Tyngsborough Housing Authority Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2025 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 Tyngsborough Housing Authority's Annual Plan for their 2025 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. Public Comments Letter
 - b. Cover sheet for tenant satisfaction surveys
 - c. Tenant Satisfaction Survey 200 and 705 Program

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	BRINLEY TERRACE 667-01	6	1981	56
667-02	Elderly	RED PINE TERRACE 667-02	1	1991	36
705-01	Family	RED PINE TERRACE 705-01	7	1991	14
	Other	Special Occupancy units	1		8
	Family	Family units in smaller developments	2		4
Total			17		118

Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP)

The Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) is a state-funded program that provides rental subsidies to low-income families and individuals. In most cases, a "mobile" voucher is issued to the household, which is valid for any market-rate housing unit that meets the standards of the state sanitary code and program rent limitations. In some cases, vouchers are "project-based" into a specific housing development; such vouchers remain at the development if the tenant decides to move out.

Tyngsborough Housing Authority manages 2 MRVP vouchers.

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LHA Board of Commissioners

	<u>Role</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Linda Bown	Member		04/24/2023	05/21/2024
Donald Lampron	Vice-Chair	State Appointee	03/17/2016	05/05/2024
Brian Martin	Chair		06/13/2020	05/13/2025
Robert McCarthy	Treasurer	Tenant	08/02/2021	06/30/2026
John Pelletier	Member		05/01/2019	05/01/2024

Plan History

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

REQ	REQUIREMENT					
		COMPLETED				
A.	Advertise the public hearing on the LHA website.	10/18/2023				
В.	Advertise the public hearing in public postings.	10/18/2023				
C.	Notify all LTO's and RAB, if there is one, of the hearing and	N/A				
	provide access to the Proposed Annual Plan.	IN/A				
D.	Post draft AP for tenant and public viewing.	10/18/2023				
E.	Hold quarterly meeting with LTO or RAB to review the draft AP.	N/A				
	(Must occur before the LHA Board reviews the Annual Plan.)	IN/A				
F.	Annual Plan Hearing. Hosted by the LHA Board, with a quorum of members present. (For Boston, the Administrator will host	12/27/2023				
	the hearing.)					
G.	Executive Director presents the Annual Plan to the Board.	12/27/2023				
H.	Board votes to approve the AP. (For Boston Housing Authority, the Administrator approves and submits the AP.)	12/27/2023				

Certification

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

I, Melinda Theide, Executive Director of the Tyngsborough Housing Authority, certify on behalf of the Housing Authority that I have conducted an annual review of all Tyngsborough 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 Tyngsborough 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, Melinda Theide, Executive Director of the Tyngsborough 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.

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: 12/28/2023

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)

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.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

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

Category of Funds	Allocation	Planned	Description
Balance of Formula Funding (FF)	\$466,881.66	Spending	Total of all FF awards minus prior FF spending
LHA Emergency Reserve	\$46,688.17		Amount to reserve for emergencies
Net FF Funds (First 3 Years of the CIP)	\$420,193.49		Funds to plan & amount actually planned in the first 3 years of the CIP
ADA Set-aside	\$-0.01	\$0.00	Accessibility projects
DMH Set-aside	\$0.00	\$0.00	Dept. of Mental Health facility
DDS Set-aside	\$618.21	\$0.00	Dept. of Developmental Services facility
Unrestricted Formula Funding (FF)	\$419,575.29	\$490,927.35	Funds awarded by DHCD to be used on projects selected by the LHA and approved by DHCD.
Special DHCD Funding	\$948,740.00	\$948,740.00	Targeted awards from DHCD
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	Federal funds awarded by a city 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	\$0.00	\$0.00	Funds other than those in the above categories. See explanation below.
Total funds and planned spending	\$1,368,933.49	\$1,439,667.35	Total of all anticipated funding available for planned projects and the total of planned spending.

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.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Regional Capital Assistance Team

Tyngsborough 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	fy2024 Spent	fy2024 Planned	fy2025	fy2026	fy2027	fy2028
1	2008 FF Master CFA	BRINLEY TERRACE 667-01	\$7,150	\$7,150	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1	FF AERP Roofing 689	COBURN ROAD 689-01	\$20,605	\$18,609	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	FF: Bulkhead replacement	COBURN ROAD 689-01	\$1,160	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Side Building 1, and 4	BRINLEY TERRACE 667-01	\$200,500	\$199,342	\$0	\$750	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	ADA Door Openers 667-2 RCAT	RED PINE TERRACE 667-02	\$54,949	\$54,949	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Replace flooring throughout	COBURN ROAD 689-01	\$22,965	\$22,965	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
301058	Drainage Study	RED PINE TERRACE 705-01	\$2,325	\$2,325	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	ARPA Targeted Award: Fire Alarm Rplcmt 667-2 & 689-1	667-02, 689-01	\$510,090	\$0	\$0	\$95,612	\$414,479	\$0	\$0	\$0
	City Sewer Hook Up 667-1 ER	BRINLEY TERRACE 667-01	\$438,650	\$0	\$0	\$48,482	\$390,169	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Patio Expansion / Tree Removal / Slider Replacement	BRINLEY TERRACE 667-01	\$51,572	\$0	\$4,050	\$45,341	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Front and Rear Entry Door Replacement	RED PINE TERRACE 705-01	\$132,197	\$0	\$0	\$64,457	\$67,741	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Bulkhead Replacement	RED PINE TERRACE 705-01	\$45,375	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,375	\$0	\$0	\$0

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	fy2024 Spent	fy2024 Planned	fy2025	fy2026	fy2027	fy2028
•	Window Replacement Development Wide Phase 1	BRINLEY TERRACE 667-01	\$253,798	\$0	\$0	\$26,936	\$226,863	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Window Replacement Phase 2	BRINLEY TERRACE 667-01	\$204,770	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$48,524
•	Community Room Floor Replacement	BRINLEY TERRACE 667-01	\$25,826	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,030	\$10,797
•	Siding Replacement - Updates	RED PINE TERRACE 667-02	\$260,788	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,418	\$242,296	\$9,076

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

FUNDS IN ADDITION TO ANNUAL FORMULA FUNDING AWARD

Cap Hub	Project Name	DHCD Special	Special DHCD Awards			Other Funding				
Project Number		Award Comment	Emergency	Compliance	Sustain-	Special	CDBG	СРА	Operating	Other
			Reserve	Reserve	ability	Awards			Reserve	Funds
301019	FF AERP Roofing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,996
	689									
301024	FF: Bulkhead		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,160	\$0
	replacement									
301059	ARPA Targeted	ARPA Targeted	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$510,090	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Award: Fire Alarm									
	Rplcmt 667-2 &									
	689-1									
301061	City Sewer Hook	septic	\$438,650	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Up 667-1 ER	replacement/town								
		sewer connection								

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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.

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

- The TDC for a proposed project exceeds the Cap Share for a single year and it doesn't make sense to spread it
- We have urgent projects that require excess spending in year 1 or 2.

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

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.

Tyngsborough Housing Authority has not requested additional funding.

3. Overall goals of the Housing Authority's CIP

Our capital plan primarily focuses on protecting the building envelope. We are also trying to focus on energy efficiency by adding a large window project in . Due to the cost of this project it had to be broken down into 2 phases for our 667-1. A additional community room flooring project and a siding project in the out years of the plan.

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:

A additional community room flooring project and a siding project in the out years of the plan. The window project remains in the plan.

5. Requirements of previous CIP approval

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

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6. Quarterly capital reports

Our most recent quarterly capital report (form 80 and 90) was submitted on 06/30/2023.

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 .

8. Project priorities

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

9. High priority deficiencies

We have included all of our high priority (CPS priority 1 and 2) projects in our CIP.

10. Accessibility

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

11. Special needs development

Tyngsborough 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 10/21/2023.

12. Energy and water consumption

Our 12 most recent monthly energy reports are for months 8/2022 to 7/2023.

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

No developments exceed threshold values.

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13. Energy or water saving initiatives

Tyngsborough 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.

AP-2025-Tyngsborough Housing Auth-00950 had an energy audit under the Low-Income Energy Affordability Network (LEAN) program on 03/04/2018

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.)

3% c. 667 (DHCD Goal 2%)

0% c. 200 (DHCD Goal 2%)

0% c. 705 (DHCD Goal 2%)

Tyngsborough Housing Authority will address the excess vacancies in the following manner: The maintenance staff is work on the vacancy rate in house.

15. Other comments

N/A

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 2025 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 Answering Service	978-649-9941	24-7		
Call LHA at Phone Number	978-649-9941	M-F 9:00am - 2:00pm		

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 Tyngsborough 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
Elevator stoppage or entrapment
Inoperable refrigerator

Normal Maintenance Request Process

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

METHOD	CONTACT INFO.	TIMES
Text Phone Number		
Call Answering Service	978-649-9941	24-7
Call Housing Authority Office	978-649-9941	M-F 9:00am - 2:00pm
Submit Online at Website		
Email to Following Email		
Other		

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:

Work order classification used:

Emergency	
Vacancy	
Preventative	
Maintenance	
Routine	
Inspections	
Tenant Requests	·

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.	V
2	Maintenance Requests logged into the work system	✓
3	Work Orders generated	\checkmark
4	Work Orders assigned	✓
5	Work Orders tracked	\checkmark
6	Work Orders completed/closed out	✓
7	Maintenance Reports or Lists generated	✓

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

We use PHA Network for work orders, all types. However, we have no deferred this year as we have cleared them all out.

Maintenance Plan Narrative

Following are Tyngsborough 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?

No issues everything is getting done and everyone seems happy.

- B. Narrative Question #2: What changes have you made to maintenance operations in the past year?
 - Weekly meetings with maintenance to discuss what is going on and talk about what upcoming work.
- C. Narrative Question #3: What are your maintenance goals for this coming year?

To have maintenance staff that works well together to continue the good work performance and do some updating of the properties (i.e. painting).

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	\$185,891.00	\$70,669.00
Last Fiscal Year Actual Spending	\$221,318.00	\$62,765.00
Current Fiscal Year Budget	\$206,248.00	\$63,960.00

E. Unit Turnover Summary

# Turnovers Last Fiscal Year	16
Average time from date vacated to	
make Unit "Maintenance Ready"	13 days
Average time from date vacated to	
lease up of unit	19 days

Attachments

These items have been prepared by the Tyngsborough 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.

Tyngsborough Housing Authority Maintenance Plan

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Housing Authority General Maintenance & Repair Statement of Priorities

- I. <u>Emergencies</u> 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. <u>Vacancy Refurbishment</u> 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. <u>Preventive Maintenance</u> 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. <u>Programmed Maintenance</u> Work which is important and is completed to the greatest extent possible within time and budget constraint. Programmed maintenance is grouped and scheduled to make their completion as efficient as possible. Sources of programmed maintenance include:
 - 1. 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.)
 - 2. <u>Inspections</u> are the other source of programmed maintenance.
 - Inspections are visual and operational examinations of parts of our property to determine their condition.
 - All dwelling units, buildings and properties must be inspected at least annually.
 - Goal: Inspection 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. <u>Requested Maintenance</u> 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.

Note: If the LHA has any examples, please list them below with any other additional comments. Additional LHA comments/content:

Emergency Response System-Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) (2 pages)

Emergency Response System - Two Key Parts:

- 1) System for responding to Emergencies: There exists an after-hours on call system to respond to emergency maintenance requests 24 hours a day and the system documents the results of that response.
- 2) Distributed Definition of What an Emergency is: LHA maintains a list (see list below) of items that are considered an emergency. Residents, staff and call service should have a clear definition of what an emergency is.

System for Responding to Emergencies:

1. Does your LHA have a 24-hour system for responding to emergencies?

YES	NO
X	

2. List of Emergencies.

The following is a list of matters that DHCD and the State Sanitary Code the [THA] deems an Emergency. If you have any questions regarding this list or other matters that may constitute an Emergency, please contact the [THA] main office.

EMERGENCY
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
Sewer or toilet blockage
Smoke/CO Detectors Inoperable or beeping
Roof leak
Security lock failure (door or window)
Lock outs
No heat or no hot water
Inoperative refrigerator
Snow or ice hazard conditions
Sewer pumping station trouble

NOT CONSIDERED EMERGENCIES		
Faucet Dripping	A Hole in the Wall	
Closet Door off Track	The Door Squeaks	
Screen Has Hole in it	There are Cob Webs in the Corner	
Stove Burner is not Working	The Paint is Peeling	

3. How can tenants get in contact with the LHA if they have an **Emergency** at any time day or night? (Complete all that apply and fill in the accompanying details)

METHOD	CONTACT INFO.	TIMES
Can Call LHA office number if no one	978-649-9941	24 hours 7 days a week
in the office or busy call switches to		
live answering service		Office is open M-F 9:00 am -2:00
		pm ·

4. Has LHA distributed this Emergency Contact procedure to:

	YES	NO
Tenants	X	
Staff	X	

Normal Maintenance Response System-Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

Non-Emergency Response System:

• 1) System for Responding to **Non-Emergencies**: There exists a contact system to respond to **Non-Emergency** maintenance requests the system documents the results of that response.

System for Responding to Non-Emergencies:

1. Does your LHA have a system for responding to normal maintenance (Non-emergencies)?

YES	NO
Χ	

2. How can tenants get in contact with the LHA if they have a **Non-emergency** at any time day or night? (check all that apply and fill in the accompanying details)

METHOD	CONTACT INFO.	TIMES	
Can Call LHA at Phone Number		24 hours a day they can leave a message for non-emergencies	
Or walk in- During Business Hours		M-F 9:00am - 2:00 pm	

3. Has LHA distributed this Contact procedure to:

	YES	NO
Tenants	Х	
Staff	Х	

Maintenance Plan Narrative

Narrative Question	How would you assess your Maintenance Operations based on feedback your
# 1	received from staff, tenants, DHCD (PMR & AUP), and any other sources?

We've received no complaints from tenants on our maintenance operations. Our PMR revealed we need to focus more attention to our paper trail which we are actively working on. Including the creation of this maintenance plan document.

Narrative Question	What changes have you made to maintenance operations since your last
# 2	Annual Plan submission?

We now have a full staff and a full-time maintenance person that has been trained to do inspections so once we are caught up on vacancies and other maintenance issue, we are behind on he will be doing inspections.

Narrative Question # 3	What are your maintenance goals for this coming year?
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We are focusing on following and documenting our new maintenance plan.

Maintenance Budget Summary			
	Overall Budget	Extraordinar y Maintenanc e	Date
Current Fiscal Year Budget	187,022	79,000	9/20/20
Current Fiscal Year Spent to date	95,623	33,982	7/31/20
This upcoming Fiscal year Budget			

Unit Turnover Summary	
# Turnovers last Fiscal year	19
Average time to make Unit "Maintenance	120
Ready"	
Average time to Lease –up unit	120

Additional LHA comments/content:			

Work Order Management

LHA Uses the following type of Work Order System to	record an	d track all work completed.
Type of Work Order System	Check One	Comments
Computer Software System-Web Based (e.g. PHA Network, HAB, PHA-Web, etc.)	X	PHA Network
Computer Software System-Non-Web based (e.g. SHARP (MS Access), MS Excel, MS Word, etc.)		
Manual System—Please specify in Comments section		
Other-Please Specify in Comments section		

Work orders are created using the following types/categories: (check all that apply)	
Emergency	X
Vacancy	X
Preventive Maintenance	X
Inspections	X
Routine	X
Tenant/Management Requests x	

Work Order Process:

Step	Step Description	YES/NO
1	Maintenance Request taken/submitted per the Standard Operating procedures above	X
2	Maintenance Requests logged into a computerized system or manual log	X
3	Maintenance Report(s) or List(s) generated	X
4	Work Orders Generated	X
5	Work Orders Assigned	X
6	Work Orders Tracked	X
7	Work Orders Completed/Closed Out	X

If the above process differs for any of the categories of Work Orders please describe how the
process differs:

Emergency Definition and List

(This list is distributed to all tenants and answering service)

If you have a medical, police, or fire emergency, you need to call 911 immediately

Emergency definition and lists

Definition of a maintenance emergency – A condition that is immediately threatening to the life and safety of residents, staff, or structures.

The following is the minimum list of emergencies that should be <u>called out to maintenance</u> for immediate repair:

Examples of Emergencies to be called out

- 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
- 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
- Sewer Pumping Station Trouble
- Inoperative Refrigerator

If a tenant has an emergency they should call (978)649-9941___

If after hours, weekends or holidays your call will be switched to the Housing Authorities answering service. The answering service will contact a member of our staff to respond to the emergency.

If you have a medical, police, or fire emergency, you need to call 911 immediately

The answering service will contact a member of our staff to respond to the emergency.

Work Order Definitions and Types in Priority Order

- I. Emergencies Work which must be done immediately.
 - Emergencies should be narrowly defined as only those conditions which are **immediately threatening** to the life or safety of your residents, staff, or structures.
- II. <u>Vacancy Refurbishment</u> Work necessary to make empty units ready for new tenants.
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 - Sources of programmed maintenance
 - i. Routine Work includes those tasks that need to be done on a regular basis to keep your physical property in good shape. (Mopping, Mowing, Raking, Trash, etc.)
 - ii. <u>Inspections</u> are the other source of programmed maintenance.
 - ♣ Inspections are visual and operational examinations of parts of your property to determine their condition.
 - ♣ All dwelling units, buildings and properties must be inspected at least annually.
- VI. 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 should have the lowest priority for staff assignment, but should ideally be attended to **within three to seven days**.

Tyngsborough Housing Authority Deferred Maintenance Policy

If, during routine annual inspections or any other inspection of property or as may be reported, routine work items are identified that are not determined to be detrimental to the health and safety of residents, the Tyngsborough Housing Authority (THA) may classify such work items as "deferred", principally due to budget constraints or personnel limitations. Deferred maintenance consists of maintenance work items that do not affect resident health or safety that were not timely completed, and which are not immediately acted upon by creation of a work order but delayed for completion at a future point in time when THA may have the financial and/or personnel resources to do so. Examples of deferred work items may include, but are not limited to:

Outside seasonal work that can't get completed due to time constraints of the weather as long as not a hazard.

Replacement of countertop and cabinets that are worn but structurally sound.

Replacement of worn flooring that is not a trip hazard.

Re-glazing of slightly worn tub liners.

Difficulty finding parts/supplies to repair or replace issue.

Only the Maintenance Foreman/Supervisor, the Executive Director or can determine if a maintenance work item will be deferred. THA will keep a record on file of all deferred maintenance work items. No work item will be deferred if the work is determined necessary for resident health and safety.

The housing authorities record of deferred maintenance items will be reviewed by the Maintenance Foreman/Supervisor on an annual basis to ensure that no deferred work item has become a resident health and safety issue.

The THA's Modernization and Procurement Director will review each development's deferred maintenance record prior to creating THA's capital planning budget for each fiscal year to determine if any deferred work items need to be grouped together to be considered for larger modernization projects. Deferred work items can and will be completed through the MHA's capital planning program. Capital planning is the upgrading or replacement of facilities, major building systems, and supportive infrastructures, recognizing the debilitating effect of the aging process on buildings, and building systems and mechanicals. Capital planning addresses physical deterioration related to long-term use, the need for facility renewal due to technological obsolescence, the replacement of functionally inadequate building, and the upgrading of building components that are no longer capable of adequately performing their functions. Deferred Maintenance work items will be kept in an "open" classification until each individual work item is completed.

Deferred Maintenance Plan

By definition, **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. <u>Items Best Completed When Unit is Vacant</u>

Example: A unit should have its heating pipes replaced, or heat and smoke detectors hard
wired, or electrical service upgraded. Any of these items for one unit would likely be too
small a project to be added to CIP but should be done when the unit becomes vacant. They
would be added to our Deferred Maintenance Plan and then completed when the unit
becomes vacant.

2. Seasonal Items are items that cannot be completed because of the season.

• Example: Tree and shrub trimming would not be done while there is snow on the ground. This would be added to your Deferred Maintenance Plan and completed when the season permits.

3. Lack of Funding

Example: During an inspection, the property manager noticed that the common hallway
needs 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 item is moved to the
"Deferred Maintenance Plan". It will be completed as the operating budget is built back up
and the maintenance staff are able to commit time for the minor project.

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

 Example: A plumber is required to repair 10 leaking diverter valves that were discovered during inspections. It is more efficient to group these work orders together for your plumber. These work orders will be deferred until the plumber can be scheduled to do them all at once.

5. Vacancy Crisis

There has been a large increase in vacancies in a short period of time and all available
maintenance staff are currently involved in getting the vacancies turned over and ready to
be rented. As the backlog of vacant units are completed, the maintenance staff will be able
to complete the Deferred Maintenance List.

6. Organizational and Upkeep Tasks

• Example: Stockroom needs to be cleaned out and reorganized. Any tasks that occur infrequently enough that they don't fall under the category of routine work orders.

The following examples show when items will not be added to the Deferred Maintenance List:

1. <u>Life & Safety Items:</u> If the deficiency is a life or safety hazard, it must not be moved to a Deferred Maintenance Plan. Emergency repairs are top priority and must be repaired before any other maintenance.

- 2. <u>Work order backlog</u> The deferred maintenance list is not to be used as a catch all for work orders that are not completed in a timely manner.
- 3. **Small/Minor Items:** for example, one cracked tile would not be an item worth adding to the Deferred Maintenance Plan.

When an item is added to the Deferred Maintenance List, the following information is filled in as much as possible:

- Item
- Date Added to Deferred Maintenance Plan
- Item Description
- Location or Unit Number
- Reason Deferred
- Estimated Costs
- Materials Needed
- Original Work Order Number
- Target Completion Date
- Actual Completion Date
- Other Comments

The Deferred Maintenance List will be reviewed at least weekly in a meeting that involves maintenance and the Executive Director and / or Property Managers. In this meeting, upcoming tasks to be completed within the next week or two are identified, and reprioritized.

Vacant Unit Turnover Procedure

Meet Executive Director at unit to identify work to be done and if all to be done in house or use contractors.

General:

- Remove any / all tenant belongings
- Remove switch plate covers, outlet covers, light fixtures, cabinet hardware, door hardware, and soak and clean or replace any damaged material.
- Remove any carpet and/or flooring to be replaced along with any vinyl baseboards
- Remove window shades
- Remove any doors that may need replacing and replace with new doors. (Solid core preferred)
- Clean walls and ceilings. Repair and patch walls and ceilings as needed.
- Paint walls and ceilings (woodwork, cabinets, windows, doors) as needed.

Kitchen:

- Thoroughly clean all cabinets, countertops, kitchen sink, plumbing fixtures. (Replace and or repair faucet and plumbing as needed)
- Repair or replace cabinets, cabinet doors, and/or counter top as needed.
- Thoroughly clean kitchen vent and replace filter or replace vent if needed.
- Remove or clean thoroughly refrigerator and stove.
 - Stove Replace drip pans, inoperable burners, remove dials and soak and clean, clean oven and stove surface. Recalibrate oven. Check and replace gaskets if needed.
 - Refrigerator Remove racks and clean. Clean inside of refrigerator and freezer thoroughly. Check temperature.

Bathroom:

- If replacing toilet with low flow, remove toilet.
- If not replacing toilet, remove toilet seat and replace with new seat and leave the plastic on the seat. Check that toilet is secure and seal is intact. Check water supply.
- Check all plumbing fixtures: Shower and tub valves are working correctly and is not leaking. Sink
 faucet works correctly and is not leaking. Check drain for leaks. Repair all leaks. Check tub and
 sink stoppers are in good working order.
- Replace any soap dishes, tooth brush holders, toilet paper holder, shower curtain rod, towel bars, and grab bars as needed.
- Re-grout any tiles as needed. Re-caulk tub to walls and to floor. Re-caulk sink to wall as needed.
- Clean all tiles, both walls and floor.
- Clean bathroom sink, tub, and all fixtures.
- Repair or replace bathroom vanity and medicine cabinet thoroughly.
- Remove and clean exhaust.

General to Complete Turnover:

- Repair or replace any VCT/Vinyl flooring if needed.
- Strip and wax any flooring as needed.
- Repair carpets as needed. Shampoo or replace carpets.

- Replace any vinyl baseboards that may have been removed.
- Wash clean all windows.
- Replace all window shades.
- Replace locks to unit.

Keep Executive Director informed of progress so incoming tenant can be notified of occupancy date.

Work on vacancies should be done after emergency work orders, snow removal, etc. and incorporated within daily schedule to be completed in a timely manner – one week if the senor vacancy is in good condition.

Preventive Maintenance Program and Schedule

January

- Daily: Check and fill Ice melt buckets.
- **Daily:** Check all walkways and parking lots for icy conditions and treat with ice melt as necessary.
- Daily: Snow and Ice removal as needed of parking lots, building entrances, stairs and all walkways.
- Daily: Check and empty if needed all common area and bathroom trash cans.
- Daily: Vacuum and wash all common area and bathroom floors.
- Daily: Clean common bathrooms.
- Weekly: Check and fill gas/diesel containers for snow blowers and bobcat.
- Weekly: Check all boilers and hot water heaters for proper pressure and operation.
- **Weekly:** Check and clean sewer pump, check chemicals and pumps operation as well as automatic dialer.
- Monthly: Check fluid levels in trucks and bobcat.
- Monthly: Flush hot water tanks and circulators.

February

- Daily: Check and fill Ice melt buckets.
- Daily: Check all walkways and parking lots for icy conditions and treat with ice melt as necessary.
- Daily: Snow and Ice removal as needed of parking lots, building entrances, stairs and all walkways
- Daily: Check and empty if needed all common area and bathroom trash cans.
- Daily: Vacuum and wash all common area and bathroom floors.
- Daily: Clean common bathrooms.
- Weekly: Check and fill gas/diesel containers for snow blowers and bobcat.
- Weekly: Check all boilers and hot water heaters for proper pressure and operation.
- **Weekly:** Check and clean sewer pump, check chemicals and pumps operation as well as automatic dialer.
- Monthly: Check fluid levels in trucks and bobcat.
- Monthly: Flush hot water tanks and circulators.

March

- Daily: Check and fill Ice melt buckets.
- Daily: Check all walkways and parking lots for icy conditions and treat with ice melt as necessary.
- **Daily:** Snow and Ice removal as needed of parking lots, building entrances, stairs and all walkways.
- Daily: Check and empty if needed all common area and bathroom trash cans.

- Daily: Vacuum and wash all common area and bathroom floors.
- Daily: Clean common bathrooms.
- Weekly: Check and fill gas/diesel containers for snow blowers and bobcat.
- Weekly: Check all boilers and hot water heaters for proper pressure and operation.
- **Weekly:** Check and clean sewer pump, check chemicals and pumps operation as well as automatic dialer.
- Monthly: Check fluid levels in trucks and bobcat.
- Monthly: Flush hot water tanks and circulators.
- Quarterly generator inspections performed by Weston & Sampson.
- Maintenance staff will start exterior inspection and repairs for windows, screens, benches, etc.
- Inspect, clean and repair gutters from winter damage.
- Weather permitting the maintenance staff will start removing accumulated sand from walkways and parking lots.

April

- Daily: Check and fill Ice melt buckets.
- Daily: Check all walkways and parking lots for icy conditions and treat with ice melt as necessary.
- **Daily:** Snow and Ice removal as needed of parking lots, building entrances, stairs and all walkways.
- Daily: Check and empty if needed all common area and bathroom trash cans.
- Daily: Vacuum and wash all common area and bathroom floors.
- Daily: Clean common bathrooms.
- Weekly: Check and fill gas/diesel containers for snow blowers and bobcat.
- Weekly: Check all boilers and hot water heaters for proper pressure and operation.
- **Weekly:** Check and clean sewer pump, check chemicals and pumps operation as well as automatic dialer.
- Monthly: Check fluid levels in trucks and bobcat.
- Monthly: Flush hot water tanks and circulators.
- Weather permitting maintenance will start removing broken limbs, litter, etc. from all THA sites.
- Maintenance staff will complete exterior inspections and repairs for windows, screens, benches, etc.
- Maintenance will start trimming any tree/bush limbs that pose a hazardous condition.
- Sweep parking lots and walkways.
- Brinley Terrace septic tanks pumped by Action King.
- Inspect roofs.
- Take out snow markers for the season.
- Put all parking spot curbs back in all parking lots.
- Check and fill gas containers for lawnmowers.
- Prepare/service lawnmowers for the season.
- Prep snow blowers for storage.
- Put plows away for the season.
- Check the condition of all flags from the winter and replace if needed.

May

- Daily: Check and empty if needed all common area and bathroom trash cans.
- Daily: Vacuum and wash all common area and bathroom floors.
- Daily: Clean common bathrooms.
- Weekly: Check and fill gas/diesel containers for lawn mowers and bobcat.
- Weekly: Check all boilers and hot water heaters for proper pressure and operation.
- **Weekly:** Check and clean sewer pump, check chemicals and pumps operation as well as automatic dialer.
- Monthly: Check fluid levels in trucks and bobcat.
- Monthly: Flush hot water tanks and circulators.
- Weather permitting maintenance will start making repairs to landscaping that was damaged by snow plows. Including spreading loam and seed if needed.
- All parking lot damages will be repaired.
- Weather permitting all common area sites will have grass cut and weed whacking done.
- Put out grill, fill propane tank and put out picnic tables.
- Put all ice melt buckets away.
- Wash all common area and office windows.
- Annual apartment inspections.
- Install all common area A/C's. (After the 15th)

<u>June</u>

- Daily: Check and empty if needed all common area and bathroom trash cans.
- Daily: Vacuum and wash all common area and bathroom floors.
- Daily: Clean common bathrooms.
- Weekly: Check and fill gas/diesel containers for lawn mowers and bobcat.
- Weekly: Check all boilers and hot water heaters for proper pressure and operation.
- **Weekly:** Check and clean sewer pump, check chemicals and pumps operation as well as automatic dialer.
- Monthly: Check fluid levels in trucks and bobcat.
- Monthly: Flush hot water tanks and circulators.
- Quarterly generator inspections performed by Weston & Sampson.
- Cut grass and weed whack as needed.
- Wash all common area and office windows.
- Check lawn equipment, oil, grease and repair as needed.
- Repaint lines, fire lanes, parking spot lines and numbers for parking spaces.
- Annual bee, wasp and ant spraying by Pro-Pest.
- Shut heat off in common areas and common hallways. (After the 15th)

July

- Daily: Check and empty if needed all common area and bathroom trash cans.
- Daily: Vacuum and wash all common area and bathroom floors.
- Daily: Clean common bathrooms.
- Weekly: Check and fill gas/diesel containers for lawn mowers and bobcat.
- Weekly: Check all boilers and hot water heaters for proper pressure and operation.
- Weekly: Check and clean sewer pump, check chemicals and pumps operation as well as automatic dialer.
- Monthly: Check fluid levels in trucks and bobcat.
- Monthly: Flush hot water tanks and circulators.
- Cut grass and weed whack as needed.
- Trim shrubs as needed.
- Check lawn equipment, oil, grease and repair as needed.
- Sand and paint benches as necessary.
- Annual Fire Alarm and emergency light testing by BEF.
- Annual sprinkler testing at Red Pine senior building and 130 Coburn Rd by New England Fire and Sprinkler.
- Annual Fire extinguisher Inspection by Impact Fire.

<u>August</u>

- Daily: Check and empty if needed all common area and bathroom trash cans.
- Daily: Vacuum and wash all common area and bathroom floors.
- Daily: Clean common bathrooms.
- Weekly: Check and fill gas/diesel containers for lawn mowers and bobcat.
- Weekly: Check all boilers and hot water heaters for proper pressure and operation.
- **Weekly:** Check and clean sewer pump, check chemicals and pumps operation as well as automatic dialer.
- Monthly: Check fluid levels in trucks and bobcat.
- Monthly: Flush hot water tanks and circulators.
- Cut grass and weed whack as needed.
- Check lawn equipment, oil, grease and repair as needed.
- Annual Inventory check list of maintenance equipment.

September

- **Daily:** Check and empty if needed all common area and bathroom trash cans.
- Daily: Vacuum and wash all common area and bathroom floors.
- Daily: Clean common bathrooms.
- Weekly: Check and fill gas/diesel containers for lawn mowers and bobcat.
- Weekly: Check all boilers and hot water heaters for proper pressure and operation.

- Weekly: Check and clean sewer pump, check chemicals and pumps operation as well as automatic dialer.
- Monthly: Check fluid levels in trucks and bobcat.
- Monthly: Flush hot water tanks and circulators.
- Cut grass and weed whack as needed.
- Check lawn equipment, oil, grease and repair as needed.
- Elevator at Red Pine annual inspection/service.
- Quarterly generator inspections performed by Weston & Sampson.

October

- Daily: Check and empty if needed all common area and bathroom trash cans.
- Daily: Vacuum and wash all common area and bathroom floors.
- Daily: Clean common bathrooms.
- Weekly: Check and fill gas/diesel containers for lawn mowers and bobcat.
- Weekly: Check all boilers and hot water heaters for proper pressure and operation.
- Weekly: Check and clean sewer pump, check chemicals and pumps operation as well as automatic dialer.
- Monthly: Check fluid levels in trucks and bobcat.
- Monthly: Flush hot water tanks and circulators.
- Cut grass and weed whack as needed.
- Start leaf removal at all sites.
- Start trimming tree limbs as needed.
- Service snow equipment. Clean, oil, grease prep and repair as needed. Including Plows.
- Check and fill gas/diesel containers for snow blowers and bobcat.
- Put grill and picnic tables away.
- Order and pickup ice melt.

November

- Daily: Check and fill Ice melt buckets.
- Daily: Check all walkways and parking lots for icy conditions and treat with ice melt as necessary.
- **Daily:** Snow and Ice removal as needed of parking lots, building entrances, stairs and all walkways.
- Daily: Check and empty if needed all common area and bathroom trash cans.
- Daily: Vacuum and wash all common area and bathroom floors.
- Daily: Clean common bathrooms.
- Weekly: Check and fill gas/diesel containers for snow blowers and bobcat.
- **Weekly:** Check all boilers and hot water heaters for proper pressure and operation.
- Weekly: Check and clean sewer pump, check chemicals and pumps operation as well as automatic dialer.
- Monthly: Check fluid levels in trucks and bobcat.
- Monthly: Flush hot water tanks and circulators.
- Continue leaf removal.

- Remove parking curbs.
- Put out snow stakes.
- Brinley Terrace septic tanks pumped by Action King.
- Clean gutters at all sites.
- Annual lawn mowing, weed whacking, leaf removal equipment prep for storage: empty gas tank, start engine and run dry until it stalls.

December

- Daily: Check and fill Ice melt buckets.
- **Daily:** Check all walkways and parking lots for icy conditions and treat with ice melt as necessary.
- **Daily:** Snow and Ice removal as needed of parking lots, building entrances, stairs and all walkways.
- Daily: Check and empty if needed all common area and bathroom trash cans.
- Daily: Vacuum and wash all common area and bathroom floors.
- **Daily:** Clean common bathrooms.
- Weekly: Check and fill gas/diesel containers for snow blowers and bobcat.
- Weekly: Check all boilers and hot water heaters for proper pressure and operation.
- **Weekly:** Check and clean sewer pump, check chemicals and pumps operation as well as automatic dialer.
- Monthly: Check fluid levels in trucks and bobcat.
- Monthly: Flush hot water tanks and circulators.
- Quarterly generator inspections performed by Weston & Sampson.
- · Check all outside lighting.

Deferred Maintenance Plan

Item	Date added to Deferred Maintenance Plan	Item Description	Location or Unit Number	Reason Deferred	Estimated Cost	Material Needed	Original Work Order Number	Target Completion Date	Actual Completion Date	Other Comments
Tyngsborough c	urrently has	no Deferre	ed Mainten	ance Items						

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 03/31/2023. It also shows the approved budget for the current year (2024) 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 Tyngsborough Housing Authority operating reserve at the end of fiscal year 2023 was \$317,535.00, which is 84.8% 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 Tyngsborough Housing Authority.

	owned by Tyngsborough Housing Authority.						
REVENUE	REVENUE						
Account Number	Account Class	2023 Approved Revenue Budget	2023 Actual Amounts Received	2024 Approved Revenue Budget	% Change from 2023 Actual to 2024 Budget	2024 Dollars Budgeted per Unit per Month	
3110	Shelter Rent -Tenants	\$606,651.00	\$655,459.00	\$621,363.00	-5.2%	\$470.73	
3111	Shelter Rent - Tenants - Fraud/Retroactive	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	
3115	Shelter Rent -Federal Section 8\MRVP One-time Leased up Rev.	\$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 - Unrestricted	\$351.00	\$3,232.00	\$2,583.00	-20.1%	\$1.96	
3611	Interest on Investments - Restricted	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	
3690	Other Revenue	\$6,055.00	\$5,083.00	\$5,000.00	-1.6%	\$3.79	
3691	Other Revenue - Retained	\$22,500.00	\$18,993.00	\$24,000.00	26.4%	\$18.18	
3692	Other Revenue - Operating Reserves	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	
3693	Other Revenue - Energy Net Meter	\$22,500.00	\$15,944.00	\$24,000.00	50.5%	\$18.18	
3801	Operating Subsidy - EOHLC (4001)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,809.00	100%	\$7.43	
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	
3000	TOTAL REVENUE	\$658,057.00	\$698,711.00	\$686,755.00	-1.7%	\$520.27	

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

EXPENSES 2024 % Change 2024 2023 **Dollars** from 2023 2023 Actual **Approved** Approved Budgeted Actual to Amounts Account Expense Expense 2024 Budget. per Unit per Spent Number Account Class Budget **Budget** Month \$76,597.00 3.3% \$59.96 4110 Administrative Salaries \$76,596.00 \$79,149.00 -100% \$0.00 4120 \$0.00 \$5.840.00 \$0.00 Compensated Absences \$10,000.00 \$963.00 \$10,000.00 \$7.58 4130 Legal 938.4% 4140 Members Compensation \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 0% \$0.00 \$2.42 4150 Travel & Related Expenses \$500.00 \$83.00 \$3,200.00 3755.4% \$6.43 \$8,108.00 4170 Accounting Services \$7,608.00 \$8,492.00 11.6% \$3.41 \$3,780.00 \$3,780.00 \$4,500.00 4171 Audit Costs 19% \$0.00 4180 Penalties & Interest \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 0% 4190 Administrative Other \$23,089.00 \$28,209.00 \$23,497.00 -16.7% \$17.80 \$0.00 4191 Tenant Organization \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 0% \$122,074.00 \$123,079.00 \$128,838.00 \$97.60 4100 TOTAL ADMINISTRATION 4.7% 4310 lWater \$36,892.00 \$50,525.00 \$37,529.00 -25.7% \$28.43 4320 \$64,657.00 \$70,834.00 \$53.66 Electricity \$64,725.00 9.4% \$28,735.00 \$33,405.00 7.3% \$25.31 4330 lGas \$31,143.00 \$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 \$9,400.00 \$10,282.00 \$12,462.00 4390 Other 21.2% \$9.44 Solar Operator Costs \$13,025.00 \$30,686.00 \$23.25 4391 \$32,053.00 135.6% \$0.00 Net Meter Utility Credit (Negative \$-13,025.00 4392 \$0.00 \$0.00 -100% Amount) 4300 TOTAL UTILITIES \$171,737.00 \$156,675.00 \$184,916.00 18% \$140.09

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EXPENSES

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		2023	2023 Actual	2024	% Change	2024 Dollars
		Approved	Amounts	Approved	from 2023	Budgeted per
Account		Expense	Spent	Expense	Actual to	Unit per
Number	Account Class	Budget		Budget	2024 Budget	Month
4410	Maintenance Labor	\$125,253.00	\$122,252.00	\$131,128.00	7.3%	\$99.34
4420	Materials & Supplies	\$27,900.00	\$42,751.00	\$30,200.00	-29.4%	\$22.88
4430	Contract Costs	\$32,738.00	\$56,315.00	\$44,920.00	-20.2%	\$34.03
4400	TOTAL MAINTENANCE	\$185,891.00	\$221,318.00	\$206,248.00	-6.8%	\$156.25
4510	Insurance	\$27,460.00	\$27,167.00	\$30,226.00	11.3%	\$22.90
4520	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$5,656.00	\$5,657.00	\$5,700.00	0.8%	\$4.32
4540	Employee Benefits	\$97,303.00	\$99,500.00	\$106,826.00	7.4%	\$80.93
4541	Employee Benefits - GASB 45	\$0.00	\$46,788.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
4542	Pension Expense - GASB 68	\$0.00	\$7,087.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
4570	Collection Loss	\$0.00	\$581.00	\$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	\$130,419.00	\$186,780.00	\$142,752.00	-23.6%	\$108.15
4610	Extraordinary Maintenance	\$70,669.00	\$62,765.00	\$63,960.00	1.9%	\$48.45
4611	Equipment Purchases - Non	\$28,400.00	\$51,748.00	\$8,190.00	-84.2%	\$6.20
	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	\$239,750.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
4600	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$99,069.00	\$354,263.00	\$72,150.00	-79.6%	\$54.66
4000	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$709,190.00	\$1,042,115.00	\$734,904.00	-29.5%	\$556.75

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SUMMARY

SUMMARY	<u> </u>					
Account Number	Account Class	2023 Approved Budget	2023 Actual Amounts	2024 Approved Budget	% Change from 2023 Actual to 2024 Budget	2024 Dollars Budgeted per Unit per Month
3000	TOTAL REVENUE	\$658,057.00	\$698,711.00	\$686,755.00	-1.7%	\$520.27
4000	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$709,190.00	\$1,042,115.00	\$734,904.00	-29.5%	\$556.75
2700	NET INCOME (DEFICIT)	\$-51,133.00	\$-343,404.00	\$-48,149.00	-86%	\$-36.48
7520	Replacements of Equip Capitalized	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
7540	Betterments & Additions - Capitalized	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
7500	TOTAL NONOPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
7600	EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$-51,133.00	\$-343,404.00	\$-48,149.00	-86%	\$-36.48

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>: <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: Contractual Accounting Services: 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> Penalties and Interest: 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.

4330: 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.

<u>4391: Solar Operator Costs:</u> 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</u>: <u>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: Equipment Purchases Non-Capitalized:</u> 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>: Housing Assistance Payments: This account should be debited with all housing assistance payments paid to landlords for the MRVP program on a monthly basis.
- <u>4801:</u> <u>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 PMRs are conducted for most LHAs on a biennial basis. This year there is no PMR record for this Housing Authority.

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
Staff Certifications and Training	Each LHA must have at least one staff member complete a relevant certification or training During the fiscal year. The number of required trainings varies by LHA size. • No Findings: LHAs completed the required number of trainings Corrective Action: LHAs have not completed any trainings
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

 Paper applications are available, received and entered into CHAMP No Findings: Paper applications are available; And paper applications are date and time stamped correctly; And 90% of new paper applications are entered into CHAMP within 15 calendar days of date/time stamp; And 2% or less of new paper applications are entered more than 30 days after date/time stamp Operational Guidance: Paper applications are available; And paper applications are date and time stamped and entered correctly; And 75% - 89% of new paper applications are entered into CHAMP within 15 calendar days; And 3% - 5% of new paper applications are entered more than 30 days after date/time stamp Corrective Action: Paper applications are not available; Or the LHA has failed to date and time stamp paper applications and/or failed to enter them correctly; Or Less than 75% of new paper applications are entered into CHAMP within 15 calendar days of date/time stamp; Or more than 5% of new paper applications are entered more than 30 days after date/time stamp Vacancies are recorded correctly and occupied using CHAMP No Findings: All vacancies during the fiscal year are recorded in DHCD's Housing Applications Vacancy System within 30 days; And the housed Applicant ID and Pull List ID match between DHCD's Housing Applications Vacancy System and CHAMP for unit occupied during the fiscal year, excluding administrative transfers; And 25% or less of occupied units have data entry errors Operational Guidance: All vacancies during the fiscal year are recorded in DHCD's Housing Applications Vacancy System and CHAMP for units occupied during the fiscal year, excluding administrative transfers; And greater than 25% of occupied units have data entry errors Corrective Action: All vacancies during the fiscal year are not recorded in DHCD's Housing Applications Vacancy System; Or the Housed Applicant ID and Pull List ID do not match (or data is missing) between

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% "Coperational Guidance": 10 to 14.9% "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.
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 violations	DHCD has observed conditions at the LHA's developments and reported health and safety violations. The LHA has certified the number of corrected violations in each category.
Facility Management - Inspection Standards and Practices	
100% Unit Inspections	All units inspected at LHA during FY under review ■ No Findings: 100% of units inspected Corrective Action: Less than 100% of units inspected
LHA Inspections Reports/Work Orders	 Unit inspection reports create, track, and report work orders for inspection repairs, and inspection WOs completed within 30 days or add to DM/CIP No Findings: All inspection work orders/lease violations are created, tracked, and reported; And non-health and safety work orders for inspection repairs/lease violations are completed within 30 days or added to DM/CIP; And health and safety work orders for inspection repairs/lease violations are addressed within 48 hours Operational Guidance: All health and safety inspection work orders/lease violations are created, tracked, reported and completed within 48 hours; And LHA fail to create, track, or report no more than 1 or 2 (based on LHA size) non-EHS (exigent health and safety) deficiencies; Or LHA failed to complete any non-EHS work orders/lease violations appropriately Corrective Action: Any EHS work orders/lease violations not created, tracked, reported, or completed; Or 1 of the following: LHA failed to create, track or report a) More than 1 non-EHS deficiency (small LHA); b) More than 2 non-EHS deficiencies (Medium/Large)
Accuracy of LHA Inspections	 Unit inspection reports accurately reflect necessary repairs No Findings: c.667 unit has less than 2 EHS deficiencies and c.200/705 unit has less than 3 EHS deficiencies Operational Guidance: c.667 unit has 2 EHS deficiencies or c.200/705 has 3 EHS deficiencies Corrective Action: c.667 has equal to or greater than 3 EHS deficiencies or
Facility Management - Vacancy Turnover Standards and Practices	c.200/705 unit has equal to or greater than 4 EHS deficiencies

CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
Vacancy Turnover	Work orders created for every vacancy and completed within 30 days (or
Work Orders	waiver requested)
	No Findings: Vacancy work orders are created, tracked and reported
	for every unit and reflect all work in unit; And Vacancy work orders
	are Maintenance Ready in <=30 days for c.667 units or <=45 days for
	c.200/705 units or have approved waiver
	Operational Guidance: Vacancy work orders are created, tracked and
	reported for every unit; And work orders do not reflect all work
	completed in unit; Or vacancy work orders are Maintenance Ready in 31-45 days for c.667 and 46-60 days for c.200/705 and no approved
	waiver
	Corrective Action: Vacancy work orders are not created, tracked and
	reported for every unit; Or vacancy work orders are Maintenance Ready
	in >45 days for c.667 and >60 days for c.200/705 and have no approved
	waiver
Accuracy and	Vacancy turnover work orders accurately reflect necessary repairs
Standard of Vacancy	No Findings: c.667 unit less than 2 EHS deficiencies and c.200/705
Turnovers	less than 3 EHS deficiencies
	 Operational Guidance: c.667 2 EHS deficiencies or c.200/705 3 EHS deficiencies
	Corrective Action: c.667 equal to or greater than 3 EHS deficiencies or
	c.200/705 equal to or greater than 4 EHS deficiencies
Facility Management	
- Preventative Maintenance	
Standards and	
Practices	
LHA Preventative	LHA preventative maintenance schedule accurately reflects all necessary
Maintenance	work to maximize the life of LHA components
Schedule Accuracy	 No Findings: c.667 unit less than 2 EHS deficiencies and c.200/705
and Implementation	less than 3 EHS deficiencies
of Preventative	Operational Guidance: c.667 2 EHS deficiencies or c.200/705 3 EHS
Schedules	deficiencies
	Corrective Action: c.667 equal to or greater than 3 EHS deficiencies or
	c.200/705 equal to or greater than 4 EHS deficiencies
Work Order Types	
and Systems	All emergency work orders are created, tracked, reported and completed
Emergency Work Orders	within 48 hours
	No Findings: All emergency work orders under review are created,
	tracked, reported and completed within 48 hours
	Operational Guidance: All emergency work orders completed within
	48 hours; Less than 100% but greater than or equal to 80% of work
	orders under review are correctly created, tracked and reported
	administratively

CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
	 Corrective Action: Not all emergency work orders are completed within 48 hours; Or less than 80% of work orders under review are correctly created, tracked and reported administratively
Requested Work Orders	All requested work orders are created, tracked, reported and completed within 14 days or added to DM/CIP
	 No Findings: All requested work orders under review are created, tracked, and reported; All work is complete within 14 days or added to DM/CIP
	 Operational Guidance: All requested work orders completed within 14 days or added to DM/CIP; And less than 100% of work orders under review are correctly created, tracked and reported
	Corrective Action: Not all requested work orders are completed within 14 days or added to DM/CIP

Policies

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

Policy	Last Ratified by Board Vote	Notes
*Rent Collection Policy	06/30/2009	
*Personnel Policy	03/15/2022	
*Capitalization Policy	06/29/2016	
*Procurement Policy	01/18/2018	
*Grievance Policy	10/27/2010	
Pet Policy	01/18/2018	
Smoking Policy	07/28/2021	Smoke-free Housing policy
Other – Define in the 'Notes' column	12/02/2020	Air Conditioner policy
Other – Define in the 'Notes' column	11/28/2012	Attachments to Family Units Exterior Building policy
Other – Define in the 'Notes' column	12/02/2020	Bad Debt Write-off policy
Other – Define in the 'Notes' column	06/30/2021	BBQ Electric and Gas Grill policy
Other – Define in the 'Notes' column	12/02/2020	Board Appearance policy
Other – Define in the 'Notes' column	12/02/2020	Ceiling Fan Policy
Parking	12/02/2020	Parking Areas, Streets and Property policy
Other – Define in the 'Notes' column	06/30/2021	Portable Space Heater policy
Reasonable Accommodations Policy	11/30/2022	

Policy	Last Ratified by Board Vote	Notes
Other – Define in the 'Notes' column	06/30/2021	Snow Removal policy
Other – Define in the 'Notes' column	07/01/2015	Swing Set, Trampolines, Pools and Outside Fire Pit policy
Other – Define in the 'Notes' column	12/02/2020	Yard and Gardening policy
Language Access Plan	12/28/2022	
Fair Housing Marketing Plan	12/28/2022	
Other – Define in the 'Notes' column	06/28/2023	State Public Housing Transfer Policy

^{*} 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

AP-2025-Tyngsborough Housing Auth-00950 has no current waivers from the regulations of the Department of Housing and Community Development (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.

- Public Comments Letter
- Cover sheet for tenant satisfaction surveys
- Tenant Satisfaction Survey 200 and 705 Program



On Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at 5:30 pm a public hearing was held regarding our FY 2025 Annual Plan.

There were no public comments at the meeting, so the board moved to vote and accept the plan.

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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, Fall 2021, and Fall 2022. CSR surveyed all family units in Fall 2020.

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:
 - 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%
 - o 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.

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Chapter 200 & Chapter 705 Family Housing Fall 2020

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

In the Fall of 2020, surveys were sent to 10,163 family housing units (Chapters 200 and 705). 2,124 surveys were filled out and returned.

In the **Tyngsborough Housing Authority**, surveys were sent to a total of **18** Tyngsborough housing units, **8** surveys were completed.

This report provides some information about how the residents from the **Tyngsborough Housing Authority** answered the survey. It compares their answers to those from residents in the entire state and to those from small LHAs in Northeastern Massachusetts. These small LHAs in Northeast Massachusetts include: Bedford, Burlington, Chelmsford, Danvers, Dracut, Essex, Georgetown, Groveland, Hamilton, Haverhill, Lexington, Lowell, Lynnfield, Manchester, Merrimac, Middleton, Nahant, Newburyport, North Andover, North Reading, Reading, Rockport, Rowley, Salisbury, Swampscott, Tewksbury, Topsfield, Wakefield, Wenham, West Newbury, Wilmington. (Please note that survey data may not have been received from each one of these nearby LHAs.)

Communication

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

	Tyngsborough Housing Authority	Small LHAs in Northeastern MA*	Entire State
Felt they were usually or always treated with courtesy and respect when they contacted management	63%	77%	71%
Knew the Executive Director held a meeting with residents	25%	19%	15%

^{*} Small LHAs in Northeastern MA include: Bedford, Burlington, Chelmsford, Danvers, Dracut, Essex, Georgetown, Groveland, Hamilton, Haverhill, Lexington, Lowell, Lynnfield, Manchester, Merrimac, Middleton, Nahant, Newburyport, North Andover, North Reading, Rockport, Rowley, Salisbury, Swampscott, Tewksbury, Topsfield, Tyngsborough, Wakefield, Wenham, West Newbury, Wilmington. (Please note that survey data may not have been received from each one of these nearby LHAs.)

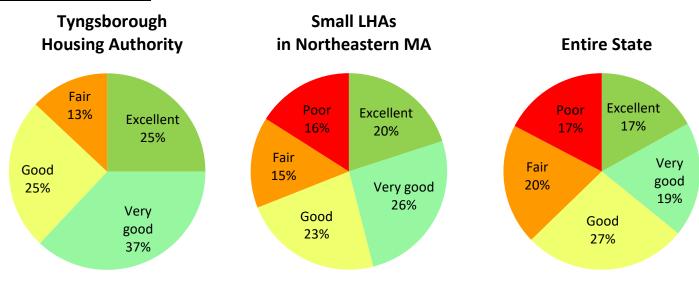
Maintenance and Repair

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

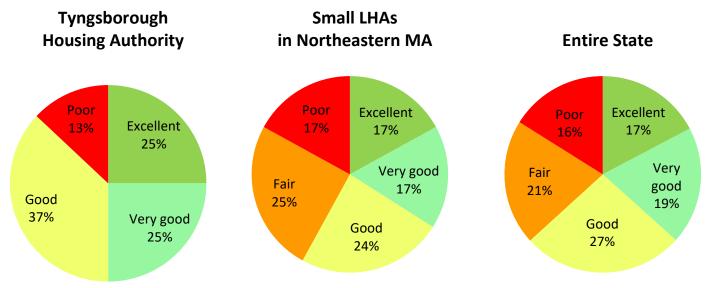
	Tyngsborough Housing Authority	Small LHAs in Northeastern MA	Entire State
Felt they were usually or always treated with courtesy and respect when they contacted maintenance	87%	75%	75%
Were contacted by the Housing Authority before staff entered their apartment	87%	89%	86%

• Overall maintenance: Respondents were asked how they would 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:** One-half of respondents had a problem with their heating and three-quarters had a plumbing problem in the last 12 months.

	Tyngsborough Housing Authority	Small LHAs in Northeastern MA	Entire State
Had any heating problem	50%	53%	56%
Had any water problem	75%	76%	74%

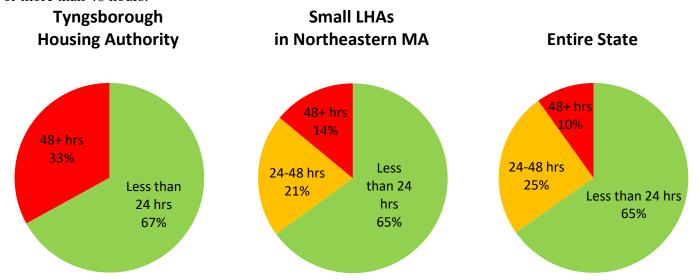
Heating Problems

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 never completely lost heat. The yellow shows who lost heat one time. The orange shows those who lost heat 2-3 times. And the red shows those who lost heat 4 or more times in the last 12 months.



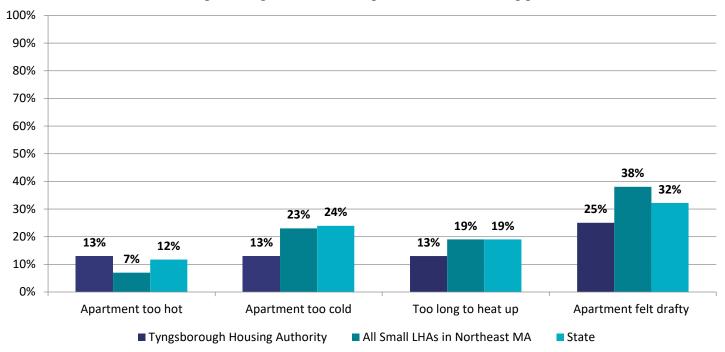
How long did it usually take for heat to come back on? For those respondents who reported completely losing heat, we asked how long it usually took for the heat to come back on – less than 24 hours, 24 - 48 hours, or more than 48 hours.



• Other Heating Problems

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

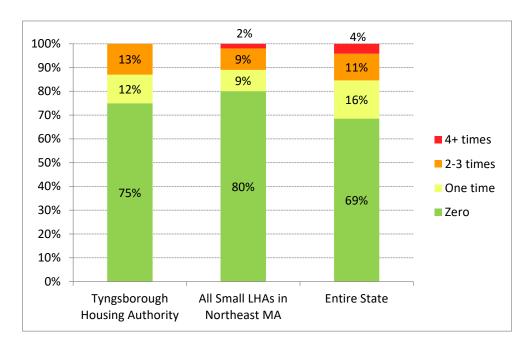
The chart below shows what percentage of residents experienced other heating problems in the last 12 months.



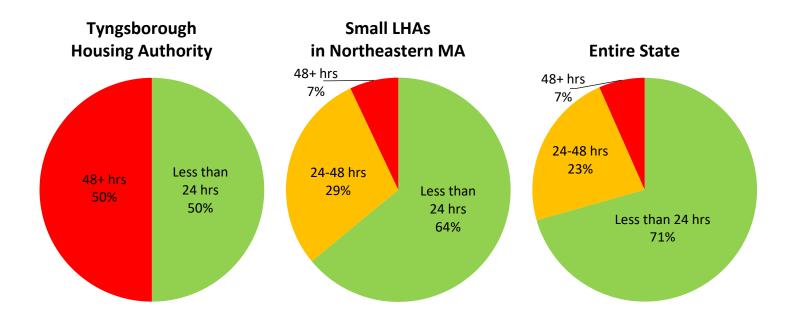
• Water or Plumbing Problems

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

The chart below shows how many times respondents did not have hot water in their apartment in the last 12 months. The green part of the bars shows what percentage of residents never had this problem. The yellow shows who lost hot water one time. The orange shows those who lost hot water 2-3 times. And the red shows those who lost hot water 4 or more times in the last 12 months.



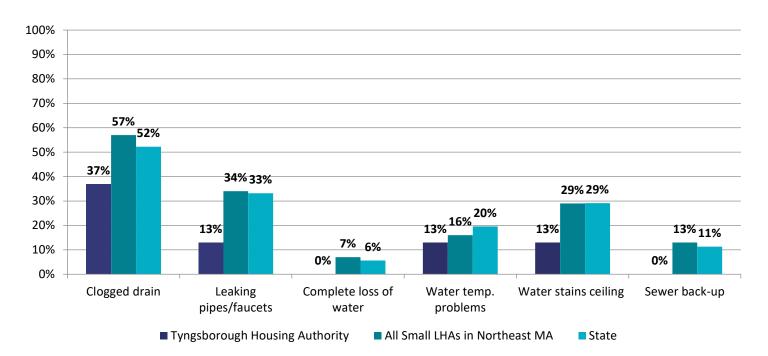
How long did it usually take for hot water to come back on? For those respondents who reported not having hot water in their apartment, we asked how long it usually took for hot water to come back on – less than 24 hours, 24 - 48 hours, or more than 48 hours.



• Other Water or Plumbing Problems

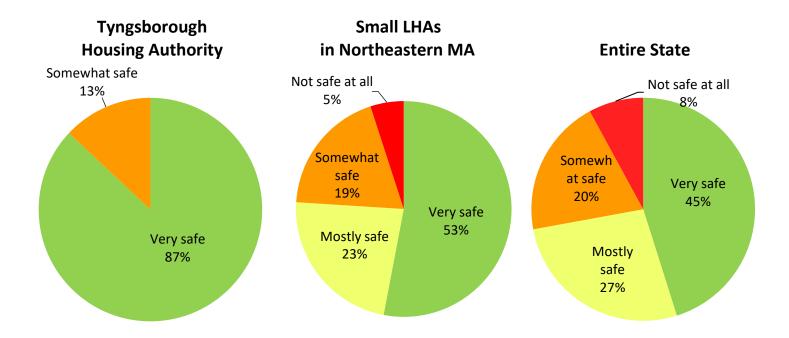
In the last 12 months did residents have other water or plumbing problems?

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

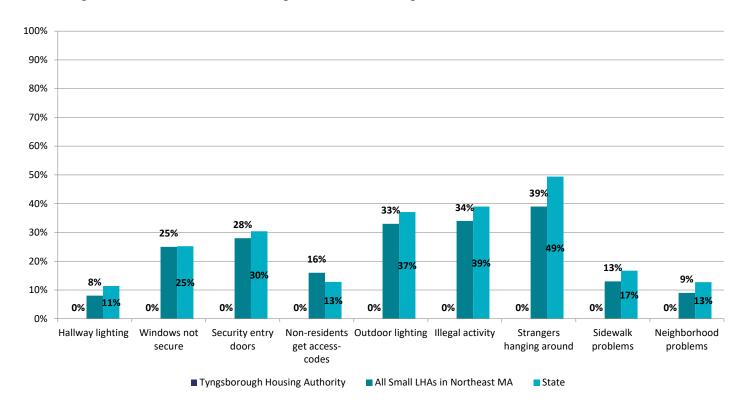


Safety

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*.

