPA's). In these deals, an LHA executes a contract with a solar power developer who constructs and owns an off-site solar electricity-generating site. The LHA makes regular (usually monthly) payments to the developer for its contracted share of the solar electricity produced by the site. Those payments should be entered in this account.

4392: Net Meter Utility Credit (Negative Amount): As noted in account #4391 above, many LHAs have executed Net Meter Credit Power Purchase Agreements (PPA's). In exchange for contracting to purchase a percentage of the solar power produced, the LHA receives a credit on its utility electric bill for each KWH purchased from the developer, which reduces the balance on its electric bill, or, in some cases, the credits are paid in cash to the LHA by the utility company. The total gross amount of the net meter credits that appear on the LHA's utility bills should be carried in this account and entered as a negative number. In cases where credits are paid in cash to the Host LHA, the net balance after paying out the amounts due the participating housing authorities, should also be carried in this account and entered as a negative number.

<u>4410: Maintenance Labor:</u> This account should be charged with the gross salaries and wages, or applicable portions thereof, for LHA personnel engaged in the routine maintenance of the project.

<u>4420: Materials & Supplies</u>: This account should be charged with the cost of materials, supplies, and expendable equipment used in connection with the routine maintenance of the project. This includes the operation and maintenance of automotive and other movable equipment, and the cost of materials, supplies, and expendable equipment used in connection with operating services such as janitorial services, elevator services, extermination of rodents and household pests, and rubbish and garbage collection.

<u>4430: Contract Costs:</u> This account should be charged with contract costs (i.e. the cost of services for labor, materials, and supplies furnished by a firm or by persons other than Local Authority employees) incurred in connection with the routine maintenance of the project, including the maintenance of automotive and other movable equipment. This account should also be charged with contract costs incurred in connection with such operating services as janitorial services, fire alarm and elevator service, extermination of rodents and household pests, rubbish and garbage collection, snow removal, landscape services, oil burner maintenance, etc.

<u>4510: Insurance:</u> Includes the total amount of premiums charged all forms of insurance. Fire and extended coverage, crime, and general liability are handled by DHCD on a statewide basis. All other necessary insurance policies include: Workers' Compensation, boiler, vehicle liability and owner, etc.

#### 4520: Payments in Lieu of Taxes:

This account should be charged with all payments in lieu of taxes accruing to a municipality or other local taxing body.

<u>4540</u>: Employee Benefits: This account should be charged with local housing authority contributions to employee benefit plans such as pension, retirement, and health and welfare plans. It should also be charged with administrative expenses paid to the State or other public agencies in connection with a retirement plan, if such payment is required by State Law, and with Trustee's fees paid in connection with a private retirement plan, if such payment is required under the retirement plan contract.

Employee benefits are based upon a given percentage of the total payroll; therefore, the total amount approved in this account will be based on the approved budgeted salaries representing the state's fair share.

<u>4541</u>: Employee Benefits - GASB 45: This line covers "Other Post-Employment Benefits" (OPEB). Of the total benefits offered by employers to attract and retain qualified employees, some benefits, including salaries and active-employee healthcare are taken while the employees are in active service, whereas other benefits, including post-employment healthcare and other OPEB are taken after the employees' services have ended. Nevertheless, both types of benefits constitute compensation for employee services. In accordance with required accounting practices, this amount is not projected in the budget (and is therefore blank) but the estimated future costs of this item is carried in the operating statement.

<u>4542: Pension Expense – GASB 68:</u> The primary objective of GASB 68 Statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting for pension costs. It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for pensions that is provided by other entities. As with account 4541 above, in accordance with required accounting practices, this amount is not projected in the budget (and is therefore blank) but the estimated future costs of this item is carried in the operating statement.

- <u>4570</u>: Collection Loss: The balance in this account represents the estimated expense to cover unexpected losses for tenant rents. Note: Do not include losses from fraud/retroactive balances here. Report them in Account 4571 Collection Loss Fraud/Retroactive.
- <u>4571: Collection Loss Fraud/Retroactive:</u> The balance in this account represents the estimated expense to cover unexpected losses for tenant rents due to unreported income, i.e. fraud/retroactive balances.
- <u>4580</u>: Interest Expense: The debit balance in this account represents the interest expense paid and accrued on loans and notes payable. This debt can be from operating borrowings or capital borrowings.
- <u>4590:</u> Other General Expense: This account represents the cost of all items of general expenses for which no specific account is prescribed in the general group of accounts.
- 4610: Extraordinary Maintenance Non-Capitalized: This account should be debited with all costs (labor, materials and supplies, expendable equipment (such as many tools or routine repair parts), and contract work) of repairs, replacements (but not replacements of non-expendable equipment), and rehabilitation of such a substantial nature that the work is clearly not a part of the routine maintenance and operating program. The items charged to this account should not increase the useful life or value of the asset being repaired. These items are not capitalized and are not added as an increase to fixed assets at the time of completion. Nor are these items depreciated. An example of this would be scheduled repainting of apartments.
- <u>4611:</u> Equipment Purchases Non-Capitalized: This account should be debited with the costs of equipment that does not meet the LHA's criteria for capitalization. Because these items are being expended when paid, they should not be categorized as a fixed asset and therefore will not be depreciated. These items include stoves, refrigerators, small tools, most computers and software, etc.

The budget is a planning tool and as our portfolio ages it is essential that LHAs evaluate their properties annually and plan for extraordinary maintenance. To that end DHCD very strongly recommends that for all 400-1 operating budgets, depending on the age of the portfolio and condition, LHAs spend between \$100 and \$500 a year per unit in Extraordinary Maintenance, Equipment Purchases, Replacement of Equipment, and Betterments & Additions to ensure that the aging public housing stock is preserved.

- <u>4715</u>: <u>Housing Assistance Payments</u>: This account should be debited with all housing assistance payments paid to landlords for the MRVP program on a monthly basis.
- <u>4801: Depreciation Expense:</u> This account should be debited with annual fixed asset depreciation expenses as determined by the LHA's capitalization policy.
- <u>7520</u>: Replacement of Equipment Capitalized: This account should be debited with the acquisition cost (only the net cash amount) of non-expendable equipment purchased as a replacement of equipment of substantially the same kind. These items, such as vehicles, computers, or furniture, meet the LHA's criteria for capitalization and will also be added to fixed assets and therefore depreciated over the useful life.
- <u>7540</u>: Betterments & Additions Capitalized: This account should be debited with the acquisition cost (only the net cash amount) of non-expendable equipment and major non-routine repairs that are classified as a betterment or addition. These items meet the LHA's criteria for capitalization and will also be added to fixed

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assets and therefore depreciated over the useful life of the asset. Examples are: major roof replacement, structural repairs such as siding, or major paving work.

In accordance with GAAP accounting, inventory purchases (Replacement of Equipment and Betterments & Additions) are distinguished between capitalized and non-capitalized items. Any inventory or equipment purchase greater than \$5,000 is required by DHCD to be capitalized, inventoried and depreciated. Any inventory or equipment purchase costing \$1,000 to \$4,999 should be inventoried by LHA staff for control purposes only but is not subject to capitalization or depreciation, it is, however, required to be expensed when the items are paid for. An LHA's inventory listing should include both capitalized and non-capitalized items of \$1,000 and more, as well as all refrigerators and stoves of any value. All items that appear on the inventory listing should be tagged with a unique identification number, and all refrigerators and stoves (regardless of value) should be tagged. LHAs may adopt a capitalization policy that capitalizes inventory purchases at a lesser amount than the \$5,000 requirement (i.e. \$1,000 - \$4,999); however, no capitalization policy can have an amount higher than \$5,000. Any inventory or equipment purchases costing \$0 to \$999 are to be expensed when paid for.

Narrative Responses to the Performance Management Review (PMR) Findings

The Performance Management Review conducted by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the 2021 LHA fiscal year resulted in the following ratings. Criteria which received a 'Corrective Action' rating show both a reason for the rating and a response by the LHA. The reason indicates Uxbridge Housing Authority's understanding of why they received the rating, while the responses describe their goals and the means by which they will meet or improve upon the performance-based assessment standards established by DHCD in the PMR. When the PMR rating is 'Operational Guidance', the LHA may have responded, but was not required to.

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, on-site assessments by the Facilities Management Specialists were cancelled for the December fiscal year end housing authorities. Therefore, there are no ratings for the Facility Management categories.

**Category: Management** 

Criterion: Occupancy Rate - the percentage of units that are occupied on monthly report.

Rating: No Findings

Criterion: Tenant Accounts Receivable (TAR) - the percentage of uncollected rent and related charges owed by tenants to the local housing authority (LHA), out of the total amount of rent and related costs charged to tenants.

Rating: Paused due to COVID-19

Criterion: Certifications and Reporting Submissions - timely submission of statements and

certifications

Rating: No Findings

Criterion: Completion of mandatory online board member training

Rating: No Findings

Criterion: Annual Plan Submitted - Annual Plan (AP) submitted on time

Rating: No Findings

**Category: Financial** 

Criterion: Adjusted Net Income - a measure of overspending or underspending.

Rating: Paused due to COVID-19

Criterion: Current Operating Reserve as a percentage of total maximum reserve level.

Rating: No Findings

**Category: Capital Planning** 

Criterion: Timely spending of capital funds awarded under the Formula Funding program

Rating: Paused due to COVID-19

## Category: Facility Management - Health & Safety

Criterion: Health and Safety Violations

DHCD has observed conditions at the LHA's developments and reported the following health and safety violations. The LHA has certified the number of corrected violations in each category.

	Number of violations cited	Number of violations corrected
Maintenance related violations	0	0
Tenant related violations	0	0

## **Category: Facility Management - Inspections**

Criterion: LHA Conducted 100% of the Unit Inspections.

Rating: Paused due to COVID-19

Criterion: Inspection reports noted 100% of the necessary repairs in each unit.

Rating: Paused due to COVID-19

Criterion: 100% of inspection-related work orders were generated.

Rating: Paused due to COVID-19

Criterion: Work order system identifies, tracks, and can produce reports for inspection work orders.

Rating: Paused due to COVID-19

Criterion: Inspection work orders were completed within 30 calendar days from the date of inspection, OR if cacnnot be completed with 30 calendar days, are added to the Deferred Maintenance Plan or included in the Capital Improvement Plan in the case of qualifying capital repairs (unless health/safety issue).

Rating: Paused due to COVID-19

#### Category: Facility Management - Work Order System

Criterion: Emergency work orders defined per Property Management Guide, identified, tracked,

reportable.

Rating: No Findings

Criterion: Emergency work orders initiated within 24-48 hours.

Rating: No Findings

Criterion: Vacancy work orders identified, tracked and reportable.

Rating: No Findings

Criterion: Vacancy work orders were completed within 30 calendar days or if not completed within

that timeframe, LHA has a waiver.

Rating: No Findings

Criterion: Comprehensive Preventive Maintenance Program exists & preventive work orders

identified, tracked, and reportable.

Rating: No Findings

Criterion: Routine work orders should be identified, tracked, reportable and competed regularly.

Rating: No Findings

Criterion: Requested work orders identified, tracked and reportable.

Rating: No Findings

Criterion: Requested work orders were completed in 14 calendar days from the date of tenant request or it not ocmpleted within that timeframe (and not a health or safety issue), the task was added and completed in a timely manner as a part of the Deferred Maintenance Plan and/or CIP.

Rating: Paused due to COVID-19

## **Category: Facility Management - Emergency Response System:**

Criterion: Housing authorities has 24 Hour Emergency Response System, Distributed Emergency

Definition to Residents, Staff, and Answering Service (if applicable).

Rating: No Findings

## **Explanation of PMR Criteria Ratings**

CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
Management	
Occupancy Rate	The rating is calculated using the following formula: (Total Number of Occupied units on Monthly Report divided by (Total Number of Units Minus Units that Received a Waiver Minus Number of Units Vacant less than 30 days on Monthly Report)  • "No Findings": Occupancy Rate is at or above 98%  • Operational Guidance: Occupancy rate is at 95% up to 97.9%  • Corrective Action: Adjusted occupancy rate is less than 95%
Tenant Accounts Receivable (TAR)	This criterion calculates the percentage of uncollected rent and related charges owed by starting with the amount reported by the LHA, as uncollected balances for the TAR (Account 1122 from the Balance Sheet) minus Normal Repayment Agreements* divided by Shelter (Tenant) Rent (account 3110 from the Operating Statement)  • "No Findings": At or below 2%  • "Operational Guidance": More than 2%, but less than 5%  • "Corrective Action": 5% or more
Certifications and Reporting Submissions	Housing authorities are required to submit 4 quarterly vacancy certifications by end of the month following quarter end; 4 quarterly operating statements and 4 Tenant Accounts Receivable (TAR) reports within 60 days of quarter end.  • "No Findings": At least 11 of the required 12 reports were submitted and at least 9 were submitted on time.  • "Operational Guidance": Less than 11 of the required 12 reports were submitted and/or less than 9 were submitted on time.
Board Member Training	Percentage of board members that have completed the mandatory online board member training.  • "No Findings": 80% or more completed training  • "Operational Guidance": 60-79.9% completed training  • "Corrective Action": <60 % completed training
Annual Plan (AP) Submitted	Housing authorities are required to submit an annual plan every year.  • "No Findings" =Submitted on time  • "Operational Guidance" =Up to 45 days late  • "Corrective Action" =More than 45 days late

CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
Financial	
Adjusted Net Income	The Adjusted Net Income criterion calculation starts with an LHA's Net Income and subtracts Depreciation, GASB 45 (Retirement Costs), GASB 68 (Retirement Costs), Extraordinary Maintenance (maintenance expense outside of routine/ordinary expenses), and Equipment Purchases – Non Capitalized. This Adjusted Net Income amount is then divided by the Total Expenses of the LHA. If this Adjusted Net Income amount is positive, it means underspending and if it is negative it means overspending. Underspending Rating:  "No Findings": 0 to 9.9%  "Corrective Action": 15% or higher  Overspending Rating:  "No Findings": 0 to -4.9%  "Operational Guidance": -5% to -9.9%  "Corrective Action": -10% or below
Operating Reserves	Current Operating Reserve as a percentage of total maximum reserve level.  Appropriate reserve level is buffer against any unforeseen events or expenditures.    "No Findings":35%+ of maximum operating reserve  "Operational Guidance": 20% to 34.9% of maximum operating reserve  "Corrective Action": <20% of maximum operating reserve
Capital Planning	
Capital Spending	Under the Formula Funding Program (FF), authorities receive undesignated funds to spend on projects in their Capital Improvement Plan. They are rated on the percentage of available funds they have spent over a three-year period  • "No Findings" = at least 80%  • "Operational Guidance" = At least 50%  • "Corrective Action" = Less than 50%

CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
Health & Safety	
Health & safety	DHCD has observed conditions at the LHA's developments and reported
violations	health and safety violations. The LHA has certified the number of corrected
	violations in each category.
Facility Management	
- Inspections	
Unit Inspections	Housing authorities are required to conduct inspections of all their occupied
Conducted	units at least once a year
	"No Findings": 100 % of sampled units had inspections conducted once
	during the year
	"Corrective Action": Fewer than 100% of sample units were inspected  during the year.
Inspections Report	during the year  Housing authorities are required to note all of the deficiencies found during
inspections Report	inspections
	• "No Findings": 100 % of deficiencies are noted on inspection report
	"Corrective Action": Fewer than 100% of deficiencies are noted in
	inspection report
Inspection Work	Housing authorities are required to generate work orders for all deficiencies
Order	noted during inspections
	• "No Findings": 100 % of deficiencies noted on inspection reports
	generated work orders
	• "Corrective Action": Fewer than 100% of deficiencies noted on inspection
	reports generated work orders
Work Order System	Work order system identifies, tracks, and can produce reports for inspection
Work Order System	work orders.
	"No Findings": Inspection work orders are identified, tracked, and
	reportable
	"Operational Guidance": Inspection work orders are not identified, and/or
	tracked, and/or reportable
Inspections Work	Inspection work orders were completed within 30 calendar days from the
Orders Completed	date of inspection, OR if cannot be completed within 30 calendar days, are
	added to the Deferred Maintenance Plan or included in the Capital
	Improvement Plan in the case of qualifying capital repairs (unless health/safety issue).
	<ul> <li>"No Findings": Sampled inspection work orders were completed within 30</li> </ul>
	days of inspection date or added to deferred maintenance plan and/or CIP
	"Operational Guidance": Sampled inspection work orders were completed
	within 31 to 45 calendar days of inspection date and not added to
	deferred maintenance plan or CIP
	"Corrective Action": Sampled inspection work orders were completed in
	over 45 calendar days of inspection date

CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
Facility Management  – Work Order System	
Emergency Work Orders Properly Defined	<ul> <li>Emergency work orders should be defined per Property Management Guide, identified, tracked, reportable.</li> <li>"No Findings": Emergency work orders defined per Property Management Guide, identified, tracked, reportable</li> <li>"Operational Guidance": Emergency work orders are not defined per Property Management Guide, and/or identified, and/or tracked, and/or reportable</li> </ul>
Emergency Work Orders Initiation	Emergency work orders should be initiated within 24 to 48 hours.  • "No Findings": Emergency work orders initiated within 24-48 hours  • "Corrective Action": Emergency work orders not initiated within 24-48 hours
Vacancy Work Orders	Vacancy work orders should be identified, tracked and reportable.  • "No Findings": Vacancy work orders identified, tracked AND reportable  • "Corrective Action": Vacancy work orders are not identified, and/or tracked, and/or reportable
Vacancy Work Orders Completed	Vacancy work orders should be completed within 30 calendar days or if not completed within that timeframe, LHA has a waiver.  • "No Findings": Vacancy work orders are completed within 30 calendar days or if not completed within timeframe, LHA has a waiver  • "Operational Guidance": Vacancy work orders completed within 31-60 calendar days  • "Corrective Action": Vacancy work orders completed 61+ calendar days
Preventive Maintenance Program	Housing authorities are required to maintain a comprehensive preventive maintenance program in which preventive work orders are identified, tracked, and reportable.  • "No Findings": A comprehensive preventive maintenance program exists and work orders are identified, tracked and reportable  • "Corrective Action": A comprehensive preventive maintenance program does not exist OR work orders are not identified and/or tracked and/or reportable
Routine Work Orders	Routine work orders should be identified, tracked, reportable and completed regularly.  • "No Findings": Routine work orders identified, tracked, reportable and completed regularly  • "Operational Guidance": Routine work orders are not identified, and/or tracked and/or reportable, and/or completed regularly

CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
Requested Work Orders	Requested work orders should be identified, tracked and reportable.  • "No Findings": Requested work orders identified, tracked, reportable and completed regularly  • "Operational Guidance": Requested work orders are not identified and/or tracked and/or reportable, and or completed regularly
Requested Work Orders Completion	Requested work orders should be completed in 14 calendar days from the date of tenant request or if not completed within that timeframe (and not a health or safety issue), the task should be added and completed in a timely manner as a part of the Deferred Maintenance Plan and/or CIP.  • "No Findings": Requested work orders are completed within 14 calendar days of tenant request OR added to deferred maintenance plan and/or CIP  • "Operational Guidance": Requested work orders are completed within 15-30 calendar days from the date of tenant request  • "Corrective Action": Requested work orders are completed in over 30 calendar days from the date of tenant request OR not completed
Emergency Response System	Housing authorities should have a 24 Hour Emergency Response System and distribute Emergency Definition to Residents, Staff, and Answering Service (if applicable).  • "No Findings": A 24-hour system for responding to emergencies exists AND definitions of emergencies have been distributed to staff, residents and answering service, if applicable  • "Operational Guidance": System exists, but no definition has been distributed  • "Corrective Action": Neither a system nor distributed definitions exist

## **Policies**

The following policies are currently in force at the Uxbridge Housing Authority:

Policy	Last Ratified	Notes
	by Board Vote	
*Rent Collection Policy	08/13/2020	
*Personnel Policy	08/13/2020	Ratified 06/10/2021
*Capitalization Policy	08/13/2020	
*Procurement Policy	08/13/2020	
*Grievance Policy	08/13/2020	
Community Room Use	06/10/2021	
Smoking Policy	08/01/2017	Ratified 06/10/2021
Criminal Offender Records Information (CORI) Policy	08/13/2020	
Other – Define in the 'Notes' column	06/26/2007	Fraud Policy - Ratified 06/10/2021
Pet Policy	06/10/2021	
Reasonable Accommodations Policy	10/14/2021	
Language Access Plan	03/17/2022	
Other – Define in the 'Notes' column	01/13/2022	Snow Removal Policy
Fair Housing Marketing Plan		We will address at an upcoming Board Meeting

<sup>\*</sup> Starred policies are required by DHCD. Policies without a "Latest Revision" date are not yet in force.

The list of policies has been provided by the LHA and has not been verified by DHCD.

## **Waivers**

Uxbridge Housing Authority has received the following waivers from DHCD's regulations. This list does not include vacancy waivers, pet waivers, or any waivers that would release personally identifiable tenant or applicant data.

Description	Reason	Date Waiver Approved by DHCD	Date Expired
Biennial recertification of c.667 rents	DHCD initiative - cost effective- (time,manpower, expense borne)	04/10/2008	

The list of waivers has been provided by the LHA and has not been verified by DHCD.

## **Attachments**

The following items have been uploaded as attachments to this Annual Plan.

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, on-site Performance Management Review (PMR) assessments by the Facilities Management Specialists were cancelled for the December fiscal year end housing authorities. Therefore, the Facility Management categories have been omitted from the PMR document.

- Annual Plan Hearing 9/8/22
- Cover sheet for tenant satisfaction surveys
- Tenant Satisfaction Survey 667 Program
- Performance Management Review

# **Uxbridge Housing Authority**

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Richard Baker, Chairman Arthur Dubois

Patrick Fitzgerald Elizabeth Clark Linda Kelly, Executive Director

The Annual Plan Hearing of the Uxbridge Housing Authority was held on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. at the Administration Building, 31 Calumet Court, Uxbridge, MA 01569.

The Board of the Uxbridge Housing Authority and the Executive Director were in attendance at the hearing. No public attended the meeting.

No comments or revisions were received for the Annual Plan by the public or by the Board of the Housing Authority.

## Resident Surveys – Background

Since 2016 DHCD has been working with the Center for Survey Research (CSR) at the University of Massachusetts Boston to survey residents in the state public housing units it oversees. The surveys are confidential, mailed directly to residents, and returned to CSR by mail (or, starting in 2019, completed on-line). CSR surveys residents of elderly/disabled units (also known as Chapter 667) and family units (also known as Chapter 200 and Chapter 705).

During each round all units are mailed surveys, with one exception: in the case of the twelve housing authorities with more than 225 c.200 family units, a randomly selected group of 225 units was surveyed at each housing authority. This group was determined to be large enough to generate statistically useful results. In both rounds, responses from c.200 and c.705 residents are always combined.

## **Round One Surveys (2016 – 2018)**

In Round One of the surveys, CSR surveyed residents of elderly/disabled units (c.667) in three groups in the Fall of 2016, 2017 and 2018. CSR surveyed residents of family units (c.705 and c.200) in the Spring of 2016. (Note: there are many more c.667 units, so they were broken down into three groups).

## Notes on Round One Surveys

- 1. In previous publications of this survey data, if there were at least twenty responses from residents of an authority's c.667 units or from their c.200/705 units, then there is a separate report for that program.
- 2. We originally combined data from c.667 and c.200/705 units for some LHAs with limited family data. However, to be consistent with the new Round Two methodology described below, we recalculated the Round One data using the new methodology. Since we no longer combine results from the different programs several LHAs no longer have a report for their c.200/705 units given the small data set for those units.

## **Round Two Surveys (2019 – 2022)**

Round Two of the surveys began in 2019. CSR surveyed about one-third of the elderly/disabled units in Fall 2019 and in Fall 2021 and all of the family units in Fall 2020. We expect the remaining elderly/disabled units to be surveyed in Fall 2022.

#### Notes on Round Two Surveys

- 1. We refined our reporting methodology and will issue survey results for any program (c.667 or c.200/705) meeting these requirements:
  - o 8-19 completed surveys received, if the response rate is at least 40%
  - o 20-29 completed surveys received, if the response rate is at least 20%
  - 30+ completed surveys received, if the response rate is at least 15%
- 2. Responses from the family units will not be combined with responses from elderly/disabled units as they originally were in Round One. Since the variance between the results of the elderly/disabled and family programs was sometimes significant, we determined that combining the two yielded less accurate results.

## **Uxbridge Housing Authority**

Chapter 667 Housing Summary 2019 – 2021

DHCD is working with the Center for Survey Research at the University of Massachusetts Boston to survey residents in the housing units it oversees.

#### Fall 2019:

• Surveys were sent to 6955 housing units (Chapter 667). 3352 surveys were filled out and returned.

#### Fall 2021:

- Surveys were sent to 8350 housing units (Chapter 667). 3787 surveys were filled out and returned.
- In the **Uxbridge Housing Authority**, surveys were sent to a total of **86** Uxbridge housing units (Chapter 667); **45** surveys were completed.

This report provides some information about how the residents from the **Uxbridge Housing Authority** who answered the survey responded. It compares their answers to those from residents in the entire state and to those from small LHAs in Central Massachusetts. These small LHAs in Central Massachusetts include: Acton, Auburn, Ayer, Charlton, Clinton, Concord, Gardner, Grafton, Groton, Holden, Hopkinton, Hudson, Lancaster, Leicester, Lunenburg, Maynard, North Brookfield, Northborough, Northbridge, Pepperell, Spencer, Sterling, Sudbury, Sutton, Templeton, Uxbridge, Webster, West Boylston, West Brookfield, Westford, and Winchendon.

## Communication

• Communication with management: Residents were asked about how they interacted with their Housing Authorities in this peer group in the last 12 months. The table below shows what percentage of residents said they did each of the following:

	Uxbridge Housing Authority	Small LHAs in Central MA *	Entire State
Felt they were usually or always treated with courtesy and respect when they contacted management	98%	86%	84%
Knew the Executive Director held a meeting with residents	12%	44%	43%

<sup>\*</sup> Small LHAs in Central Massachusetts include: Acton, Auburn, Ayer, Charlton, Clinton, Concord, Gardner, Grafton, Groton, Holden, Hopkinton, Hudson, Lancaster, Leicester, Lunenburg, Maynard, North Brookfield, Northborough, Northbridge, Pepperell, Spencer, Sterling, Sudbury, Sutton, Templeton, Uxbridge, Webster, West Boylston, West Brookfield, Westford, and Winchendon.

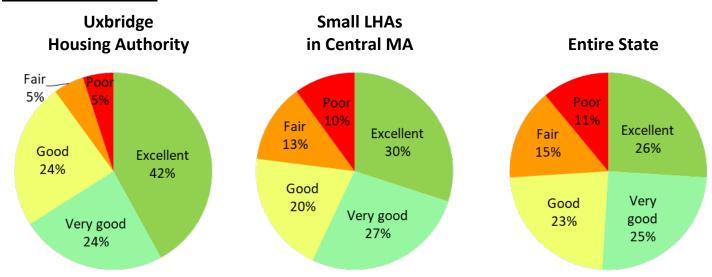
## Maintenance and Repair

Communication with maintenance staff: Residents were asked about their interactions with the Uxbridge Housing Authority maintenance staff in the last 12 months.

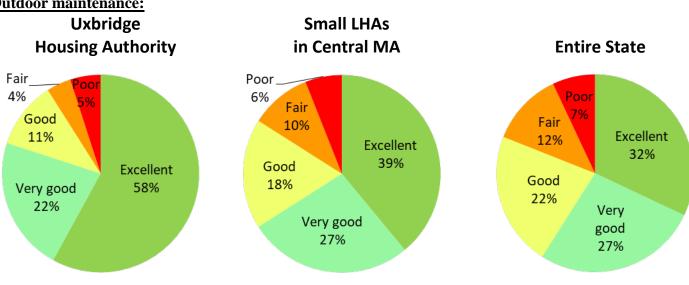
	Uxbridge Housing Authority	Small LHAs in Central MA	Entire State
Felt they were treated with courtesy and respect when they contacted maintenance	98%	89%	88%
Were contacted by the Housing Authority before entering their apartment	89%	90%	91%

Overall maintenance Respondents were asked how they would they rate overall building maintenance (such as clean halls and stairways and having lights and elevators that work) and outdoor space maintenance (such as litter removal and clear walkways) in the last 12 months.

## **Building maintenance:**



## **Outdoor maintenance:**



• **Heating and Water Problems:** About one quarter of respondents had a problem with their heating and about two thirds had a plumbing problem in the last 12 months.

	Uxbridge Housing Authority	Small LHAs in Central MA	Entire State
Had any heating problem	20%	33%	36%
Had any water problem	64%	56%	57%

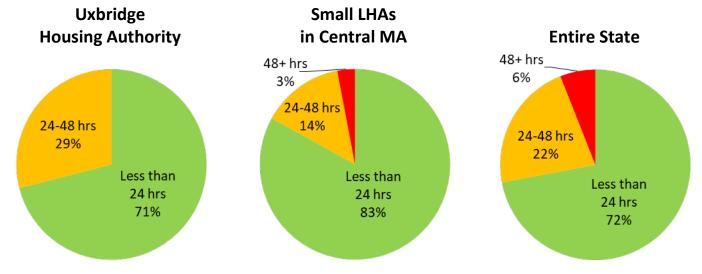
## Heating Problems

## How many times did residents completely lose heat?

The chart below shows how many times respondents had completely lost heat in the last 12 months. The green part of the bars shows what percentage of residents did not have the problem at all. The yellow shows who had the problem one time. The orange shows those who had the problem 2-3 times. And the red shows those who had the problem 4 or more times in the last 12 months.



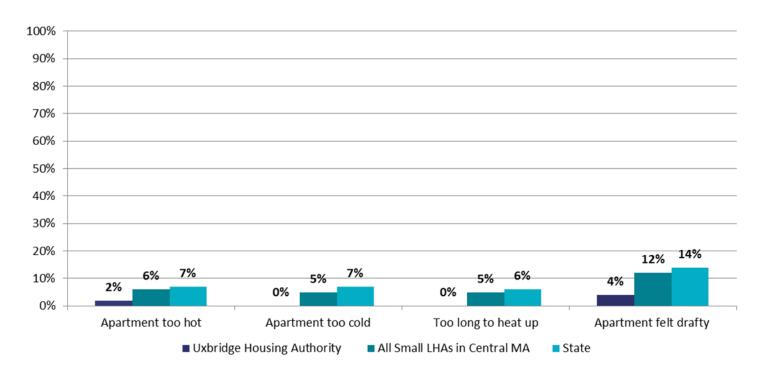
How long did it usually take for heat to come back on? For those respondents who reported completely losing heat, we asked how long it usually took for the heat to come back on – less than 24 hours, 24 - 48 hours, or more than 48 hours.



## • Other Heating Problems

## In the last 12 months did residents have other heating problems?

The chart below shows what percentage of residents experienced other heating problems in the last 12 months.



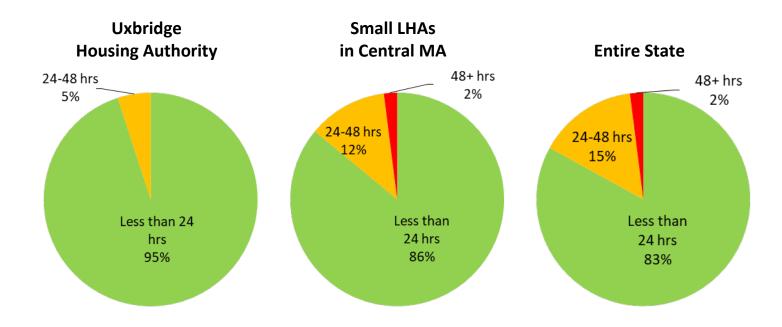
## • Water or Plumbing Problems

## How many times did residents have no hot water in their apartment?

The chart below shows how many times respondents did not have no hot water in their apartment in the last 12 months. The green part of the bars shows what percentage of residents did not have the problem at all. The yellow shows who had the problem one time. The orange shows those who had the problem 2-3 times. And the red shows those who had the problem 4 or more times in the last 12 months.



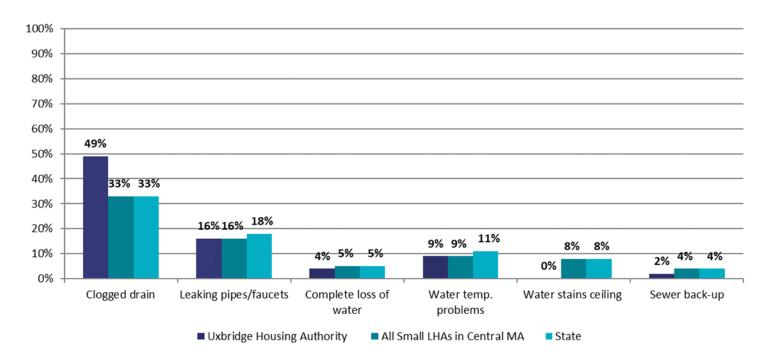
How long did it usually take for hot water to come back on? For those respondents who reported not having hot water in their apartment, we asked how long it usually took for hot water to come back on – less than 24 hours, 24 - 48 hours, or more than 48 hours.



## • Other Water or Plumbing Problems

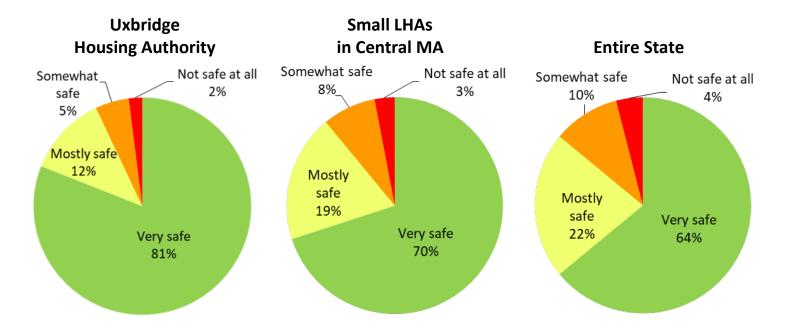
## In the last 12 months did residents have other water or plumbing problems?

The chart below shows how many times respondents had other water or plumbing problems in the last 12 months.

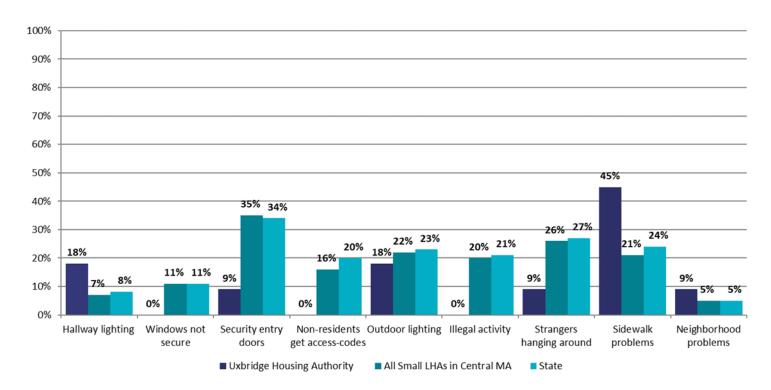


## **Safety**

**Respondents were asked how safe they felt in their development**. The charts below show what percentage of residents said they felt "very safe", "mostly" safe, "somewhat safe", or "not safe at all" in their development in the last 12 months.

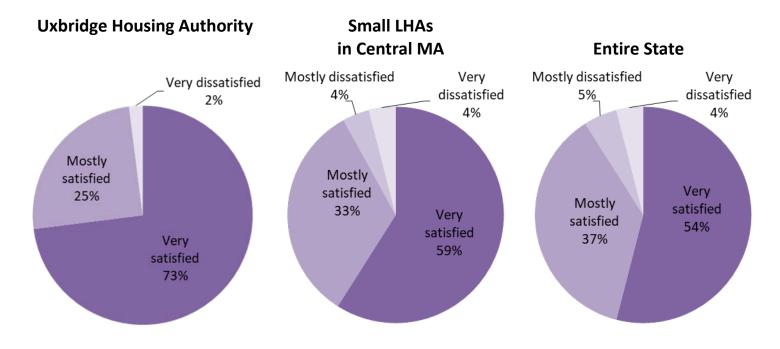


**Reasons why respondents felt unsafe in their development:** Respondents were asked why they felt unsafe in their development. This chart shows what specific concerns respondents mentioned.



## **Overall Satisfaction**

**Respondents were asked about their overall satisfaction living in their development**. The chart below shows what percentage of people said they were "very satisfied", "mostly satisfied", "mostly dissatisfied", or "very dissatisfied".



# UXBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

# Performance Management Review (PMR) Report Fiscal Year End 12/31/2021

<sup>\*</sup>For a detailed report of the Performance Management Review (PMR), please contact the Local Housing Authority

# **Performance Management Review**

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DHCD)  PMR Desk Audit Ratings Summary Official Published PMR Record  For a detailed report of the Performance Management Review (PMR), please contact the Local Housing Authority		
Housing Authority Uxbridge Housing Authority		
Fiscal Year Ending	12/31/2021	
Housing Management Specialist	Kaliah Wheeler	
Facilities Management Specialist	Bob Arsenault	

Criteria	Score/Rating			
	Management			
	c.667	c.705	c.200	Cumulative
Occupancy Rate	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings
	c.667	c.705	c.200	Cumulative
	Paused due to COVID-	Paused due to COVID-	Paused due to COVID-	Paused due to COVID-
Tenant Accounts Receivable (TAR)	19	19	19	19
Board Member Training	No Findings			
Certifications and Reporting Submissions	No Findings			
Annual Plan	No Findings			
		Fina	ncial	
Adjusted Net Income	Paused due to COVID-19			
Operating Reserves	No Findings			
		Cap	oital	
Capital Spending	Paused due to COVID-19			

Report Date: 3/17/2022

**Uxbridge Housing Authority** LHA Occupancy No Findings Rating All: Rating 667: No findings Rating 200: No findings Rating 705: No findings Enter vacancies into system at least monthly and ensure that there are no duplicates. Reach out to HMS if accidental duplicates occur. Use online vacancy system, see user guide if need help. All vacancies must be reported; and quarterly certifications must be completed certifying all data is in system. Request waivers when applicable. Follow tenant selection best practices to improve vacancy turnover (pulling lists in CHAMP as soon as vacancy occurs and previewing list to prescreen in advance of vacancies as needed). Include unit turnovers in capital improvement plan. Engage in a management agreement or contract with private firms to help with heavy unit turnover. Review turnovers with staff weekly or biweekly to monitor status of vacant units. Develop plan for updating units with long term occupancy to limit turn over time at vacancy; family units may need consistent attentions o when lease up, condition is not affecting vacancy turnover time. Ensure that yearly inspection findings are addressed and address tenant damage/lease violations. Other: **Certifications and Reporting Submissions** Rating: No Findings Submit all four quarterly vacancy certifications by the end of the month following the quarter end. Submit all four quarters of Tenants Accounts Receivables (TAR) application within 60 days of quarter end. Submit all four quarterly operating statements within 60 days of the quarter end. Schedule board meetings well in advance. Consider scheduling a backup date to ensure you are able to have your board vote/approval in time to meet reporting deadlines. Set a recurring appointment in your email calendar for help remembering reporting dates and deadlines. 

Other:

	Operating Reserve
Rating:	No Findings
	Please refer to PHN 2018-04 and current budget guidelines for information on operating reserve
	An LHA may spend down to 35% of maximum reserve level without consulting DHCD, but the LHA must budget these expenses in the correct line items of their annual operating budget. If the expense occurred after DHCD approval of the annual operating budget, the LHA should submit a budget revision with these expenditures.
	Any expenditures from the operating reserve that will result in a projected operating reserve of less than 35% of maximum reserve level, requires <i>prior written approval</i> from DHCD, <i>unless the expenses are to resolve health and safety issues</i> .
	Each LHA must maintain a projected operating reserve of 20% of maximum reserve level, which remains the minimum operating reserve level for all LHAs.
	Other:
Dating	Board Member Training
Rating:	No Findings
Rating:	
Rating:	No Findings  Ensure you update the board attendance application with the most recent board members, and their term
	No Findings  Ensure you update the board attendance application with the most recent board members, and their term dates.
	No Findings  Ensure you update the board attendance application with the most recent board members, and their term dates.  Ensure each board member has a unique email for the board member training.
	No Findings  Ensure you update the board attendance application with the most recent board members, and their term dates.  Ensure each board member has a unique email for the board member training.  Provide computer guidance as needed to help board members complete the training.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DHCD) PMR Physical Condition Ratings	
Housing Authority Uxbridge Housing Authority	
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Inspection and Work Order System Criteria	Rating
Inspections	
LHA conducted 100% of the unit inspections.	Paused due to COVID- 19
Inspections report noted 100% of the necessary repairs in each unit.	Paused due to COVID- 19
100% of inspection-related work orders were generated.	Paused due to COVID- 19
Work order system identifies, tracks, and can produce reports for inspection work orders.	Paused due to COVID- 19
Inspection work orders were completed within 30 calendar days from the date of inspection, OR if cannot be completed within 30 calendar days, are added to the Deferred Maintenance Plan or included in the Capital Improvement Plan in the case of qualifying capital repairs (unless health/safety issue).	Paused due to COVID- 19
Work Order System	
Emergency work orders defined per PMG, identified, tracked, reportable.	No Findings
Emergency work orders initiated within 24 to 48 hours.	No Findings
Vacancy work orders identified, tracked and reportable.	No Findings
Vacancy work orders were completed within 30 calendar days or if not completed within that timeframe, LHA has a waiver.	No Findings
Comprehensive Preventive Maintenance Program exists & preventive work orders identified, tracked, and reportable.	No Findings
Routine work orders identified, tracked, reportable and completed regularly.	No Findings
Requested work orders are identified, tracked and reportable.	No Findings
Requested work orders were completed in 14 calendar days from the date of tenant request or if not completed within that timeframe (and not a health or safety issue), the task was added and completed in a timely manner as a part of the Deferred Maintenance Plan and/or CIP.	Paused due to COVID- 19
LHAs have a 24 hour system for responding to emergencies and have distributed definition of emergency to residents, staff and answering service (if applicable).	No Findings

# DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DHCD) PMR Physical Condition Report

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Health and Safety Violations. Must be initiated within 24 to 48 hours. If the box below is not checked, you did not have any health and safety violations.

□ DHCD will provide a list of health and safety violations found. Inspection reports will be provided by your HMS. The health and safety items have an 'X' in the HS column of the inspection report. Actions to correct these violations must be initiated within 24 to 48 hours. When you have completed work orders for these items send documentation to dhcd-phinspectionviolations@massmail.state.ma.us. In the subject line please indicate the LHA Name and the PMR Year. If health and safety violations are not resolved within 60 days, DHCD will follow-up with a second site visit.

Criteria A: LHA conducted 100% of the unit inspections - <u>No Findings</u>
□ Look to a nearby LHA for help with inspections (formulate a management agreement) □ Attend a Regional DHCD-led Inspection Training (in person) □ Refer to Property Maintenance Guide - Chapter 3 on Inspections See Handout B □ Consider Organization of Staff (see Chapter 4 of PMG) See Handout B □ Develop/Improve internal organizational processes and procedures to ensure you are properly scheduling, tracking, and documenting inspections throughout the year. □ Consider software (web-based applications) or Excel/Access to help you conduct/track/document inspections See Handout H □ Schedule your inspections throughout the year (by development or by anniversary date), rather than once a year □ Hire a qualified contractor (contact the DHCD Compliance Specialist (#617-573-1100 or dhcd-publichousingprocurement@massmail.state.ma.us) for procurement information)  Additional Notes:
Criteria B: Inspection report noted 100% of the necessary repairs in each unit - <u>No Findings</u>
□ Unable to make recommendations as did not notify tenants of possible inspections □ Attend a Regional DHCD-led Inspection Training (in person) □ Look into maintenance trainings offered by MAHAMS See Handout L □ Include tenant violations in inspection reports □ Review state sanitary code (https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/07/pv/105cmr410_0.pdf)  Additional Notes:
Criteria C: 100% of inspection-related work orders were generated - No Findings
☐ Attend a Regional DHCD-led Inspection Training (in person) ☐ Refer to Property Maintenance Guide - Chapter 3 on Inspections See Handout B ☐ Ensure all tenant violations are included in the inspection report and that these violations are followed-up on by administrative sta with the tenant. ☐ Develop internal organizational processes and procedures to ensure you are properly generating and tracking inspection work orders throughout the year ☐ Improve internal organizational processes and procedures to ensure you are properly generating and tracking inspection work orders throughout the year ☐ Consider software (web-based applications) or Excel/Access to help you conduct/generate/track inspections See Handout H

Work Order System Identifies, Tracks, and Can Produce Reports for the Following
Criteria D: Inspection - <u>No Findings</u> Criteria F: Emergency (defined per PMG) - <u>No Findings</u> Criteria H: Vacancy - <u>No Findings</u> Criteria K: Routine - <u>No Findings</u> Criteria L: Requested - <u>No Findings</u>
Consider software (web-based applications) or Excel/Access to help you generate/track/close out work orders See Handout H  Refer to Property Maintenance Guide - Chapters 1 to 3 on Work Order Systems See Handout B  Refer to PHN 2016-16 and 2016-36 and 2018-8 on Maintenance Aspects of Performance Management Review See Handout C+D  Train staff on work order types and how to input them into your work order system/If you use web-based software, reach out to your vendor for training/training materials/changes to the software See Handout K + Software Handouts (M, N, or O) If Applicable  LHA should align work order types, their priorities and a definition of what is considered an emergency with the Property  Maintenance Guide (Pages I-5 to I-10) See Handout B + K  Look to other LHAs with strong work order systems/processes and procedures around work orders and ask for their assistance  Definition of Emergency Work Orders Should Be Conditions (no matter the time of day) which are immediately threatening to the life or safety of your residents, staff, or structures. LHA should create emergency list and distribute to staff and tenants. Produce emergency work orders for any work that is on list and initiate work within 24 to 48 hours. See Handout J  LHA should establish a system of move out inspections for all vacant units. Produce work orders from those move out inspection reports, and list on work order time spent working on turnover, date turnover was started and date finished, list of work done, and material used.  Additional Notes:
Timely Completion of Work Order Types  Criteria E: Inspection - No Findings Criteria G: Emergency - No Findings Criteria I: Vacancy - No Findings Criteria M: Requested - No Findings
Consult DHCD's list of work order types, their priorities and a definition of what is considered an emergency See Handout J + K  Refer to Property Maintenance Guide - Chapters 1 to 3 on Work Order Systems See Handout B  Refer to PHNs 2016-16 and 2016-36 and 2018-8 on Maintenance Aspects of Performance Management Review See Handout C + D  Vacancy turnovers should be completed within 30 calendar days or less. If cannot complete work within 30 days, LHA should contact Housing Management Specialist for a waiver. Use Online Vacancy System to Apply for Waivers (see PHN 2013 - 07) for Waiver Types (if waiver-eligible) See Handout G  Consider Use of Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Capital Projects (see PHN 2012-22 for Capital vs. Operating funds; Contact Your Project Manager or RCAT for More Information) See Handout I  Hire a qualified contractor (if plan to procure, contact DHCD Compliance Specialist (#617-573-1100 or dhcd-publichousingprocurement@massmail.state.ma.us) for procurement information  Schedule your inspections throughout the year (by development or by anniversary date), rather than once a year  Train staff on work order types and how to input them into your work order system/If you use web-based software, reach out to your vendor for training/training materials/changes to the software See Handout K (M, N or O) If Applicable  Consider Software (web-based applications) or Excel/Access to help you generate/track/close out work orders See Handout H  Consider Use of a Deferred Maintenance Plan/Operating Funds (Talk to Facilities Management Specialist and/or Housing Management Specialist)  Look into Maintenance trainings offered by MAHAMS See Handout L  Look into Dwelling Unit Inspection trainings offered by DHCD  Look to other LHAs with strong work order systems/processes around work orders and ask for their assistance (possibly formulate a management agreement)  Request Vacant Unit Funds (see PHN 2016-34 for more information) See Handout F  Look for other external funding sources  Build a broader vendor ne
Vacancy Work Order: Timeliness Requested Work Order:
Timeliness of Inspection Work Order:

# Criteria J: Comprehensive Preventive Maintenance Program Exists + Preventive Work Orders Identified, Tracked, Reportable - <u>No Findings</u>

- □ Refer to the Property Maintenance Guide (Pages I-23 to I-32 and Pages 8-7 to 8-26) See Handout B
- Refer to Annual PHNs on this topic, latest of which was PHN 2016-18 "Preventive Maintenance Monthly Reminders" See Handout E
- □ Process to schedule, generate, prioritize, and track work orders as a part of the Preventive Maintenance Program (consider using software to automate processes where possible) See Handout H
- ☐ Designate one person with the responsibility of reviewing/updating the Preventive Maintenance Program on a regular basis, as well as in real-time as new equipment is purchased
- ☐ Create a Preventive Maintenance Program/Plan that helps in the upkeep of all buildings and equipment. Work orders should be created and closed for all items on Preventive Maintenance Plan; Consult the Property Maintenance Guide (Pages I-23 to I-32) and Public Housing Notices 2016 18 "Preventive Maintenance Reminders" for how to develop a Preventive Maintenance Program See Handout B
- ☐ Consider software (web-based applications) or Excel/Access to help you generate/track/close out work orders See Handout H
- ☐ Refer to Property Maintenance Guide Chapters 1 to 3 on Work Order Systems See Handout B
- □ Refer to PHN 2016-16 and 2016-36 and 2018-8 on Maintenance Aspects of Performance Management Review See Handout C+D
- □ Train staff on work order types and how to input them into your work order system/If you use web-based software, reach out to your vendor for training/training materials/changes to the software See Handout K + Software Handouts (M, N, or O) If Applicable
- ☐ Look to other LHAs with strong work order systems/processes and procedures around work orders and ask for their assistance

## **Additional Notes:**

# Criteria N: 24 Emergency Response System, Distributed Emergency Definition to Residents, Staff, and Answering Service (if applicable) - *No Findings*

- ☐ Create an Emergency System that Is Available 24 Hours a Day (if plan to procure, contact DHCD Compliance Specialist (#617-573-1100 or dhcd-publichousingprocurement@massmail.state.ma.us))
- □ Refer to Property Maintenance Guide (Pages I-5 to I-10) on Emergencies and System Setup See Handout B
- □ LHA should create a list of emergency items and distribute to all staff, tenants and answering service if have one. Produce emergency work orders for any work that is on your emergency list and initiate work within 24 to 48 hours. See Handout J

#### **Additional Notes:**