Fall River Housing Authority Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2026 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 Fall River Housing Authority's Annual Plan for their 2026 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. LTO Letter
 - b. Public Comments
 - c. Cover sheet for tenant satisfaction surveys
 - d. Tenant Satisfaction Survey 667 Program
 - e. Performance Management Review

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	Type	Development Name	Num Bldgs	Year Built	Dwelling Units
667-03	Elderly	BISHOP JOSEPH EID 667-03	1	1981	54
705-02	Family	CORKY ROW 705-02	10	1991	24
200-02	Family	MAPLE GARDENS 200-02	51	1949	196
	Other	Special Occupancy units	6		39
Total			68		313

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.

Fall River Housing Authority manages 104 MRVP vouchers.

Federally Assisted Developments

Fall River Housing Authority also manages Federally-assisted public housing developments and/or federal rental subsidy vouchers serving 4504 households.

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LHA Board of Commissioners

	<u>Role</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Jo Ann Bentley	Member		07/15/2020	07/15/2025
Jason Burns	Treasurer	Labor Appointee	11/22/2022	11/22/2027
Stephen R. Long	Chair		01/10/2024	07/12/2028
John Medeiros	Member	State Appointee	08/30/2021	08/01/2026
David Underhill	Vice-Chair	Federal Tenant Rep	06/19/2024	06/19/2029

Local Tenant Organizations

Date ofDate LHA ReviewedRecognition by LHADraft AP with LTO

Joint Tenants - Council 07/20/2011 12/04/2024

Plan History

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

REQ	UIREMENT	DATE	
		COMPLETED	
A.	Advertise the public hearing on the LHA website.	12/05/2024	
В.	Advertise the public hearing in public postings.	12/05/2024	
C.	Notify all LTO's and RAB, if there is one, of the hearing and	12/05/2024	
	provide access to the Proposed Annual Plan.	12/05/2024	
D.	Post draft AP for tenant and public viewing.	12/05/2024	
E.	Hold quarterly meeting with LTO or RAB to review the draft AP.	42/04/2024	
	(Must occur before the LHA Board reviews the Annual Plan.)	12/04/2024	
F.	Annual Plan Hearing. Hosted by the LHA Board, with a quorum of members present. (For Boston, the Administrator will host the hearing.)	01/08/2025	
G.	Executive Director presents the Annual Plan to the Board.	01/08/2025	
H.	Board votes to approve the AP. (For Boston Housing Authority, the Administrator approves and submits the AP.)	01/08/2025	

Certification

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

I, Kevin Sbardella, Executive Director of the Fall River Housing Authority, certify on behalf of the Housing Authority that I have conducted an annual review of all Fall River 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 Fall River 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, Kevin Sbardella, Executive Director of the Fall River 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: 01/24/2025

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

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
		Spending	
Balance of Formula	\$1,796,535.76		Total of all FF awards minus prior FF
Funding (FF)			spending
LHA Emergency Reserve	\$269,480.36		Amount to reserve for emergencies
Net FF Funds (First 3	\$1,527,055.40	\$1,865,118.88	Funds to plan & amount actually planned
Years of the CIP)			in the first 3 years of the CIP
ADA Set-aside	\$21,217.83	\$21,217.83	Accessibility projects
DMH Set-aside	\$116,340.16	\$116,340.16	Dept. of Mental Health facility
DDS Set-aside	\$166,469.16	\$166,469.16	Dept. of Developmental Services facility
Unrestricted Formula	\$1,223,028.24	\$1,561,091.73	Funds awarded by DHCD to be used on
Funding (FF)	<i>ϕ</i> =/==5/6=6:= :	φ = , = 0 = , = 0 = σ	projects selected by the LHA and
			approved by DHCD.
Special DHCD Funding	\$13,420,603.10	\$13,410,603.10	Targeted awards from DHCD
Community Development	\$0.00	\$0.00	Federal funds awarded by a city
Block Grant (CDBG) Funds	·	•	or town for specific projects.
Community Preservation	\$0.00	\$0.00	Community Preservation Act funds awarded
Act (CPA) Funds	·	·	by a city of town for specific projects.
Operating Reserve(OR) Funds	\$35,598.45	\$35,598.45	Funds from the LHA's operating budget.
Other Funds	\$84,484.31	\$84,484.31	Funds other than those in the above
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Total funds and	\$15,067,741.25	\$15,395,804.74	Total of all anticipated funding available
planned spending	\$15,55 <i>7</i> ,7.11.25	713,333,004.74	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)

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

Cap Hub Project Number	Project Name	Development(s)	Total Cost	Amount Spent Prior to Plan	Remaining Planned for 2024	fy2025 Planned	fy2026	fy2027	fy2028	fy2029
	FF: Maple Gardens Kitchens and Baths	MAPLE GARDENS 200-02	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	FF: Kitchen Cabinet and Countertop Replacement - DMH	Stanley Ray Streets 167-01	\$63,920	\$10,833	\$0	\$53,088	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	FF: Vacancy Unit - Reduction - Initiative - 667-03	BISHOP JOSEPH EID 667-03	\$10,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	FF: Replace Failing Fencing - 689-01	STAFFED APTS 689-01	\$16,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,901	\$0	\$0	\$0
	FF: Walkways & Patio Repairs 689-04	BULLOCK ST/OAK GROVE AVE 689-04	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	FF: Replace Failing Fencing - 689-04	BULLOCK ST/OAK GROVE AVE 689-04	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	FF: Bathtub/Shower Replacement	STAFFED APTS 689-01	\$27,500	\$0	\$0	\$2,921	\$24,580	\$0	\$0	\$0
095152	FF: Bathroom Plumbing Fixture Replacement	BATES/ORSWELL 689-03	\$34,000	\$7,071	\$0	\$8,512	\$18,418	\$0	\$0	\$0
095155	FF: Underground Elec phase 3	MAPLE GARDENS 200-02	\$256,827	\$254,110	\$0	\$1,464	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
095165	Replace Roof - DDS	STAFFED APTS 689-01	\$68,286	\$33,162	\$0	\$12,312	\$2,000	\$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	Remaining Planned for 2024	fy2025 Planned	fy2026	fy2027	fy2028	fy2029
095170	Deck Replacement - DMH	Stanley Ray Streets 167-01	\$35,016	\$26,730	\$0	\$8,286	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
095173	Walkways & Fencing Replacement	BULLOCK ST/OAK GROVE AVE 689-04	\$33,280	\$9,847	\$0	\$23,433	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
095177	Gateway Award, ARPA Targeted, Master Meter - Maple Gardens Comprehensive Project	MAPLE GARDENS 200-02	\$10,958,301	\$408,113	\$0	\$292,927	\$10,174,12 1	\$0	\$0	\$0
095178	Interior Flooring, Trim & ADA Improvements - Stanley Ray St	Stanley Ray Streets 167-01	\$16,695	\$0	\$0	\$16,695	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
095179	Interior Flooring, Trim & ADA Improvements - Staffed Apts	STAFFED APTS 689-01	\$305,593	\$220,276	\$0	\$2,408	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
095180	ARPA Targeted- Fall River Fed Pac Panel and Fire Alarm Syst	167-01, 200-02, 667-03, 689-01, 689-02, 689-03	\$923,374	\$14,320	\$0	\$921,702	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
095185	ARPA FF: Security Camera Installation	MAPLE GARDENS 200-02	\$257,700	\$0	\$0	\$33,902	\$223,445	\$0	\$0	\$0
095186	Replacing 689 at 229 Highland Ave	HIGHLAND AVENUE 689-02	\$437,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
095187	DMH - Kitchen Updates	Stanley Ray Streets 167-01	\$18,082	\$0	\$0	\$18,082	\$0	\$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	Remaining Planned for 2024	fy2025 Planned	fy2026	fy2027	fy2028	fy2029
095188	Replace Fire Pump - DHCD ER Request	BISHOP JOSEPH EID 667-03	\$15,750	\$0	\$0	\$15,750	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Install New 2nd Elevator - Bishop Eid	BISHOP JOSEPH EID 667-03	\$1,516,138	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$99,780	\$1,342,563	\$0	\$0
095190	Kitchen Stove/Oven Replacement Bishop EID	BISHOP JOSEPH EID 667-03	\$601,382	\$0	\$0	\$55,612	\$545,770	\$0	\$0	\$0
095191	Replace Original Mechanical AC System	STAFFED APTS 689-01	\$18,299	\$0	\$0	\$3,301	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
095192	Replace Failing Gas Lines - Phase 2024	MAPLE GARDENS 200-02	\$380,700	\$0	\$0	\$149,733	\$114,633	\$0	\$0	\$0
095193	Security Camera Sys Upgrade - Bishop Eid	BISHOP JOSEPH EID 667-03	\$37,056	\$0	\$0	\$14,910	\$22,147	\$0	\$0	\$0
•	Maple Gardens Kitchens and Baths Upgrades-Phase 1	MAPLE GARDENS 200-02	\$831,875	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$44,586	\$353,051	\$434,239
•	Basement Foundation Improvements – Possible Resiliency/Funds	MAPLE GARDENS 200-02	\$408,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$162,120	\$245,981	\$0	\$0

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

FUNDS IN ADDITION TO ANNUAL FORMULA FUNDING AWARD

Cap Hub	Project Name	DHCD Special		Special DHC	D Awards			Other	Funding	
Project Number		Award Comment	Emergency Reserve	Compliance Reserve	Sustain- ability	Special Awards	CDBG	СРА	Operating Reserve	Other Funds
095133	FF: Kitchen Cabinet and Countertop Replacement - DMH	E-Bidding/E-Hostin g rebate for #095133	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$450	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
095146	FF: Vacancy Unit - Reduction - Initiative - 667-03		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,800
095148	FF: Replace Failing Fencing - 689-01		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,600	\$0
095149	FF: Walkways & Patio Repairs 689-04		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
095150	FF: Replace Failing Fencing - 689-04		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
095177	Gateway Award, ARPA Targeted, Master Meter - Maple Gardens Comprehensive Project	gateway cities	\$0	\$400,000	\$0	\$10,443,173	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
095180	ARPA Targeted- Fall River Fed Pac Panel and Fire Alarm Syst	ARPA Targeted	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$922,074	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
095185	ARPA FF: Security Camera Installation	ARPA Formula Funding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$257,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

FUNDS IN ADDITION TO ANNUAL FORMULA FUNDING AWARD

Cap Hub	Project Name	DHCD Special		Special DHC	D Awards		Other Funding			
Project Number		Award Comment	Emergency Reserve	Compliance Reserve	Sustain- ability	Special Awards	CDBG	СРА	Operating Reserve	Other Funds
095186	Replacing 689 at 229 Highland Ave	sale proceeds \$420,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$420,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
095189	Install New 2nd Elevator - Bishop	2nd elevator	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$73,797
095190	Eid Kitchen Stove/Oven	kitchen stove replacement 667-3	\$0	\$601,382	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
095192	Replacement Bishop EID Replace Failing Gas Lines - Phase 2024	master meter	\$0	\$380,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Prepared for Submittal to DHCD

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Narrative

Including Requests to DHCD & Supporting Statements

1. Request for increased spending flexibility.

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

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

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

Projected spending on projects currently in bidding or construction exceeds Cap Share

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.

Fall River Housing Authority has not requested additional funding.

3. Overall goals of the Housing Authority's CIP

The FRHA continuing mission/goals for this upcoming plan the is always to provide "warm, dry and safe" living units to all our residents. We have put forth several projects to upgrade occupied units, and also get vacant units back on-line as well. These projects consist of underground utility upgrades, kitchens, baths and flooring renovations. Which we have been addressing in past and will continue until completed. We were awarded a large "Gateway Grant" and have incorporated many of these issues into a large Comprehensive Project that will benefit all residents of the 200-2 site. We will all be addressing ARPA Targeted Awards - Fall River Fire Alarm at our Developments - In addition we are addressing some ADA concerns at Bishop Eid with a 2nd elevator and addressing Kitchens and Baths Upgrades at Maple Gardens. (We added a Security Cameras project to Maple Gardens as well as New electric stove at Bishop Eid)

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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:

We have added the following project to our Plan - At Maple Gardens (200-02) Maple Gardens Kitchens and Baths Upgrades-Phase 1 - CPS # 095-200-02-0-18-864

5. Requirements of previous CIP approval

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

6. Quarterly capital reports

Our most recent quarterly capital report (form 80 and 90) was submitted on 10/26/2024.

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 11/01/2023.

8. Project priorities

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

9. High priority deficiencies

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

We have exhausted our funding resources at this time. We will address further disparities when additional funds become available.

10. Accessibility

We have identified the following accessibility deficiencies in our portfolio:

We have identified these projects and are addressing them in our CIP

We have incorporated the following projects in our CIP to address accessibility deficiencies: We have a series of ADA projects that are being addressed in this current CIP - They relate to our DDS & DMH facilities.

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11. Special needs development

Fall River 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 09/04/2024.

12. Energy and water consumption

Our 12 most recent monthly energy reports are for months 10/2023 to 9/2024.

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 PUM > Threshold	Gas PUM > Threshold	Oil PUM > Threshold	Water PUM > Threshold
Threshold PUM:	\$100	\$80	\$50	\$60
	705-02	705-02		705-02
				200-02

We have installed low flow toilets, shower heads, and aerators at the 200-02 as well as at the 705-02. We continue to look into replacing natural gas in anyway possible. We continue to discuss energy saving practices frequently.

13. Energy or water saving initiatives

Fall River 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.

Prepared for Submittal to DHCD

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.)

9% c. 667 (DHCD Goal 2%)

10% c. 200 (DHCD Goal 2%)

0% c. 705 (DHCD Goal 2%)

Fall River Housing Authority will address the excess vacancies in the following manner: We have approved waivers for the on going Gateway Project (For all 3 (667, 200, & 705) our vacancy rate over all is at roughly 2%)) This major Gateway project at Maple Gardens 200-02 is for a major rehab and many units are off line due to this.

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.

Additional Remarks by the Fall River Housing Authority PHA-Web

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	508-675-3502	After 4:00pm - 7:30am + Weekends &
Call LHA at Phone Number	508-675-3552	7:30am - 4:00pm Monday thru Friday

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 Fall River 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
Dangerous structural defects
Inoperable smoke/CO detectors, beeping or chirping
Elevator stoppage or entrapment

Normal Maintenance Request Process

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

METHOD	CONTACT INFO.	TIMES
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Call Housing Authority Office	508-675-3552	7:30am - 4:00pm Monday thru Friday
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	\checkmark

Maintenance Plan Narrative

Following are Fall River 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?
 - We have received favorable feedback as tenants have sent us thank you letters complimenting maintenance staff that have provided some type of maintenance service to them.
- B. Narrative Question #2: What changes have you made to maintenance operations in the past year?
 - We have hired 2 new plumbers in the past year and we have increased our maintenance trades vendor list
- C. Narrative Question #3: What are your maintenance goals for this coming year?

To continue to make vacant units ready for occupancy in 29 days or less.

Annual Plan 2026 Maintenance and Repair Plan

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	\$948,966.00	\$0.00
Last Fiscal Year Actual Spending	\$1,113,996.00	\$0.00
Current Fiscal Year Budget	\$917,529.00	\$0.00

E. Unit Turnover Summary

# Turnovers Last Fiscal Year	64
Average time from date vacated to make Unit "Maintenance Ready"	0 days
Average time from date vacated to lease up of unit	0 days

Attachments

These items have been prepared by the Fall River 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.

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Fire Alarm & Sprinkler Systems:

The FRHA contracts with independent contractors for the inspection and testing of these systems.

Small Engine Equipment:

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Vehicle Fleet:

The FRHA has all maintenance vehicles serviced by local service centers on an annual basis.

Security Cameras:

The FRHA has contracted with an independent consultant for the servicing of all cameras and equipment.

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The FRHA does have an after hour on call system to respond to emergency maintenance request twenty four (24) hours a day with a work order system that documents the results of that response.

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1. Annual Inspections:

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Fire, Flooding, Gas odor, Power failure, No heat, Blocked toilet, Blocked drain, No hot water, Smoke/CO detector failure, Lock out, Appliance failure
To be completed (24-48 hours or less)

3. Vacancies:

Any work required to turnover for occupancy as soon as possible. To be completed (30 days or less)

4. Preventative Maintenance:

Quarterly Building & Grounds inspections, annual building system inspections, servicing and testing.

To be completed (30 days or less)

5. Routine:

Weekly cleaning of offices, maintenance areas, laundry rooms, community rooms, grounds, grass cutting and snow removal.

To be completed (7 days or less)

6. Requested:

Resident generated requests.

To be completed (14 days or less)

After Hours Work Order Processing (Monday through Friday 4:00pm - 7:30am Weekends & Holidays)

Summary

If the request for maintenance is reported between 4:00pm and 12:30am including weekends and holidays, the maintenance answering service notifies the Second Shift staff person for work order completion. If the request for maintenance is deemed an emergency in accordance with FRHA guidelines, the second shift staff person will contact the on-call supervisor. The supervisor will travel to the location and initiate the appropriate action to abate the emergency and totally resolve the problem if possible.

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The After Hour work order log is then forwarded to the work order clerk on the next business day to be entered into the work order database.

Work Order Processing (Monday through Friday 7:30am – 4:00pm)

Summary

During regular business hours, the site management office receives requests for work orders, enters all pertinent information into the Work Order database including a job priority code, and generates the work order. Once the work order has been processed in the system, it is distributed to the site Facilities Maintenance Manager/Working Leader who is responsible for coordinating the completion of all work orders for the Development/Amp in a timely fashion based on its priority status. The FMM/Working Leader assigns each work order to a maintenance worker for completion.

From time to time, the Director of Maintenance/Building & Grounds may determine to initiate the work process on an order that has yet to be processed through the computer/work order system. This may happen either due to the emergency status of the job or as a result of staff availability. In such a case, the Director of Maintenance/Building & Grounds will give a directive in lieu of a work order, once the work order is generated, it will be completed and closed out in the system.

Upon receipt of the work order, the staff person goes to the location to begin the job. If the staff person is unable to complete the task, gain access to the unit, or lacks the available parts, they should write the explanation on the work order and inform the FMM/Leader so that arrangements can be made for completion. If the work can be completed, the assigned staff person should fill in the appropriate section of the work order and return to the FMM/Leader so that it can be closed out by the Work Order Clerk in the computer system.

Vehicle Fleet Service Procedure

Objective:

To ensure the safe and continuous operation of all maintenance vehicles listed below:

	2018	F150	White
	2017	F250	White
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	2017	F350	White
X	2016	F250	White Surplus Removed
• •	2014	F350	Green
	2012	F450	White
	2009	F350	Green
	2006	Ranger	Green
	1995	Van	Green
2021 Transit Van (White)			
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Policies & Procedures:

Currently all vehicles receive annual routine maintenance at various service centers.

Reports:

Service Invoices.

Small Equipment Maintenance Procedure

Objective:

To ensure the safe and continuous operation of all maintenance equipment.

Policies & Procedures:

All landscaping equipment is serviced in the winter months and all snow removal equipment is serviced in the summer months by the FRHA independent contractor, currently, **HELGER'S SOUTH COAST POWER EQUIPMENT.**

Reports:

Service Invoices.

Heating System Inspection and Service Procedure

Objective:

To ensure the continuous, efficient operation of the heating systems.

Policies & Procedures:

- 1. Heating systems located in the Family Developments are serviced by in house plumbers on even calendar years.
- 2. Heating systems located in the Elderly Developments are serviced by in house plumbers on odd calendar years.

Any problems identified by the plumbers during servicing are to be reported to the Director of Maintenance.

Reports:

Completed work order.

Elevator Inspection and Service Procedure

Objective:

To ensure the safe and continuous operation of all elevators at the following properties listed below:

Two (2) Bates & Tower

Four (4) Cardinal Medeiros Tower

Two (2) Barresi Heights

Two (2) Cottell Heights

Two (2) Mitchell Heights

Two (2) Oliveira Apartments

Two (2) O'Brien Apartments

Two (2) Holmes Apartments

One (1) Bishop Eid Apartments

Policies & Procedures:

- 1. Daily, the site maintenance staff person will clean the elevator cabs and sills, check the lighting in the cab and replace any burnt out bulbs, check all call buttons, and determine that each elevator is operable. In the event that an elevator is not functioning properly, he/she will report this to the site Facilities Maintenance Manager/Working Leader, who in turn will contact the service contractor, currently, DELTA-BECKWITH.
- 2. The service contractor is responsible for inspecting and servicing each elevator at least twice a month. The tasks to be completed and the frequency for each task are defined in the elevator preventative maintenance agreement.

Reporting:

- 1. The site staff person notes any problem with the elevator cabs or general operation and reports verbally to the Facilities Maintenance Manager/Working Leader.
- **2.** The service contractor is responsible for filling in the Elevator Preventative Maintenance Chart maintained at the time of each servicing.

External Inspection:

Annual inspection performed by State Elevator Inspector.

Emergency Generator

Objective:

To ensure the continuous provision of power to key building systems during electrical power outages.

Policies & Procedures:

The site maintenance person is responsible for monitoring and maintaining a log of the programed weekly test to ensure the continuous provision of power to the development.

Annually, the FRHA electrician along with their independent contractor, currently **RALCO ELECTRIC**, will perform a general inspection.

Any problems identified by the electrician during the inspection are to be reported to the Facilities Management Department.

Reports:

Inspection Report delivered to the Facilities Management Department.

Electrical System Inspection Procedure

Objective:

To ensure the continuous provision of electricity to all Federal and State sites.

Policies & Procedures:

The electricians are responsible for performing all tasks necessary to ensure the continuous provision of electricity to the development.

Annually, the electricians will perform a general inspection of the electrical system including (but not necessarily limited to):

- A. Pulling the main circuitry boards
- B. Checking all circuit breakers and circuit breaker boxes
- C. Checking all main feeders
- D. Tightening all lugs

Any problem identified by the electrician during the inspection are to be reported to the Facilities Management Department.

Reports:

Completed Work Order.

Back Flow Prevention Inspection Procedure

Objective:

To prevent water from flowing back into the water supply.

Policies & Procedures:

- 1. Annually, the local water & sewer department will perform a back flow inspection.
- 2. All repairs or replacement of the back flow valves will be made by a licensed Back Flow Technician.

Reports:

The local water & sewer department will provide a copy of the inspection report.

Roof Inspection and Service Procedure

Objective:

To identify necessary maintenance, repair and replacement of building roofs to minimize damage to facilities resulting from faulty roofing.

Policies & Procedures:

At least quarterly, the Facilities Maintenance Manager/Working Leader will inspect the flat roofs for:

- A. Clogged drains and water standing on the roof;
- B. Debris requiring removal;
- C. Problems with exhaust fans;
- D. Signs of flashing discrepancies;

Periodically these inspections should be made while it is raining.

Reports:

Quarterly "Building and Grounds Inspection" reports to be submitted to the Facilities Management Department.

Fire Extinguisher Policy and Procedure

Objective:

To ensure that all fire extinguishers are in proper working order and maintained in accordance with applicable codes.

Policy & Procedure:

- Routinely the Facilities Maintenance Manager/Working Leader is responsible for checking that all fire extinguishers are in their proper location and that the seal is unbroken and the inspection tags are in place. Any exception should be noted on the "Building & Grounds Inspection" report and brought to the attention of the Director of Building and Grounds.
- Annually, all fire extinguishers are inspected by an independent contractor, currently FIRE PRO. Inspections are noted by the contractor on the inspection tag attached to each unit.
- **3.** At least every five (5) years, each unit must be pressure tested by an independent contractor.

Reporting:

- The Facilities Maintenance Manager/Working Leader is responsible for reporting any missing or damaged fire extinguishers on the "Building & Grounds Inspection" report.
- **2.** Annual inspections will be noted on the inspection tag attached to each extinguisher by the contractor.

Fire Alarm System Inspection and Service Procedure

Objective:

To ensure that the fire alarm system is operating properly and is maintained in accordance with applicable ordinances and codes.

Policies & Procedures:

- Fire Alarm System Inspection and Servicing is conducted by an independent licensed contractor, currently RUSTIC FIRE PROTECTION, who will be responsible for inspecting and servicing each alarm system at least every three months.
- 2. At least annually the contractor will test each device related to the system to ensure it is functioning properly. Each pull station, smoke detector and heat detector will be tested. It is typical that 25% of these devices will be tested each quarter as the contractor perform his/her quarterly inspection and servicing.

Reporting:

The independent contractor submits copies of the "Quarterly Inspection Report" to both the Facilities Management Department and the local Fire Department.

Sprinkler System Inspection and Service Procedure

Objective:

To ensure the continuous, efficient operation of the sprinkler system.

Policies & Procedures:

- 1. Annually, site management staff conduct apartment inspections, and all sprinkler heads should be visually inspected as part of the inspection. Any appearance of a deficiency should be reported following the proper work order procedure.
- 2. Sprinkler systems require servicing and inspection by an independent licensed sprinkler system company. The servicing process should include, but not limited to, the following:
 - **a.** Flow testing to insure that the fire alarm will go off if the sprinkler system is triggered.
 - **b.** Sprinkler pump testing for fire pump and/or jockey pump. (The contractor may subcontract this testing)
- **3.** Sprinkler System Inspections are tested quarterly by FRHA independent contractor currently, **RUSTIC FIRE PROTECTION.**

Reporting:

Independent Contracting Reports are generated during quarterly inspections with copies to the Facilities Management Department as well as the local Fire Department.

Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Inspection Procedure

Objective:

To ensure that all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are operable.

Policies & Procedures:

- Routinely, all maintenance staff are instructed to have (batteries, extra devices) on their person when dispatched to any type of work order request inside a residential unit. Should it be discovered that any of these devices is inoperable it should be repaired/replaced at that time.
- 2. Annually, site management staff conducts apartment inspections and both devices should be tested as part of the inspection, any failures should be reported following the proper work order procedure.
- **3.** Common area devices are tested quarterly by the FRHA independent contractor currently, **RUSTIC FIRE PROTECTION**.

Reports:

Quarterly Building & Grounds inspection reports to be submitted to the Facilities Management Department. Apartment Inspection Reports are submitted to the site management office and Independent Contractor Reports are generated during quarterly inspections with copies to the Facilities Management Department as well as the local Fire Department.

Policies and Procedures for Apartment Inspection Summary

Apartment Inspections are performed by the FRHA site management staff. These inspections are to be performed in accordance with Federal Standard Uniform Physical Conditions Standards (UPCS) so that all units are decent, safe, sanitary and in good condition. At least forty eight (48) hours prior to the inspection, the site management staff prepares and delivers a written notice advising the resident that the unit will be inspected. If the resident denies access or fails to respond, the inspection will be rescheduled, and a second notice is then delivered to the resident. If access is still denied, then the FRHA staff will follow legal lease procedure that authorizes FRHA staff to enter the unit and complete the inspection. These procedures are performed at all Federal and State Site Properties.

Once in the unit, the staff person will conduct housekeeping and UPCS inspection, documenting any sanitary code violation, damage to the unit, and needed repair on the inspection form. Upon completion of the inspection, the staff person may if possible, have the resident sign the inspection form and provide a copy. The staff person then returns the inspection reports to the office in order to generate necessary work orders to make all necessary repairs. In the event that a repair is an emergency, the site staff contacts the Maintenance Department/Work order Clerk to report the emergency repair.

Policies and Procedures for Apartment Inspections Functional Overview

Each occupied residential unit under the management of the Fall River Housing Authority (FRHA) must be inspected at least annually to ensure that the unit meets the Standard of the State Sanitary Code and FEDERAL STANDARD HUD UPCS standards as well as to identify any necessary maintenance or property damages caused by the residents or routine wear and tear. Additionally, the apartment inspection provides development staff with the opportunity to perform a housekeeping inspection to ensure that the resident is maintaining the unit in accordance with the standards defined in the lease. As landlord, the FRHA is responsible for code compliance regardless of the cause (i.e. resident induced violation). The inspection provides FRHA staff with the opportunity to evaluate firsthand the resident's compliance with the terms of the lease. A copy of the form to be used in the inspection is attached hereto as an appendix to this plan.

INTRODUCTION

The Fall River Housing Authority administers over 2300 units of family, elderly and disabled affordable housing at twenty six (26) locations. It is committed to maintaining warm, dry, safe and clean residential units beyond the minimum standard.

The maintenance plan which follows has four essential components: Apartment Inspections, System Inspections, Work Order Processing and Preventative Maintenance. The Fall River Housing Authority recognizes that the performance of these tasks is essential if the FRHA is to reach their stated objective.

In furtherance of its objective the Authority shall use the FEDERAL STANDARD HUD UPCS inspection standard in performing all of the inspections performed upon its properties.

FALL RIVER HOUSING AUTHORITY MAINTENANCE PLAN

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MAINTENANCE PLAN

Prepared: October 2018

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Reports:

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Policies & Procedures:

- 1. Daily, the site maintenance staff person will clean the elevator cabs and sills, check the lighting in the cab and replace any burnt out bulbs, check all call buttons, and determine that each elevator is operable. In the event that an elevator is not functioning properly, he/she will report this to the site Facilities Maintenance Manager/Working Leader, who in turn will contact the service contractor, currently, DELTA-BECKWITH.
- 2. The service contractor is responsible for inspecting and servicing each elevator at least twice a month. The tasks to be completed and the frequency for each task are defined in the elevator preventative maintenance agreement.

Reporting:

- 1. The site staff person notes any problem with the elevator cabs or general operation and reports verbally to the Facilities Maintenance Manager/Working Leader.
- **2.** The service contractor is responsible for filling in the Elevator Preventative Maintenance Chart maintained at the time of each servicing.

External Inspection:

Annual inspection performed by State Elevator Inspector.

Emergency Generator

Objective:

To ensure the continuous provision of power to key building systems during electrical power outages.

Policies & Procedures:

The site maintenance person is responsible for monitoring and maintaining a log of the programed weekly test to ensure the continuous provision of power to the development.

Annually, the FRHA electrician along with their independent contractor, currently **RALCO ELECTRIC**, will perform a general inspection.

Any problems identified by the electrician during the inspection are to be reported to the Facilities Management Department.

Reports:

Inspection Report delivered to the Facilities Management Department.

Electrical System Inspection Procedure

Objective:

To ensure the continuous provision of electricity to all Federal and State sites.

Policies & Procedures:

The electricians are responsible for performing all tasks necessary to ensure the continuous provision of electricity to the development.

Annually, the electricians will perform a general inspection of the electrical system including (but not necessarily limited to):

- A. Pulling the main circuitry boards
- B. Checking all circuit breakers and circuit breaker boxes
- C. Checking all main feeders
- D. Tightening all lugs

Any problem identified by the electrician during the inspection are to be reported to the Facilities Management Department.

Reports:

Completed Work Order.

Back Flow Prevention Inspection Procedure

Objective:

To prevent water from flowing back into the water supply.

Policies & Procedures:

- 1. Annually, the local water & sewer department will perform a back flow inspection.
- 2. All repairs or replacement of the back flow valves will be made by a licensed Back Flow Technician.

Reports:

The local water & sewer department will provide a copy of the inspection report.

Roof Inspection and Service Procedure

Objective:

To identify necessary maintenance, repair and replacement of building roofs to minimize damage to facilities resulting from faulty roofing.

Policies & Procedures:

At least quarterly, the Facilities Maintenance Manager/Working Leader will inspect the flat roofs for:

- A. Clogged drains and water standing on the roof;
- B. Debris requiring removal;
- C. Problems with exhaust fans;
- D. Signs of flashing discrepancies;

Periodically these inspections should be made while it is raining.

Reports:

Quarterly "Building and Grounds Inspection" reports to be submitted to the Facilities Management Department.

Fire Extinguisher Policy and Procedure

Objective:

To ensure that all fire extinguishers are in proper working order and maintained in accordance with applicable codes.

Policy & Procedure:

- Routinely the Facilities Maintenance Manager/Working Leader is responsible for checking that all fire extinguishers are in their proper location and that the seal is unbroken and the inspection tags are in place. Any exception should be noted on the "Building & Grounds Inspection" report and brought to the attention of the Director of Building and Grounds.
- Annually, all fire extinguishers are inspected by an independent contractor, currently FIRE PRO. Inspections are noted by the contractor on the inspection tag attached to each unit.
- **3.** At least every five (5) years, each unit must be pressure tested by an independent contractor.

Reporting:

- The Facilities Maintenance Manager/Working Leader is responsible for reporting any missing or damaged fire extinguishers on the "Building & Grounds Inspection" report.
- **2.** Annual inspections will be noted on the inspection tag attached to each extinguisher by the contractor.

Fire Alarm System Inspection and Service Procedure

Objective:

To ensure that the fire alarm system is operating properly and is maintained in accordance with applicable ordinances and codes.

Policies & Procedures:

- Fire Alarm System Inspection and Servicing is conducted by an independent licensed contractor, currently RUSTIC FIRE PROTECTION, who will be responsible for inspecting and servicing each alarm system at least every three months.
- 2. At least annually the contractor will test each device related to the system to ensure it is functioning properly. Each pull station, smoke detector and heat detector will be tested. It is typical that 25% of these devices will be tested each quarter as the contractor perform his/her quarterly inspection and servicing.

Reporting:

The independent contractor submits copies of the "Quarterly Inspection Report" to both the Facilities Management Department and the local Fire Department.

Sprinkler System Inspection and Service Procedure

Objective:

To ensure the continuous, efficient operation of the sprinkler system.

Policies & Procedures:

- 1. Annually, site management staff conduct apartment inspections, and all sprinkler heads should be visually inspected as part of the inspection. Any appearance of a deficiency should be reported following the proper work order procedure.
- 2. Sprinkler systems require servicing and inspection by an independent licensed sprinkler system company. The servicing process should include, but not limited to, the following:
 - **a.** Flow testing to insure that the fire alarm will go off if the sprinkler system is triggered.
 - **b.** Sprinkler pump testing for fire pump and/or jockey pump. (The contractor may subcontract this testing)
- **3.** Sprinkler System Inspections are tested quarterly by FRHA independent contractor currently, **RUSTIC FIRE PROTECTION.**

Reporting:

Independent Contracting Reports are generated during quarterly inspections with copies to the Facilities Management Department as well as the local Fire Department.

Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Inspection Procedure

Objective:

To ensure that all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are operable.

Policies & Procedures:

- Routinely, all maintenance staff are instructed to have (batteries, extra devices) on their person when dispatched to any type of work order request inside a residential unit. Should it be discovered that any of these devices is inoperable it should be repaired/replaced at that time.
- 2. Annually, site management staff conducts apartment inspections and both devices should be tested as part of the inspection, any failures should be reported following the proper work order procedure.
- **3.** Common area devices are tested quarterly by the FRHA independent contractor currently, **RUSTIC FIRE PROTECTION**.

Reports:

Quarterly Building & Grounds inspection reports to be submitted to the Facilities Management Department. Apartment Inspection Reports are submitted to the site management office and Independent Contractor Reports are generated during quarterly inspections with copies to the Facilities Management Department as well as the local Fire Department.

Policies and Procedures for Apartment Inspection Summary

Apartment Inspections are performed by the FRHA site management staff. These inspections are to be performed in accordance with Federal Standard Uniform Physical Conditions Standards (UPCS) so that all units are decent, safe, sanitary and in good condition. At least forty eight (48) hours prior to the inspection, the site management staff prepares and delivers a written notice advising the resident that the unit will be inspected. If the resident denies access or fails to respond, the inspection will be rescheduled, and a second notice is then delivered to the resident. If access is still denied, then the FRHA staff will follow legal lease procedure that authorizes FRHA staff to enter the unit and complete the inspection. These procedures are performed at all Federal and State Site Properties.

Once in the unit, the staff person will conduct housekeeping and UPCS inspection, documenting any sanitary code violation, damage to the unit, and needed repair on the inspection form. Upon completion of the inspection, the staff person may if possible, have the resident sign the inspection form and provide a copy. The staff person then returns the inspection reports to the office in order to generate necessary work orders to make all necessary repairs. In the event that a repair is an emergency, the site staff contacts the Maintenance Department/Work order Clerk to report the emergency repair.

Policies and Procedures for Apartment Inspections Functional Overview

Each occupied residential unit under the management of the Fall River Housing Authority (FRHA) must be inspected at least annually to ensure that the unit meets the Standard of the State Sanitary Code and FEDERAL STANDARD HUD UPCS standards as well as to identify any necessary maintenance or property damages caused by the residents or routine wear and tear. Additionally, the apartment inspection provides development staff with the opportunity to perform a housekeeping inspection to ensure that the resident is maintaining the unit in accordance with the standards defined in the lease. As landlord, the FRHA is responsible for code compliance regardless of the cause (i.e. resident induced violation). The inspection provides FRHA staff with the opportunity to evaluate firsthand the resident's compliance with the terms of the lease. A copy of the form to be used in the inspection is attached hereto as an appendix to this plan.

INTRODUCTION

The Fall River Housing Authority administers over 2300 units of family, elderly and disabled affordable housing at twenty six (26) locations. It is committed to maintaining warm, dry, safe and clean residential units beyond the minimum standard.

The maintenance plan which follows has four essential components: Apartment Inspections, System Inspections, Work Order Processing and Preventative Maintenance. The Fall River Housing Authority recognizes that the performance of these tasks is essential if the FRHA is to reach their stated objective.

In furtherance of its objective the Authority shall use the FEDERAL STANDARD HUD UPCS inspection standard in performing all of the inspections performed upon its properties.

FALL RIVER HOUSING AUTHORITY MAINTENANCE PLAN

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MAINTENANCE PLAN

Prepared: October 2018

Annual Plan 2026 Annual Operating Budget

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 03/31/2024. It also shows the approved budget for the current year (2025) 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.

Refer also to the Performance Management Review (PMR) section of this Annual Report for the LHA's response to a "Corrective Action" finding for the "Adjusted Net Income" rating.

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 Fall River Housing Authority operating reserve at the end of fiscal year 2024 was \$-268,158.00, which is -18% 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 Fall River Housing Authority.

	owned by Fall River Housing Authority.						
REVENUE							
Account Number	Account Class	2024 Approved Revenue Budget	2024 Actual Amounts Received	2025 Approved Revenue Budget	% Change from 2024 Actual to 2025 Budget	2025 Dollars Budgeted per Unit per Month	
3110	Shelter Rent -Tenants	\$1,175,000.00	\$1,263,745.00	\$1,250,000.00	-1.1%	\$380.17	
3111	Shelter Rent - Tenants - Fraud/Retroactive	\$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	\$7,000.00	\$18,669.00	\$18,700.00	0.2%	\$5.69	
3611	Interest on Investments - Restricted	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	
3690	Other Revenue	\$4,300.00	\$9,090.00	\$9,275.00	2%	\$2.82	
3691	Other Revenue - Retained	\$0.00	\$69,757.00	\$104,000.00	49.1%	\$31.63	
3692	Other Revenue - Operating Reserves	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	
3693	Other Revenue - Energy Net Meter	\$0.00	\$46,801.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00	
3801	Operating Subsidy - EOHLC (4001)	\$1,479,426.00	\$1,386,946.00	\$1,651,973.00	19.1%	\$502.42	
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	\$2,665,726.00	\$2,795,008.00	\$3,033,948.00	8.5%	\$922.73	

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

EXPENSES % Change 2025 2025 2024 **Dollars** from 2024 2024 Actual **Approved** Approved Budgeted Actual to Amounts Account Expense Expense per Unit per 2025 Budget. Spent Number Account Class Budget **Budget** Month \$131,096.00 68% \$66.97 4110 Administrative Salaries \$150,125.00 \$220,189.00 \$0.00 4120 \$0.00 \$5.414.00 \$0.00 -100% Compensated Absences \$225.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 4130 Legal -100% \$5.17 4140 Members Compensation \$15.000.00 \$16.580.00 \$17.000.00 2.5% \$0.82 4150 Travel & Related Expenses \$2,200.00 \$2,131.00 \$2,700.00 26.7% \$0.00 \$0.00 Accounting Services 4170 \$0.00 \$0.00 0% \$0.81 \$2,550.00 \$2,650.00 4171 Audit Costs \$6.062.00 -56.3% \$0.00 4180 Penalties & Interest \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 0% \$231,970.00 4190 Administrative Other \$376,571.00 \$291,500.00 -22.6% \$88.66 \$37,150.00 \$35,733.00 \$33,400.00 \$10.16 4191 Tenant Organization -6.5% \$567,439.00 \$172.58 4100 TOTAL ADMINISTRATION \$438,995.00 \$573,812.00 -1.1% 4310 lWater \$205,000.00 \$246,426.00 \$250,000.00 1.5% \$76.03 4320 \$367,000.00 \$370,300.00 Electricity \$375,130.00 -1.3% \$112.62 \$217,000.00 \$226,991.00 \$227,000.00 \$69.04 4330 lGas 0% \$0.00 \$0.00 4340 lFuel \$0.00 \$0.00 0% 4360 Net Meter Utility Debit/Energy \$0.00 \$93,602.00 \$0.00 -100% \$0.00 Conservation 4390 Other \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 0% \$0.00 Solar Operator Costs \$0.00 \$70,780.00 \$71,000.00 \$21.59 4391 0.3% Net Meter Utility Credit (Negative \$-164,382.00 \$-175,000.0 4392 \$0.00 6.5% \$-53.22 Amount) 4300 TOTAL UTILITIES \$789,000.00 \$848,547.00 \$743,300.00 -12.4% \$226.06

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

EXPENSES

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		2024	2024 Actual	2025	% Change	2025 Dollars
		Approved	Amounts	Approved	from 2024	Budgeted per
Account		Expense	Spent	Expense	Actual to	Unit per
Number	Account Class	Budget		Budget	2025 Budget	Month
4410	Maintenance Labor	\$371,366.00	\$403,992.00	\$407,979.00	1%	\$124.08
4420	Materials & Supplies	\$62,400.00	\$145,497.00	\$62,400.00	-57.1%	\$18.98
4430	Contract Costs	\$515,200.00	\$564,507.00	\$447,150.00	-20.8%	\$135.99
4400	TOTAL MAINTENANCE	\$948,966.00	\$1,113,996.00	\$917,529.00	-17.6%	\$279.05
4510	Insurance	\$67,900.00	\$87,893.00	\$72,400.00	-17.6%	\$22.02
4520	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$14,600.00	\$14,670.00	\$14,600.00	-0.5%	\$4.44
4540	Employee Benefits	\$295,445.00	\$248,804.00	\$355,084.00	42.7%	\$107.99
4541	Employee Benefits - GASB 45	\$0.00	\$34,622.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
4542	Pension Expense - GASB 68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
4570	Collection Loss	\$16,750.00	\$93,222.00	\$16,750.00	-82%	\$5.09
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	\$394,695.00	\$479,211.00	\$458,834.00	-4.3%	\$139.55
4610	Extraordinary Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
4611	Equipment Purchases - Non	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
	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	\$851,758.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
4600	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$852,758.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
4000	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,571,656.00	\$3,868,324.00	\$2,687,102.00	-30.5%	\$817.25

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

SUMMARY

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4000	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,571,656.00	\$3,868,324.00	\$2,687,102.00	-30.5%	\$817.25
2700	NET INCOME (DEFICIT)	\$94,070.00	\$-1,073,316.00	\$346,846.00	-132.3%	\$105.49
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
	EXPENDITURES					
7600	EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$94,070.00	\$-1,073,316.00	\$346,846.00	-132.3%	\$105.49

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: Employee Benefits - GASB 45: This line covers "Other Post-Employment Benefits"</u> (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

The Performance Management Review conducted by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the 2024 LHA fiscal year resulted in the following ratings. Criteria which received a 'Corrective Action' rating show both a reason for the rating and a response by the LHA. The reason indicates Fall River Housing Authority's understanding of why they received the rating, while the responses describe their goals and the means by which they will meet or improve upon the performance-based assessment standards established by DHCD in the PMR. When the PMR rating is 'Operational Guidance', the LHA may have responded, but was not required to.

Category: Management

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

Rating: No Findings

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

Rating: Corrective Action

Reason: Tenants were not paying their rents.

Response: We have moved forward with in house evictions and payment agreements. (We did have a large balance at the 200 development that was supposed to be written off, however, the Acct. Dept. did not update it. It has since been completed)

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

certifications

Rating: No Findings

Criterion: Completion of mandatory online board member training

Rating:

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

Rating: No Findings

Criterion: Staff completed relevant certifications or trainings

Rating: No Findings

Category: Financial

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

Rating: Corrective Action

Reason: Our OR reserves went below the recommended threshold.

Response: We will to attempt to reconcile that in the future.

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

Rating:

Category: Capital Planning

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

Rating: Corrective Action

Reason: We had planned projects that did not move forward as they were delayed and

incorporated into the Gateway project

Response: Since they were delayed - EOHLC has decided to split one off of the Gateway Project and we will move forward with the Gas line project. Thus, start spending soon.

Category: CHAMP

Criterion: Paper applications are available, received and entered into CHAMP

Rating: No Findings

Criterion: Vacancies are recorded correctly and occupied using CHAMP

Rating: Operational Guidance

Category: Facility Management - Inspection Standards and Practices

Criterion: 100% of units inspected during FYE under review

Rating: No Findings

Criterion: Unit inspection reports create, track, and report work orders for inspection repairs, and

inspection WOs completed within 30 days or add to DM / CIP

Rating: No Findings

Criterion: Unit inspection reports accurately reflect necessary repairs

Rating: No Findings

Category: Facility Management - Vacancy Turnover Standards and Practices

Criterion: Work orders created for every vacancy and completed within 30 days (or waiver

requested)

Rating: No Findings

Criterion: Vacancy turnover work orders accurately reflect necessary repairs

Rating: No Findings

Category: Facility Management - Preventive Maintenance Standards and Practices

Criterion: LHA Preventive Maintenance Plan accurately reflects all necessary work to maximize life

of LHA components Rating: No Findings

Category: Facility Management - Work Order Types and Systems

Criterion: All emergency work orders are created, tracked, reported and completed within 48 hours

Rating: No Findings

Criterion: All requested work orders are created, tracked, reported and completed within 14 days or

added to DM/CIP Rating: No Findings

Explanation of PMR Criteria Ratings

CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
Management	
Occupancy Rate	The rating is calculated using the following formula: (Total Number of Occupied units on Monthly Report divided by (Total Number of Units Minus Units that Received a Waiver Minus Number of Units Vacant less than 30 days on Monthly Report) • "No Findings": Occupancy Rate is at or above 98% • Operational Guidance: Occupancy rate is at 95% up to 97.9% • Corrective Action: Adjusted occupancy rate is less than 95%
Tenant Accounts Receivable (TAR)	This criterion calculates the percentage of uncollected rent and related charges owed by starting with the amount reported by the LHA, as uncollected balances for the TAR (Account 1122 from the Balance Sheet) minus Normal Repayment Agreements* divided by Shelter (Tenant) Rent (account 3110 from the Operating Statement) • "No Findings": At or below 2% • "Operational Guidance": More than 2%, but less than 5% • "Corrective Action": 5% or more
Certifications and Reporting Submissions	Housing authorities are required to submit 4 quarterly vacancy certifications by end of the month following quarter end; 4 quarterly operating statements and 4 Tenant Accounts Receivable (TAR) reports within 60 days of quarter end. • "No Findings": At least 11 of the required 12 reports were submitted and at least 9 were submitted on time. • "Operational Guidance": Less than 11 of the required 12 reports were submitted and/or less than 9 were submitted on time.
Board Member Training	Percentage of board members that have completed the mandatory online board member training. • "No Findings": 80% or more completed training • "Operational Guidance": 60-79.9% completed training • "Corrective Action": <60 % completed training
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 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, all vacancies are not recorded within 30 days; Or the Housed Applicant ID and Pull List ID on the paper applications vacancy System; Or the Housed Applicant ID and Pull List ID do not match (or data is missing) between DHCD's Housing Applications Vacancy System and CHAMP for units occupied during the fiscal year are not recorded in DHCD's Housing Applications Vacancy System and CHAMP for units occupied during the fiscal year, excluding

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 Fall River Housing Authority:

Policy	Last Ratified by Board Vote	Notes
*Rent Collection Policy	04/01/2018	
*Personnel Policy	01/14/2002	
*Capitalization Policy	04/01/2016	
*Procurement Policy	12/12/2016	
*Grievance Policy	04/01/2018	
Fair Housing Marketing Plan	01/24/2022	
Language Access Plan	01/24/2022	
Reasonable Accommodations Policy	01/24/2022	

^{*} 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-2026-Fall River Housing Author-01159 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.

- LTO Letter
- Public Comments
- Cover sheet for tenant satisfaction surveys
- Tenant Satisfaction Survey 667 Program
- Performance Management Review



January 9, 2025

Kevin Sbardella, Executive Director Fall River Housing Authority 85 Morgan Street Fall River, MA 02721

RE: 2025/2026 Agency Plan/Annual Plan

Dear Mr. Sbardella:

This will serve to advise that the Fall River Joint Tenants Council, Inc., (FRJTC) Resident Advisory Board (RAB) attended and participated in the three (3) official RAB meetings relative to the submission of the Fall River Housing Authority's 2025/2026 Agency Plan/Annual Plan, as well as the Public Hearing, which was conducted on January 8, 2025.

The Resident Advisory Board (RAB) was included in all discussions with regard to any changes to the Plan, and we are in agreement with all aspects of the submission.

Very truly yours,

Edward Gagnon, Executive Director Fall River Joint Tenants Council, Inc.

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Fall River Housing Authority Annual Plan Hearing

We had our Annual Plan Hearing on January 8^{th} , 2025. There were no Public Comments at that time.

Kevin Sbardella Executive Director

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).

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.

Round Three Surveys (2023 – 2027)

Round Three of the surveys began in 2023. CSR surveyed about one-third of the elderly/disabled units and one-third of family units in Fall 2023.

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Chapter 667 Housing Summary 2019 – 2022

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

Fall 2019:

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

Fall 2021:

• Surveys were sent to 8350 housing units (Chapter 667). 3787 surveys were filled out and returned.

Fall 2022:

- Surveys were sent to 9118 housing units (Chapter 667). 3951 surveys were filled out and returned.
- In the **Fall River Housing Authority**, surveys were sent to a total of **54** Fall River housing units (Chapter 667); **21** surveys were completed.

This report provides some information about how the residents from the **Fall River Housing Authority** who answered the survey responded. It compares their answers to those from residents in the entire state and to those from medium LHAs in Southeastern Massachusetts. These medium LHAs in Southeastern Massachusetts include: Attleborough, Barnstable, Fairhaven, Fall River, Franklin County Regional, Franklin, North Attleborough, and Plymouth.

Communication

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

	Fall River Housing Authority	Medium LHAs in Southeast MA *	Entire State
Felt they were usually or always treated with courtesy and respect when they contacted management	71%	85%	83%
Knew the Executive Director held a meeting with residents	35%	47%	42%

^{*} Medium LHAs in Southeastern Massachusetts: Attleborough, Barnstable, Fairhaven, Fall River, Franklin County Regional, Franklin, North Attleborough, and Plymouth.

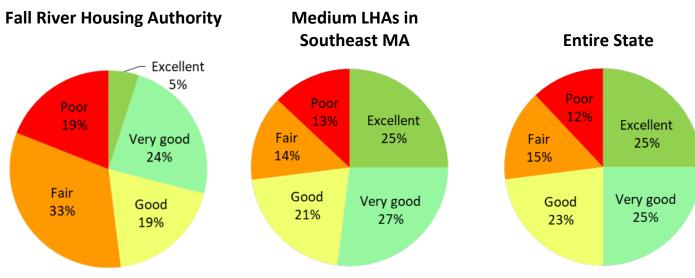
Maintenance and Repair

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

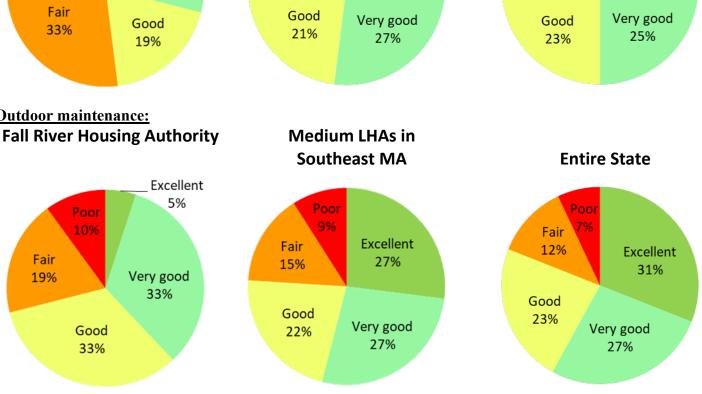
	Fall River Housing Authority	Medium LHAs in Southeast MA	Entire State
Felt they were treated with courtesy and respect when they contacted maintenance	76%	88%	87%
Were contacted by the Housing Authority before entering their apartment	91%	93%	91%

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

Building maintenance:



Outdoor maintenance:



• **Heating and Water Problems:** About three-quarters of respondents had a problem with their heating and more than one-third had a plumbing problem in the last 12 months.

	Fall River Housing Authority	Medium LHAs in Southeast MA	Entire State
Had any heating problem	71%	41%	37%
Had any water problem	43%	57%	58%

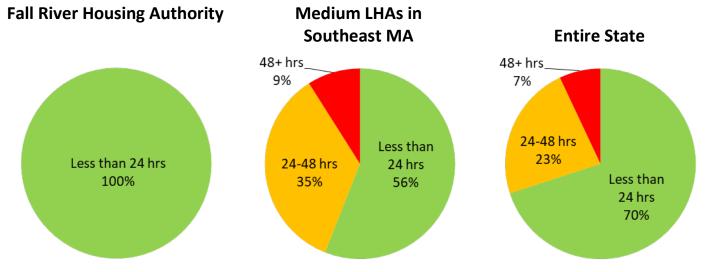
Heating Problems

How many times did residents completely lose heat?

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



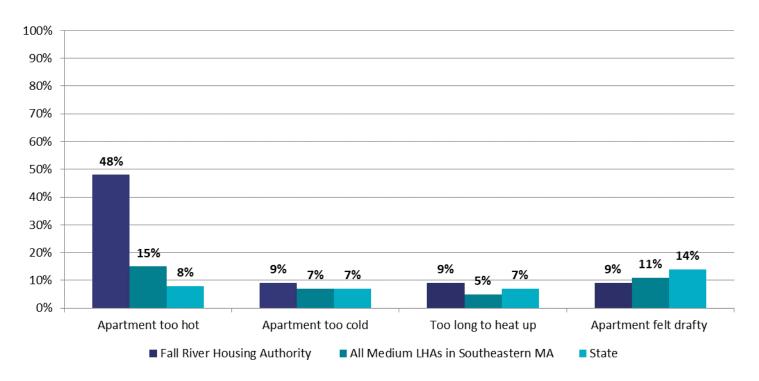
How long did it usually take for heat to come back on? For those respondents who reported completely losing heat, we asked how long it usually took for the heat to come back on – less than 24 hours, 24 - 48 hours, or more than 48 hours.



• Other Heating Problems

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

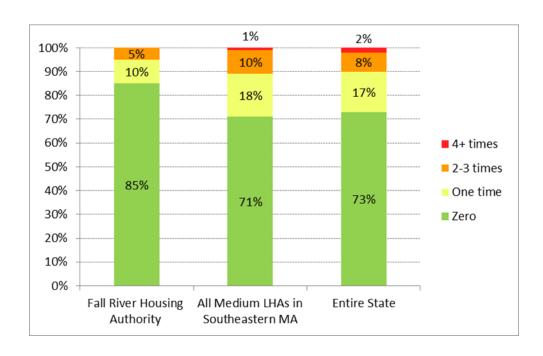
The chart below shows what percentage of residents experienced other heating problems in the last 12 months.



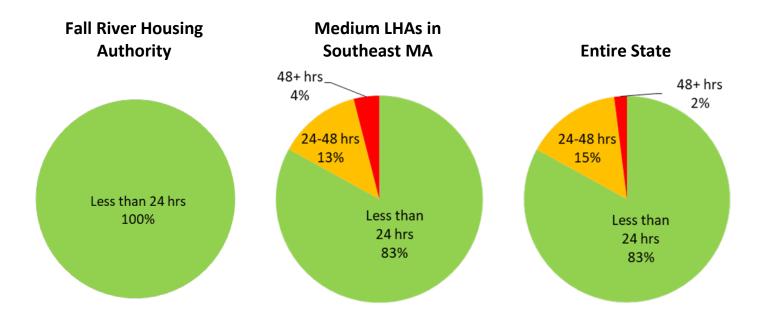
Water or Plumbing Problems

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

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



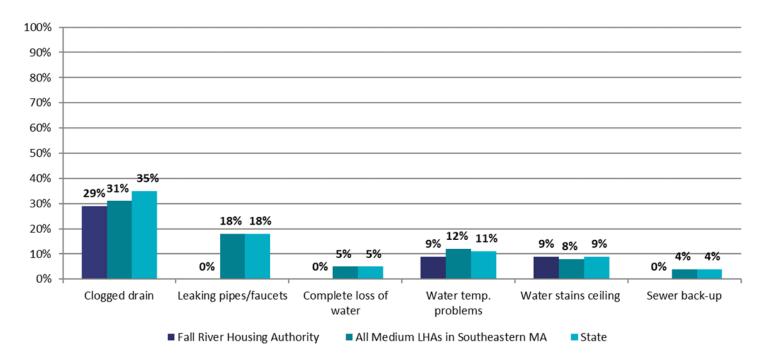
How long did it usually take for hot water to come back on? For those respondents who reported not having hot water in their apartment, we asked how long it usually took for hot water to come back on – less than 24 hours, 24 - 48 hours, or more than 48 hours.



• Other Water or Plumbing Problems

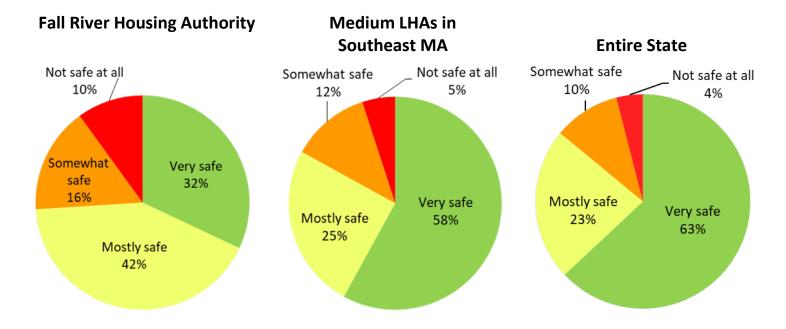
In the last 12 months did residents have other water or plumbing problems?

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

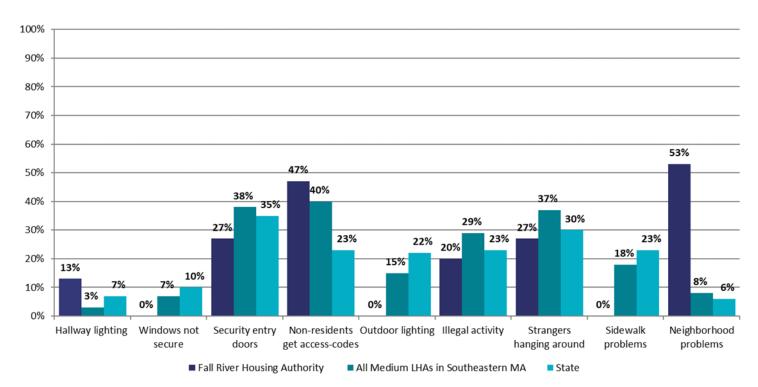


Safety

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

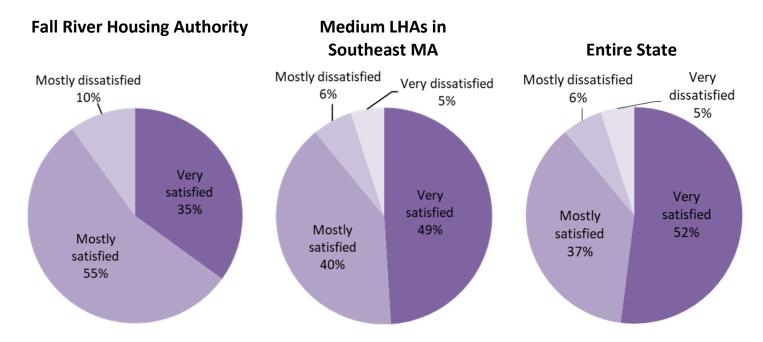


Reasons why respondents felt unsafe in their development: Respondents were asked why they felt unsafe in their development. This chart shows what specific concerns respondents mentioned.



Overall Satisfaction

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



FALL RIVER HOUSING AUTHORITY

Performance Management Review (PMR) Report

Fiscal Year End 3/31/2024

*For a detailed report of the Performance Management Review (PMR), please contact the Local Housing Authority

Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) PMR Desk Audit Ratings Summary Official Published PMR Record

For a detailed report of the Performance Management Review (PMR), please contact the Local Housing Authority

Housing Authority	FALL RIVER HOUSING AUTHORITY
Fiscal Year Ending	Mar 2024
Housing Management Specialist	Mary Farrell
Facilities Management Specialist	Bob Arsenault

Criteria	Score/Rating			
	Management			
	c.667	c.705	c.200	Cumulative
Occupancy Rate	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings
	c.667	c.705	c.200	Cumulative
Tenant Accounts Receivable (TAR)	Corrective Action	Corrective Action	Corrective Action	Corrective Action
Board Member Training	Corrective Action			
Certifications and Reporting Submissions	No Findings			
Annual Plan	No Findings			
	Financial			
Adjusted Net Income	Corrective Action			
Operating Reserves	Corrective Action			

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES (EOHLC) Staff Certification & Training Rating		
LHA Name	FALL RIVER HOUSING AUTHORITY	
FYE	Mar 2024	
HMS Name	Mary Farrell	
FMS Name	Bob Arsenault	

Criteria	Rating
Staff Certification and Training	No Findings

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES (EOHLC)		
CFA Submission		
LHA Name	FALL RIVER HOUSING AUTHORITY	
FYE	Mar 2024	
HMS Name	Mary Farrell	
FMS Name	Bob Arsenault	

CFA Submission (Planning Year)

Rating: Not Applicable

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES (EOHLC) PMR Desk Audit Recommendations Report		
LHA Name	FALL RIVER HOUSING AUTHORITY	
FYE	Mar 2024	
HMS Name	Mary Farrell	
FMS Name	Bob Arsenault	

Occupancy

Rating All: No Findings Rating 667: No Findings Rating 705: No Findings Rating 200: No Findings

1. No Recommendations

Tenant Accounts Receivable (TAR)

Rating All: Corrective Action Rating 667: Corrective Action Rating 705: Corrective Action Rating 200: Corrective Action

1. 4th Quarter reporting was submitted late and couldn't be evaluated.

Board Member Training

Rating: Corrective Action

- 1. Ensure you update the board attendance application with the most recent board members, and their term dates.
- 2. Ensure each board member has a unique email for the board member training.
- 3. Provide computer guidance as needed to help board members complete the training.
- 4. Please refer to PHN 2018-08. Board trainings to be done every two years or upon reelection/reappointment.

Certifications and Reporting Submissions

Rating: No Findings

1. No Recommendations

Annual Plan Submission

Rating: No Findings

1. No Recommendations

Adjusted Net Income/Revenue

Rating: Corrective Action

Revenue

1. No Recommendations

Expense

Salaries

1. No Recommendations

Legal

1. No Recommendations

Utilities

1. No Recommendations

Maintenance

1. No Recommendations

Other

1. 4th Quarter reporting was submitted late and couldn't be evaluated.

Operating Reserve

Rating: Corrective Action

1. 4th Quarter reporting was submitted late and couldn't be evaluated.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES (EOHLC)		
CHAMP Close Out Report		
LHA Name	FALL RIVER HOUSING AUTHORITY	
FYE	Mar 2024	
HMS Name	Mary Farrell	
FMS Name	Bob Arsenault	

CHAMP Criteria 1a

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

CHAMP Criteria 1b

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

CHAMP Criteria 1c

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. 100% of applications entered into the system in less than 15 days is an outstanding rating.

CHAMP Criteria 2a

Rating: Operational Guidance

Recommendations: 1. Ensure that all vacancies are recorded in the EOHLC Housing Apps Vacancy Reporting

System within 30 days of the vacancy date.

CHAMP Criteria 2b

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

CHAMP Criteria 3a

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

CHAMP Criteria 3b (Planning Year)

Rating: Not Applicable

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

CHAMP Criteria 3c (Planning Year)

Rating: Not Applicable

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES (EOHLC) PMR Physical Condition Report

For any questions on your FMS PMR Ratings, please contact your FMS.

LHA Name	FALL RIVER HOUSING AUTHORITY	
FYE	Mar 2024	
HMS Name	Mary Farrell	
FMS Name	Bob Arsenault	

Criteria 1: 100% of units inspected during FYE under review

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

Criteria 2: Unit inspection Reports create, track, and report Work Orders for inspection repairs, and Work Orders are completed within 30 days or added to DM/CIP

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

Criteria 3: Unit Inspection Reports accurately reflect necessary repairs

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

Criteria 4: Work Orders created for every vacancy and completed within 30 days (or waiver requested)

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

Criteria 5: Vacancy Turnover Work Orders accurately reflect necessary repairs

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

Criteria 6: LHA Preventive Maintenance Plan accurately reflects all necessary work to maximize life of LHA components

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

Criteria 7: All emergency work orders are created, tracked, reported and completed within 48 hours

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

Criteria 8: All requested work orders are created, tracked, reported and completed within 14 days or added to DM/CIP

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

Health & Safety Deficiencies

Inspection reports were provided to the LHA at the time of the EOHLC site visit. Health and safety deficiencies were identified during the PMR Inspection. These items must be completed or initiated within 48 hours. Following completion of these health and safety deficiencies, the Executive Director must login to the FMS software application and certify, by electronic signature, that all health and safety deficiencies have been completed. Please contact your assigned FMS for further assistance.