Lee 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 Lee 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. Public Comments and LHA Responses
 - b. Cover sheet for tenant satisfaction surveys
 - c. Tenant Satisfaction Survey 667 Program

State-Aided Public Housing Developments

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

Dev No	Туре	Development Name	Num Bldgs	Year Built	Dwelling Units
705-02	Family	CLARKE COURT 705-02	8	1992	16
667-01	Elderly	W.J. BROWN MEMORIAL COURT 667-01	4	1973	48
	Other	Special Occupancy units	2		13
Total			14		77

LHA Central Office

Lee Housing Authority 155 Marble St., Lee, MA, 01238-9511 Deborah Pedercini , Executive Director

Phone: 413-243-3464

Email: dpedercini@leehousingauthority.org

LHA Board of Commissioners

	<u>Role</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Sandra Cozzaglio	Chair	State Appointee	07/10/2019	07/10/2024
Marjorie Donovan			10/21/2021	10/21/2026
Jennifer Heath	Vice-Chair	Tenant	05/09/2023	05/09/2028
Thomas Logsdon	Member		07/30/2020	07/30/2025
Thomas Unswoth	Treasurer		05/17/2021	05/17/2025

<u>Plan History</u>

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

REQ	UIREMENT	DATE		
		COMPLETED		
A.	Advertise the public hearing on the LHA website.	01/02/2025		
В.	Advertise the public hearing in public postings.	01/02/2025		
C.	Notify all LTO's and RAB, if there is one, of the hearing and	NI/A		
	provide access to the Proposed Annual Plan. N/A			
D.	Post draft AP for tenant and public viewing.	01/24/2025		
E.	Hold quarterly meeting with LTO or RAB to review the draft AP.	w the draft AP.		
	(Must occur before the LHA Board reviews the Annual Plan.)	N/A		
F.	Annual Plan Hearing. Hosted by the LHA Board, with a quorum of members present. (For Boston, the Administrator will host the hearing.)	03/18/2025		
G.	Executive Director presents the Annual Plan to the Board.	03/18/2025		
H.	Board votes to approve the AP. (For Boston Housing Authority, the Administrator approves and submits the AP.)	03/18/2025		

Certification

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

I, Deborah Pedercini, Executive Director of the Lee Housing Authority, certify on behalf of the Housing Authority that I have conducted an annual review of all Lee 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 Lee 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, Deborah Pedercini, Executive Director of the Lee 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: 03/19/2025

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) completed its review of this Annual Plan (AP) on May 20, 2025. Review comments have been inserted into the plan.

Annual Plan Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Capital Improvement Plan

DHCD Description of CIPs:

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

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

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

The CIP includes the following parts:

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

Annual Plan

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

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

Category of Funds	Allocation	Planned Spending	Description
Balance of Formula Funding (FF)	\$396,180.23	Spending	Total of all FF awards minus prior FF spending
LHA Emergency Reserve	\$39,618.02		Amount to reserve for emergencies
Net FF Funds (First 3 Years of the CIP)	\$356,562.21		Funds to plan & amount actually planned in the first 3 years of the CIP
ADA Set-aside	\$1,229.16	\$1,229.16	Accessibility projects
DMH Set-aside	\$0.00	\$0.00	Dept. of Mental Health facility
DDS Set-aside	\$40,066.45	\$40,066.45	Dept. of Developmental Services facility
Unrestricted Formula Funding (FF)	\$315,266.60	\$375,303.94	Funds awarded by DHCD to be used on projects selected by the LHA and approved by DHCD.
Special DHCD Funding	\$986,922.92	\$986,922.92	Targeted awards from DHCD
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	Federal funds awarded by a city or town for specific projects.
Community Preservation Act (CPA) Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	Community Preservation Act funds awarded by a city of town for specific projects.
Operating Reserve(OR) Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	Funds from the LHA's operating budget.
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	Funds other than those in the above categories. See explanation below.
Total funds and planned spending	\$1,343,485.13	\$1,403,522.47	Total of all anticipated funding available for planned projects and the total of planned spending.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

CIP Definitions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Annual Plan Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Regional Capital Assistance Team

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

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

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

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

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Cap Hub Project Number	Project Name	Development(s)	Total Cost	Amount Spent Prior to Plan	Remaining Planned for 2025	fy2026 Planned	fy2027	fy2028	fy2029	fy2030
150014	2008 FF Master CFA	W.J. BROWN MEMORIAL COURT 667-01	\$6,197	\$6,197	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
150063	Roof Replacement & Vent Upgrade 667-01	W.J. BROWN MEMORIAL COURT 667-01	\$443,465	\$238,141	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
150072	Replace Community Room Carpet	W.J. BROWN MEMORIAL COURT 667-01	\$11,080	\$1,642	\$9,438	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
150075	ARPA FF: Community Building Generator & ARPA Targeted Award Lee Fire Alarm Upgrade	W.J. BROWN MEMORIAL COURT 667-01, 689	\$717,164	\$0	\$76,304	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
150076	ARPA FF: Replace soffits and gutters	BUDD HOUSE 689-01	\$19,257	\$0	\$15,622	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
150078	ARPA FF: Paint Building	LAUREL ST., HOUSE 689-06	\$47,896	\$0	\$1,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
150082	Bathroom Renovations-Bud d House	BUDD HOUSE 689-01	\$354,261	\$242,001	\$800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
150502	Paint exterior of East Building	W.J. BROWN MEMORIAL COURT 667-01	\$41,395	\$0	\$10,142	\$31,253	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
150504	Replace driveway	W.J. BROWN MEMORIAL COURT 667-01	\$61,900	\$6,800	\$5,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Cap Hub Project Number	Project Name	Development(s)	Total Cost	Amount Spent Prior to Plan	Remaining Planned for 2025	fy2026 Planned	fy2027	fy2028	fy2029	fy2030
150507	667 Sidewalks-remov e and replace	W.J. BROWN MEMORIAL COURT 667-01	\$16,000	\$0	\$16,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
150509	Repair Entrance Ramp	LAUREL ST., HOUSE 689-06	\$13,000	\$0	\$0	\$13,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
150510	Clark Unit Renovation-Turno ver	CLARKE COURT 705-02	\$19,500	\$0	\$0	\$17,286	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
•	Unit renovation at turnover	W.J. BROWN MEMORIAL COURT 667-01	\$10,545	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,545	\$0	\$0
•	Carpet Replacement	W.J. BROWN MEMORIAL COURT 667-01	\$9,857	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,857	\$0	\$0
•	Remove and Replace Carpet	W.J. BROWN MEMORIAL COURT 667-01	\$9,785	\$0	\$0	\$9,785	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
•	WJ Brown Unit Renovations	W.J. BROWN MEMORIAL COURT 667-01	\$9,427	\$0	\$0	\$9,427	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
•	Paint exterior of Community Building	W.J. BROWN MEMORIAL COURT 667-01	\$20,092	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,092	\$0	\$0
•	Remove and replace porch railings-North	W.J. BROWN MEMORIAL COURT 667-01	\$43,404	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,404	\$0	\$0
•	Repaint exterior of building-North	W.J. BROWN MEMORIAL COURT 667-01	\$31,416	\$0	\$0	\$31,416	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Cap Hub Project Number	Project Name	Development(s)	Total Cost	Amount Spent Prior to Plan	Remaining Planned for 2025	fy2026 Planned	fy2027	fy2028	fy2029	fy2030
•	Replace porch walkway railings-West	W.J. BROWN MEMORIAL COURT 667-01	\$43,404	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,404
•	Paint exterior of building-West	W.J. BROWN MEMORIAL COURT 667-01	\$36,039	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$36,039	\$0	\$0	\$0
•	Replace Entrance Ramp-Laurel St	LAUREL ST., HOUSE 689-06	\$30,559	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,559	\$0	\$0	\$0
•	Turnover Renovations-Fam ily Unit	CLARKE COURT 705-02	\$28,914	\$0	\$0	\$28,914	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
•	705-2 5/7 Clarke Court Window Replacement	CLARKE COURT 705-02	\$50,204	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,204	\$0	\$0
•	705-2 5/7 Clarke Court siding replacement	CLARKE COURT 705-02	\$34,215	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$34,215	\$0	\$0	\$0
•	705-2 10/12 Clarke Court Window Replacement	CLARKE COURT 705-02	\$50,204	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,204	\$0	\$0	\$0
•	705-2 10/12 Clarke Court siding replacement	CLARKE COURT 705-02	\$34,215	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$34,215	\$0
•	705-2 15/17 Clarke Court Window Replacement	CLARKE COURT 705-02	\$38,034	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,782	\$36,253

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Cap Hub Project Number	Project Name	Development(s)	Total Cost	Amount Spent Prior to Plan	Remaining Planned for 2025	fy2026 Planned	fy2027	fy2028	fy2029	fy2030
•	705-2 15/17 Clarke Court siding replacement	CLARKE COURT 705-02	\$34,476	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$34,476
•	705-2 25/27 Clarke Court Window Replacement	CLARKE COURT 705-02	\$38,034	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$38,034	\$0
•	705-2 25/27 Clarke Court siding replacement	CLARKE COURT 705-02	\$25,921	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,921	\$0

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

FUNDS IN ADDITION TO ANNUAL FORMULA FUNDING AWARD

Cap Hub	Project Name	DHCD Special Award		Special DHC	D Awards			Other	Funding	
Project Number		Comment	Emergency Reserve	Compliance Reserve	Sustain- ability	Special Awards	CDBG	СРА	Operating Reserve	Other Funds
150063	Roof Replacement	Bath Fans and	\$0	\$0	\$179,780	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	& Vent Upgrade	Range Hoods								
	667-01									
150075	ARPA FF:	arpa targeted	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$713,964	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Community									
	Building									
	Generator & ARPA									
	Targeted Award									
	Lee Fire Alarm									
	Upgrade									
150076	ARPA FF: Replace	ARPA Formula	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,257	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	soffits and gutters	Funding								
150078	ARPA FF: Paint	ARPA Formula	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,684	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Building	Funding								
150082	Bathroom	for HP	\$0	\$348,057	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Renovations-Budd	improvements								
	House									
•	705-2 5/7 Clarke	Formula Funding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Court Window	Award fy2028								
	Replacement									

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.

Lee Housing Authority has not submitted an Alternate CIP.

2. Request for additional funding.

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

Lee Housing Authority has not requested additional funding.

3. Overall goals of the Housing Authority's CIP

Lee Housing Authority has a goal to complete the WJ Brown Memorial building painting project, replacing windows and siding in our family units as well as reducing turnover periods for the family units.

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:

LHA has readjusted the projects to focus on upgrades needed at our family units, reducing turnover time and attempting to have improvement projects at all locations throughout the portfolio.

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 10/10/2024.

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 03/14/2024.

8. Project priorities

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

9. High priority deficiencies

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

10. Accessibility

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

11. Special needs development

Lee 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 09/14/2024.

12. Energy and water consumption

Our 12 most recent monthly energy reports are for months 12/2023 to 11/2024.

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

667-01

Our 667-01 property is an all-electric location.

13. Energy or water saving initiatives

Lee 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.

Annual Plan Capital Improvement Plan

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.)

0% c. 667 (DHCD Goal 2%)

0% c. 200 (DHCD Goal 2%)

13% c. 705 (DHCD Goal 2%)

Lee Housing Authority will address the excess vacancies in the following manner:

The larger 705 units are extensive to rehab at turnover, LHA is adding several projects as a way to source additional resources when needed to repair the damaged units.

CIP Approval For Lee Housing Authority for FY 2026

Formula Funding Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), WorkPlan 5001

5/20/2025

Congratulations! The CIP-2026 submitted by Lee Housing Authority is approved, subject to the following conditions:

- Regarding your request for Vacant Unit funding for #150516, DHCD will make a determination about how much of the project's cost it will fund at the schematic design stage, when there is a firmer scope and cost estimate and after reviewing the LHA's other high-priority needs.
- Design all projects to resilient standards as needed. Consider whether LEAN can help with window replacements. When upgrading siding, install continuous air-barriers and insulation.
- Your LHA participates in the Regional Capital Assistance Team (RCAT) program and project implementation responsibilities are as follows:
 - For projects with construction cost under \$10,000, the LHA has the sole responsibility to initiate, implement and manage the project. RCAT will offer technical assistance upon your request. DHCD recently revised the Small Project Guide to address statutory and policy changes. It is available on the web at http://www.mass.gov/hed/docs/dhcd/ph/small-projects/dhcdsmallprojectsguide.pdf. The Guide contains step-by-step instructions to help you make sure that your projects are done efficiently, cost-effectively and according to applicable statutes, rules and regulations. Please be sure to complete projects in accordance with the requirements and procedures described in the Guide.
 - o For projects with construction cost between \$10,000 and \$100,000 the RCAT will have lead responsibility to initiate, implement and manage the project with LHA involvement and oversight throughout the process. If you have projects in this range, you will be working with your RCAT Project Manager who will contact you to initiate your project (s). Please note that DHCD has increased the threshold for independent implementation to \$100,000 construction cost in response to the passage of Chapter 218. Projects with an estimated Construction cost greater than \$25,000 still require soliciting the professional services of an architect or engineer. (See DHCD Small Project guide "When to Hire a Designer" (http://www.mass.gov/hed/docs/dhcd/ph/small-projects/dhcdsmallprojectsguide.pdf). The RCAT may be able to provide "In House" specifications with an estimated construction cost greater than \$25,000, but requires the approval of DHCD before proceeding.
 - o For projects with construction cost over \$100,000, or projects below that threshold that are complex or have a subsequent phase that exceeds \$100,000 construction cost, DHCD will take the lead and draft a WO or RFS to hire a designer to prepare plans and specs. At this point, RCAT will not be involved in the implementation of projects in this range and you will continue to work directly with your DHCD Project Manager and DHCD design staff.

Lee Housing Authority is authorized to proceed on the following projects, which are to be managed with the LHA or RCAT as the Primary PM**:

CPS Number	FISH#	Project Name	TDC Amount	Primary PM	Project Year
150-667-01-003-22-2388	150513	Repaint exterior of building-North	\$31,416.00	RCAT	2026
150-667-01-0-24-76	150514	Remove and Replace Carpet	\$9,785.00	LHA	2026
150-667-01-0-24-81	150515	WJ Brown Unit Renovations	\$9,427.00	LHA	2026
150-705-02-0-24-1429	150516	Turnover Renovations-Family Unit	\$28,914.00	LHA	2026

Construction cost for FY 2026 projects is to be incurred by June 30, 2026. Construction cost for FY 2027 projects is to be incurred between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027. Pre-construction costs may be incurred in FY 2026.

There are no large or complex projects to be managed by DHCD.

Going forward, if you need to add a project that is not in your approved CIP you will need to submit a revision through CIMS. Instructions for revising your CIP can be found on the CIMS Forms menu.

Details of the Approved CIP can be found at the link to 'Approved & Active CIP Reports' on the CIMS forms page in the CIP Reports section. Projects may utilize funding from multiple sources. The 'Original Approved' report details the proposed funding as submitted by the LHA. Please feel free to call DHCD Project Manager Horacio Valdez II at (617) 573-1174 with any questions.

^{**&#}x27;Primary PM' is used to identify the agency responsible for updating a project's budget and schedule. This document was created on 5/20/2025 by Horacio Valdez II, Project Manager

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.

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	413-243-3464	24 Hrs.		
Call LHA at Phone Number	413-243-3464	M-F 8:00AM - 12:00PM		
Other	413-441-6762	After-hours maintenance number		

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 Lee Housing Authority main office.

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

Normal Maintenance Request Process

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

METHOD	CONTACT INFO.	TIMES	
Text Phone Number			
Call Answering Service			
Call Housing Authority Office	413-243-3464	M-F 8:00AM - 12:00PM	
Submit Online at Website			
Email to Following Email	dpedercini@leehousingauth	24 Hrs.	
Other	Complete paper	24 Hrs. drop off at office	

Work Order Management

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

Type of work order system:

Work order classification used:

Emergency	
Vacancy	
Preventative	
Maintenance	
Routine	
Inspections	
Tenant Requests	·

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

C. Our work order process includes the following steps:

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

D. Additional comments by the LHA regarding work order management: We use PHA Network for work orders, all types.

Maintenance Plan Narrative

Following are Lee 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?
 - Maintenance staff have received most favorable feedback from our tenants as well as visitors, they go above and beyond for the safety of our tenants.
- B. Narrative Question #2: What changes have you made to maintenance operations in the past year?
 - This year our staff continues to attend trainings and learn new procedures and safety conditions. We purchased a new salt and sanding attachment to our equipment to assist in the continued safety of our tenants.
- C. Narrative Question #3: What are your maintenance goals for this coming year?
 - Our maintenance goals for the coming year are to continue to update our preventative maintenance and update equipment to better serve the agency.

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	\$129,963.00	\$27,740.00
Last Fiscal Year Actual Spending	\$148,124.00	\$36,136.00
Current Fiscal Year Budget	\$153,586.00	\$30,000.00

E. Unit Turnover Summary

# Turnovers Last Fiscal Year	10
Average time from date vacated to	
make Unit "Maintenance Ready"	51 days
Average time from date vacated to	
lease up of unit	70 days

Attachments

These items have been prepared by the Lee 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.

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE MONTHLY

JANUARY TASKS

- 1. Monitor on-going snow/ice removal/cleared fire hydrants
- 2. Keep exhaust and intake vents free of snow and keep dryer exhaust vents free of snow
- 3. Keep community room vacuumed to be free from ice melt
- 4. Check boilers in the 705 and 689 programs
- 5. Clean trash huts
- 6. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors in common areas
- 7. Check interior emergency lighting
- 8. Vehicle Maintenance:
 - a. Check all fluids levels (oil, etc.)
 - b. Check antifreeze and radiator
 - c. Check windshield washer fluid and wiper blades
 - d. Check belts and hoses
 - e. Check tires for sign of uneven wear
 - f. Check heater and defroster
 - g. Check underneath and rinse off or take to car wash
- 9. Lease enforcement: snow removal from front/rear egress @705

FEBRUARY TASKS

- 1. Monitor on-going snow/ice removal/cleared fire hydrants
- 2. Keep exhaust and intake vents free of snow and keep dryer exhaust vents free of snow
- 3. Keep community room vacuumed to be free from ice melt
- 4. Change boiler filters in 689 houses/Contact Pittsfield Pipers for Maintenance
- 5. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors in common areas
- 6. Check interior emergency lighting
- 7. Vehicle Maintenance:
 - a. Check all fluids levels (oil, etc.)
 - b. Check antifreeze and radiator
 - c. Check windshield washer fluid and wiper blades
 - d. Check belts and hoses
 - e. Check tires for sign of uneven wear
 - f. Check heater and defroster
 - g. Check underneath and rinse off or take to car wash
- 8. Lease enforcement: common hallways and stairs free from all obstructions

MARCH TASKS

- 1. Monitor on-going snow/ice removal/cleared fire hydrants
- 2. Keep exhaust and intake vents free of snow and keep dryer exhaust vents free of snow
- 3. Keep community room vacuumed to be free from ice melt
- 4. Reset light timers and clock for daylight savings time
- 5. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors in common areas
- 6. Check interior emergency lighting
- 7. Clean storage room and maintenance garage
- 8. Inventory of supplies and small parts
- 9. Touch up all common areas with paint (if time allows)
- 10. Clean heater vents in community building
- 11. Vehicle Maintenance:
 - a. Check all fluids levels (oil, etc.)
 - b. Check antifreeze and radiator
 - c. Check windshield washer fluid and wiper blades
 - d. Check belts and hoses
 - e. Check tires for sign of uneven wear
 - f. Check heater and defroster
 - g. Check underneath and rinse off or take to car wash
- 12. Vehicle Inspection Sticker and have oil changed if needed
- 13. Lease enforcement: furniture, trash and debris free from exteriors

APRIL TASKS

- 1. Service lawn equipment
- 2. Inspect roofs and siding
- 3. Clean trash huts
- 4. Cleaning of parking areas, roadways, walkways and drains
- 5. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors in common areas
- 6. Check interior emergency lighting
- 7. Inspect trees and shrubs, trim as needed (maintain 10ft distance from building)
- 8. Turn on outdoor faucets
- 9. Inspect units @ 667
 - a. Inspect all entry doors @ 667
 - b. Clean bathroom exhaust fans @ 667
 - c. Inventory refrigerators and stove @ 667
 - d. Change batteries in smoke detectors @ 667
- 10. Clean out dryer vent in laundry room in community building. Done by CSC Laundry
- 11. Clean carpeting in stairwells
- 12. Shampoo carpeting in community room
- 13. Vehicle Maintenance:

- a. Check all fluid levels (oil, etc.)
- b. Check antifreeze and radiator
- c. Check windshield washer fluid and wiper blades
- d. Check belts and hoses
- e. Check tires for signs of uneven wear
- f. Check heater and defroster/AC
- g. Check underneath and rinse off or take to car wash
- 14. Lease enforcement: common hallways and stairs free from all obstructions

MAY TASKS

- 1. Check that A/C units are properly installed @ 705
- 2. Unit inspections @ 705
 - a. Inspect all entry doors
 - b. Clean out dryer vents @ 705
 - c. Inventory refrigerators and stoves @705
 - d. Change batteries in all smoke detectors and CO detectors @ 705
 - e. Clean out bathroom exhaust fans @ 705
- 3. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors in common areas
- 4. Check interior emergency lighting
- 5. Vehicle Maintenance:
 - a. Check all fluid levels, (oil, etc.)
 - b. Check antifreeze and radiator
 - c. Check windshield washer fluid and wiper blades
 - d. Check belts and hoses
 - e. Check tire for signs of uneven wear
 - f. Check heater and defroster/AC
 - g. Check underneath and rinse off or take to car wash
- 6. Check sidewalks and driveways for damage and repair as needed
- 7. Lease enforcement: cooking grills and fire pits

JUNE TASKS

- 1. Keep up on maintenance of lawn mowers, weed whackers, etc.
- 2. Change A/C filters and turn A/C on in community building
- 3. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors in common areas
- 4. Check interior emergency lighting
- 5. Inspect side railings, walkways and stairs for potential hazards. Identify and repair
- 6. Clean storage room and maintenance garage
- 7. Inventory of supplies and small parts
- 8. Vehicle Maintenance:
 - a. Check all fluid levels (oil, etc.)

- b. Check antifreeze and radiator
- c. Check windshield washer fluid and wiper blades
- d. Check belts and hoses
- e. Check tires for signs of uneven wear
- f. Check heater and defroster/AC
- g. Check underneath and rinse off or take to car wash
- 9. Lease enforcement:
 - a. pools, trampolines, and swing sets
 - b. furniture, trash, and debris free from exteriors

JULY TASKS

- 1. Inspect gutters, downspouts and splash blocks repair as needed
- 2. Inspect common area windows and clean
- 3. Inspect and repair site fencing
- 4. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors in common areas
- 5. Check interior emergency lighting
- 6. Clean trash huts
- 7. Vehicle Maintenance:
 - a. Check all fluid levels (oil, etc.)
 - b. Check antifreeze and radiator
 - c. Check windshield washer fluid and wiper blades
 - d. Check belts and hoses
 - e. Check tires for signs of uneven wear
 - f. Check heater and defroster/AC
 - g. Check underneath and rinse off or take to car wash
- 8. Lease enforcement: pets

AUGUST TASKS

- 1. Keep up on maintenance of lawn mowers, weed whackers, etc.
- 2. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors in common areas
- 3. Check interior emergency lighting
- 4. Vehicle Maintenance:
 - a. Check all fluid levels (oil, etc.)
 - b. Check antifreeze and radiator
 - c. Check windshield washer fluid and wiper blades
 - d. Check belts and hoses
 - e. Check tires for signs of uneven wear
 - f. Check heater and defroster/AC
 - g. Check underneath and rinse off or take to car wash
- 5. Lease enforcement: common hallways and stairs free from all obstructions

SEPTEMBER TASKS

- 1. Check electrical panels in maintenance shop
- 2. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors in common areas
- 3. Check interior emergency lighting
- 4. Schedule boiler cleanings at 705 and 689
- 5. Touch up all common area paint (if time allows)
- 6. Clean storage room and maintenance garage
- 7. Inventory of supplies and small parts
- 8. Vehicle Maintenance:
 - a. Check all fluid levels (oil, etc.)
 - b. Check antifreeze and radiator
 - c. Check windshield washer fluid and wiper blades
 - d. Check belts and hoses
 - e. Check tires for signs of uneven wear
 - f. Check heater and defroster/AC
 - g. Check underneath and rinse off or take to car wash
- 9. Lease enforcement: unregistered vehicles

OCTOBER TASKS

- 1. Fire prevention month check all fire systems
- 2. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors in common areas
- 3. Check interior emergency lighting
- 4. Inspect trees and shrubs, trim as needed (maintain 10ft distance from building)
- 5. Buy and stock ice melt
- 6. Clean trash huts
- 7. Service snow blowers
- 8. Clean parking areas, roadways, driveways, walkways and storm drains
- 9. Clean, service and store lawn equipment
- 10. Vehicle Maintenance:
 - a. Check all fluid levels (oil, etc)
 - b. Check antifreeze and radiator
 - c. Check windshield washer fluid and wiper blades
 - d. Check belts and hoses
 - e. Check tires for signs of uneven wear
 - f. Check heater and defroster/AC
 - g. Check underneath and rinse off or take to car wash
- 11. Check plow for truck
- 12. Inventory supplies and small parts
- 13. Lease enforcement: decorations, electrical cords running thru doors/windows, no corn stalks or hay bales near units

NOVEMBER TASKS

- 1. Reset light timers and clocks for daylight savings time
- 2. Gutter cleaning Contract out
- 3. Clean up leaves on all properties
- 4. Shut off all outdoor faucets
- 5. Keep exhaust and intake vents free of snow and keep dryer exhaust vents free of snow
- 6. Monitor on-going snow/ice removal/cleared fire hydrants
- 7. Keep community room vacuumed to be free from ice melt
- 8. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors in common areas
- 9. Check interior emergency lighting
- 10. Inventory of supplies and small parts
- 11. Vehicle Maintenance:
 - a. Check all fluid levels (oil, etc.)
 - b. Check antifreeze and radiator
 - c. Check windshield washer fluid and wiper blades
 - d. Check belts and hoses
 - e. Check tires for signs of uneven wear
 - f. Check heater and defroster/AC
 - g. Check underneath and rinse off or take to car wash
- 12. Lease enforced: common hallways and stairs free from all obstructions and check decorations

DECEMBER TASKS

- 1. Monitor on-going snow/ice removal/cleared fire hydrants
- 2. Keep exhaust and intake vents free of snow and keep dryer exhaust vents free of snow
- 3. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors in common areas
- 4. Keep community room vacuumed to be free from ice melt
- 5. Clean storage room and maintenance garage
- 6. Inventory of supplies and small parts
- 7. Vehicle Maintenance:
 - a. Check all fluid levels (oil, etc.)
 - b. Check antifreeze and radiator
 - c. Check windshield washer fluid and wiper blades
 - d. Check belts and hoses
 - e. Check tires for signs of uneven wear
 - f. Check heater and defroster/AC
 - g. Check underneath and rinse off or take to car wash
- 8. Lease enforcement: decoration electrical cords running thru doors/windows and no live Christmas trees

Routine Maintenance

DAILY

Meet with Executive Director for any maintenance issues

Check all outside dumpster for overflow, cleanliness, etc.

Check laundry room for cleanliness; remove debris

Check kitchen for cleanliness; remove debris

Check community room for any issues

Check restrooms for cleanliness

Check grounds for debris

Routine work orders

Deal with any maintenance emergency

Compete daily report

WEEKLY

Mop restrooms, kitchen & laundry room floors

Clean toilets, sinks & mirrors

Empty trash in restrooms & replenish hand towels/toilet paper

Empty trash in offices 2 x's a week

Vacuum community room and offices

Electrical maintenance (outside lighting)

MONTHLY

Clean kitchen – cabinets, floor, sink & appliances

Check all time clocks (outside lighting on ½ hour before sunset and off ½ hour after sunrise)

Sweep sidewalks

Clean and organize shop area & maintenance garage

Sweep/vacuum all stairwells

BIANNUALLY

Clean glass in community room

ANNUALLY

Inspect all units (667, 705, 689) with Executive Director

Clean all bathroom fan motors

Smoke alarms/CO detector – install new batteries during unit inspections and test

Test all apartment emergency pull cords and light

Clean filters/dryer hoses/vents on clothes dryers in 705 units

Clean all outdoor lighting fixtures/lenses

Set up furnace cleanings for 705/689

Set up fire alarm inspections for 689 (Laurel Street)

Inventory all tools and equipment

SEASONAL

Cut all grass areas/weed wack

Sweep sand in parking lot as needed

Repaint lines if needed

Trim trees/shrubs

Snow/ice removal

Change all storm windows/screens in apartment doors

Paint and clean vacant apartments when needed

Lee Housing Authority

Deferred Work Order List

Work Orders Deferred Between 1/1/2023 and 1/31/2025

Date Deferred	Status	Work Order #	Scheduled	Category	Description of Work	Dev ID	Bldg ID	Unit ID
4/28/2023	Deferred	19289	4/12/2023	Inspection	Replaced batteries in both Smoke/CO detector Replaced light bulb in vent fan over stove, fan is inoperable needs replacing. Carpeting needs to be replaced. Unit needs painting.	667-1	WEST 1	BMC 11
4/19/2024	Deferred	20199	4/17/2024	Inspection	Night Light Bulb needs replacing Needs new floors/carpet worn	667-1	WEST 1	BMC 11
5/2/2024	Deferred	20226	4/24/2024	Inspection	Lightbulb in kitchen fan needs replacing Carpeting needs replacing	667-1	EAST 1	BMC 41
5/6/2024	Deferred	20183	4/16/2024	Inspection	Carpet needs replacing Needs new filter on range hood and new drip pans	667-1	WEST 2	BMC 20
9/20/2024	Deferred	20174	4/16/2024	Inspection	Countertop edge lifting in Kitchen New Filter on range hood Needs a new night light switch Shower needs to be calked Bathroom needs painting with mildew resistant paint	667-1	WEST 2	BMC 6
9/20/2024	Deferred	20198	4/17/2024	Inspection	Night Light Bulb needs replacing Needs new floors/carpet it worn 66		WEST 1	BMC 11
9/20/2024	Deferred	20225	4/24/2024	Inspection	Lightbulb in kitchen fan needs replacing Carpeting needs replacing	667-1	CC9	CC9
7 Work Orders Liste	ed							

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 06/30/2024. 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.

Operating Reserve

05/21/2025

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 Lee Housing Authority operating reserve at the end of fiscal year 2024 was \$122,122.00, which is 47.1% of the full reserve amount defined above.

Annual Operating Budget

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

owned by Lee 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	\$316,020.00	\$348,402.00	\$348,408.00	0%	\$453.66		
3111	Shelter Rent - Tenants - Fraud/Retroactive	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00		
3115	Shelter Rent -Federal Section 8\MRVP One-time Leased up Rev.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00		
3190	Nondwelling Rentals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00		
3400	Administrative Fee - MRVP	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00		
3610	Interest on Investments - Unrestricted	\$250.00	\$373.00	\$374.00	0.3%	\$0.49		
3611	Interest on Investments - Restricted	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00		
3690	Other Revenue	\$14,500.00	\$17,689.00	\$14,042.00	-20.6%	\$18.28		
3691	Other Revenue - Retained	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00		
3692	Other Revenue - Operating Reserves	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00		
3693	Other Revenue - Energy Net Meter	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00		
3801	Operating Subsidy - EOHLC (4001)	\$181,685.00	\$105,832.00	\$172,531.00	63%	\$224.65		
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	\$512,455.00	\$472,296.00	\$535,355.00	13.4%	\$697.08		

Annual Operating Budget

Consolidated Budget (400-1) for all state-aided 667 (Elderly), 200 (family), and 705 (scattered site family) developments owned by Lee 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 \$58.091.00 8.2% \$81.86 4110 Administrative Salaries \$59,835.00 \$62,872.00 \$0.00 4120 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 0% Compensated Absences \$3,500.00 \$3,025.00 \$3,500.00 \$4.56 4130 Legal 15.7% 4140 Members Compensation \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 0% \$0.00 4150 Travel & Related Expenses \$1,000.00 \$911.00 \$1.125.00 23.5% \$1.46 Accounting Services \$10.55 \$7,716.00 4170 \$8,021.00 \$8,100.00 1% \$4,725.00 5% \$6.15 \$4,500.00 \$4,500.00 4171 Audit Costs \$0.00 4180 Penalties & Interest \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 0% 4190 Administrative Other \$18,086.00 \$19,208.00 \$18,955.00 -1.3% \$24.68 4191 Tenant Organization \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 0% \$0.00 \$94,637.00 \$93,756.00 \$99,277.00 \$129.27 4100 TOTAL ADMINISTRATION 5.9% 4310 lWater \$36,423.00 \$15,304.00 \$27,197.00 77.7% \$35.41 4320 \$95,993.00 \$124.99 Electricity \$97,245.00 \$87,068.00 10.3% \$1,160.00 \$1,771.00 \$1,896.00 \$2.47 4330 lGas 7.1% \$0.00 \$192.00 \$0.00 4340 lFuel \$0.00 -100% 4360 Net Meter Utility Debit/Energy \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 0% \$0.00 Conservation \$12,900.00 \$12,900.00 4390 Other \$8.386.00 53.8% \$16.80 Solar Operator Costs \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 4391 0% \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 Net Meter Utility Credit (Negative 0% 4392 Amount) 4300 TOTAL UTILITIES \$147,728.00 \$112,721.00 \$137,986.00 22.4% \$179.67

Annual Operating Budget

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

EXPENSES

EXPENSES) 	Т	1	1	1	1
		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	\$66,095.00	\$67,401.00	\$70,545.00	4.7%	\$91.86
4420	Materials & Supplies	\$9,000.00	\$19,027.00	\$19,000.00	-0.1%	\$24.74
4430	Contract Costs	\$54,868.00	\$61,696.00	\$64,041.00	3.8%	\$83.39
4400	TOTAL MAINTENANCE	\$129,963.00	\$148,124.00	\$153,586.00	3.7%	\$199.98
4510	Insurance	\$16,867.00	\$20,608.00	\$18,673.00	-9.4%	\$24.31
4520	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$4,572.00	\$5,809.00	\$5,809.00	0%	\$7.56
4540	Employee Benefits	\$63,092.00	\$86,003.00	\$80,693.00	-6.2%	\$105.07
4541	Employee Benefits - GASB 45	\$0.00	\$106,113.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
4542	Pension Expense - GASB 68	\$0.00	\$-19,708.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
4570	Collection Loss	\$5,000.00	\$7,446.00	\$5,600.00	-24.8%	\$7.29
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	\$89,531.00	\$206,271.00	\$110,775.00	-46.3%	\$144.24
4610	Extraordinary Maintenance	\$27,740.00	\$36,136.00	\$30,000.00	-17%	\$39.06
4611	Equipment Purchases - Non	\$10,000.00	\$7,850.00	\$3,000.00	-61.8%	\$3.91
	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	\$171,473.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
4600	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$37,740.00	\$215,459.00	\$33,000.00	-84.7%	\$42.97
4000	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$499,599.00	\$776,331.00	\$534,624.00	-31.1%	\$696.13

Annual Operating Budget

Consolidated Budget (400-1) for all state-aided 667 (Elderly), 200 (family), and 705 (scattered site family) developments

owned by Lee Housing Authority. SUMMARY 2025 % Change Dollars from 2024 2024 2025 Budgeted 2024 Actual Actual to Approved Approved Account **Amounts** per Unit per **Account Class** 2025 Budget Budget Budget Number Month TOTAL REVENUE \$512,455.00 \$535,355.00 \$697.08 \$472,296.00 13.4% 3000 \$499,599.00 \$776,331.00 \$534,624.00 \$696.13 TOTAL EXPENSES 4000 -31.1% \$12,856.00 \$731.00 NET INCOME (DEFICIT) 2700 \$-304,035.00 -100.2% \$0.95 \$0.00 Replacements of Equip. - Capitalized \$0.00 \$0.00 0% \$0.00 7520 \$0.00 \$0.00 0% Betterments & Additions - Capitalized \$0.00 7540 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 TOTAL NONOPERATING \$0.00 0% \$0.00 7500 EXPENDITURES EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENSES \$12,856.00 \$731.00 \$-304,035.00 7600 -100.2% \$0.95

Annual Plan Final

Explanation of Budget Accounts

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

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

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

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

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

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

3802: Operating Subsidy – MRVP/AHVP Landlords:

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

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

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

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

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

- 4140: Compensation to Authority Members: A local authority may compensate its members for performance of their duties and such other services as they may render to the authority in connection with its Chapter 200 development(s). Compensation for any other program is not authorized. Because of this, LHAs must base such compensation only on the actual rent receipts for these developments plus a prorated share of other operating receipts of funds on a per unit basis. The precise amount that members may be compensated is defined by statute to a maximum of \$40 per member per day, and \$50 for the chairperson per day. The total of all compensation to all board members is not to exceed two percent (2%) of actual gross income of Chapter 200 developments in any given year, consistent with the approved budget amount. In no case shall the payment of compensation exceed \$12,500 annually for the chairperson, or \$10,000 for any member other than the chairperson. Please note the statute requires the member to perform housing authority business in order to receive compensation.
- <u>4150</u>: <u>Travel and Related Expense</u>: Legitimate travel expenses incurred by board members and staff in the discharge of their duties for any **state-aided program** are reimbursable from this account, as consistent with Department policy.
- 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

Annual Plan
Operating Budget

Standard Account Explanations

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.

Annual Plan 2026 PMR Narrative Responses

Narrative Responses to the Performance Management Review (PMR) Findings

PMRs are conducted for most LHAs on a biennial basis. This year there is no PMR record for this Housing Authority.

Explanation of PMR Criteria Ratings

CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
Management	
Occupancy Rate	The rating is calculated using the following formula: (Total Number of Occupied units on Monthly Report divided by (Total Number of Units Minus Units that Received a Waiver Minus Number of Units Vacant less than 30 days on Monthly Report) • "No Findings": Occupancy Rate is at or above 98% • Operational Guidance: Occupancy rate is at 95% up to 97.9% • Corrective Action: Adjusted occupancy rate is less than 95%
Tenant Accounts Receivable (TAR)	This criterion calculates the percentage of uncollected rent and related charges owed by starting with the amount reported by the LHA, as uncollected balances for the TAR (Account 1122 from the Balance Sheet) minus Normal Repayment Agreements* divided by Shelter (Tenant) Rent (account 3110 from the Operating Statement) • "No Findings": At or below 2% • "Operational Guidance": More than 2%, but less than 5% • "Corrective Action": 5% or more
Certifications and Reporting Submissions	Housing authorities are required to submit 4 quarterly vacancy certifications by end of the month following quarter end; 4 quarterly operating statements and 4 Tenant Accounts Receivable (TAR) reports within 60 days of quarter end. • "No Findings": At least 11 of the required 12 reports were submitted and at least 9 were submitted on time. • "Operational Guidance": Less than 11 of the required 12 reports were submitted and/or less than 9 were submitted on time.
Board Member Training	Percentage of board members that have completed the mandatory online board member training. • "No Findings": 80% or more completed training • "Operational Guidance": 60-79.9% completed training • "Corrective Action": <60 % completed training
Staff Certifications and Training	Each LHA must have at least one staff member complete a relevant certification or training During the fiscal year. The number of required trainings varies by LHA size. • No Findings: LHAs completed the required number of trainings Corrective Action: LHAs have not completed any trainings
Annual Plan (AP) Submitted	Housing authorities are required to submit an annual plan every year. • "No Findings" =Submitted on time • "Operational Guidance" =Up to 45 days late • "Corrective Action" =More than 45 days late

1
 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 alied to date and time stamp paper applications and/or failed to enter them correctly; Or Less than 75% of new paper applications are entered not CHAMP within 15 calendar days of date/time stamp; Or more than 10% of new paper applications are entered more than 30 days after late/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 vacancy System and CHAMP for unit occupied during the fiscal year recorded within 30 days; Or the Housed Applicant ID and Pull List ID match between DHCD's Housing Applications Vacancy System; Or the Housed Applicant ID and Pull List ID and Pull List ID do not match (or data is missing) between DHCD's Housing 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; Or the Housed Applicant ID and Pull List ID do
a h n i

DESCRIPTION
The Adjusted Net Income criterion calculation starts with an LHA's Net Income and subtracts Depreciation, GASB 45 (Retirement Costs), GASB 68 (Retirement Costs), Extraordinary Maintenance (maintenance expense outside of routine/ordinary expenses), and Equipment Purchases – Non Capitalized. This Adjusted Net Income amount is then divided by the Total Expenses of the LHA. If this Adjusted Net Income amount is positive, it means underspending and if it is negative it means overspending. Underspending Rating: "No Findings": 0 to 9.9% "Corrective Action": 15% or higher Overspending Rating: "No Findings": 0 to -4.9% "Operational Guidance": -5% to -9.9% "Corrective Action": -10% or below
Current Operating Reserve as a percentage of total maximum reserve level. Appropriate reserve level is buffer against any unforeseen events or expenditures. "No Findings": 35%+ of maximum operating reserve "Operational Guidance": 20% to 34.9% of maximum operating reserve "Corrective Action": <20% of maximum operating reserve
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 c.200/705 unit has equal to or greater than 4 EHS deficiencies
Facility Management - Vacancy Turnover Standards and Practices	,

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 and an
Emergency Work Orders	All emergency work orders are created, tracked, reported and completed within 48 hours
Orders	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 Lee Housing Authority:

Policy	Last Ratified by Board Vote	Notes
*Rent Collection Policy	07/17/2001	
*Personnel Policy	12/20/2022	
*Capitalization Policy	08/25/2016	
*Procurement Policy	01/21/2020	
*Grievance Policy	08/03/2009	
Pet Policy	05/23/2011	
Smoking Policy	04/01/2014	
Other – Define in the 'Notes' column	02/26/2007	Wage Match Policy
Affirmative Action Policy	11/21/2000	
Community Room Use	05/23/2016	
Credit/Debit Card Policy	03/16/2021	
Criminal Offender Records Information (CORI) Policy	01/16/2018	
Emergency Response Plan	01/18/2000	
Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and Affirmative Action Plan	08/18/1998	
Investment Policy	11/18/1997	
Reasonable Accommodations Policy	06/21/2022	
Sexual Harassment Policy	10/17/2005	

Policy	Last Ratified by Board Vote	Notes
Other – Define in the 'Notes' column	06/15/2021	Air Conditioner Policy
Other – Define in the 'Notes' column	06/15/2021	Health Insurance Benefit waiver policy
Other – Define in the 'Notes' column	04/20/2021	Cell Phone Expense policy
Language Access Plan	04/19/2022	
Fair Housing Marketing Plan	06/21/2022	

^{*} 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-Lee Housing Authority-01222 has no current waivers from the regulations of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

Glossary

ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act. Often used as shorthand for accessibility related issues or improvements.

AHVP: Alternative Housing Voucher Program

Alternative Housing Voucher Program provides rental vouchers to disabled applicants who are not elderly and who have been determined eligible for Chapter 667 (elderly and disabled) housing.

Allowable Non-Utility Expense Level (ANUEL) is the amount of non-utility expense allowed for each local housing authority based upon the type(s) of housing programs administered.

ANUEL: Allowable Non-Utility Expense Level

AP: Annual Plan

Annual Plan: A document prepared by each Local Housing Authority, incorporating the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), Maintenance and Repair Plan, Budget, responses to the Performance Management Review, and other elements.

Cap Share is the amount of Formula Funding spending approved by DHCD for each year.

Capital Funds: Funds provided by DHCD to an LHA for the modernization and preservation of state-aided public housing, including Formula Funds and Special Capital Funds.

Capital Needs Assessment, similar to the CIP, often used for developments in the Section 8 New Construction/Substantial Rehabilitation program. Such developments are generally not eligible for state capital funds and therefore do not participate in the CIP process. However, to track their ongoing capital needs and plan for construction projects to address those needs, they often conduct a CNA to determine when building systems will wear out and need to be replaced, and what replacement will cost, so they can plan the ensure that the necessary funding will be available

Capital Projects are projects that add significant value to an asset or replace building systems or components. Project cost must be greater than \$1000.

CIMS is a web-based software system used for creating CIP's and Annual Plans. For the CIP, the CIMS program allows the LHA to prioritize, select and schedule projects, assign funding sources and direct project spending to specific fiscal years to create a CIP that is consistent with the LHA's FF award amount and FF cap shares, plus any additional funding resources the LHA has identified. The LHA submits its CIP and DHCD conducts its review of the LHA's CIP in CIMS. For the Annual Plan CIMS imports data from other DHCD systems and combines that with data entered by the LHA.

CIP: A Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a five (5) 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 contents of a CIP are limited to available resources. An approved CIP is required in order to receive Formula Funds.

CNA: Capital Needs Assessment

CPS is DHCD's transparent Web-based capital planning system that catalogues the condition of every building and site in the statewide public housing portfolio, providing LHAs with detailed technical information to make strategic long-term capital investments. It includes a Facility Condition Index (FCI) for every development that compares the value of expired components of a development relative to its replacement cost.

Deferred Maintenance is maintenance, upgrades, or repairs that are deferred to a future budget cycle or postponed for some other reason. Sometimes it is referred to as extraordinary maintenance.

Deficit housing authority: a housing authority whose income (mainly from rent) does not cover all its normal operating costs in its approved operating budget, and which therefore operates at a deficit and requires operating subsidy from DHCD.

DHCD: Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development

Extraordinary Maintenance: see the description for budget line 4610 in the Explanation of Budget Accounts in the Budget Section of this Annual Plan.

FF: Formula Funding

Formula Funding is state bond funding allocated to each LHA according to the condition (needs) of its portfolio in comparison to the entire state-aided public housing portfolio.

FYE: Fiscal Year End

HHA Administrative Fee is the fee paid to an HHA from the RCAT Program budget.

HHA: Host Housing Authority for the RCAT program.

Host Housing Authority (HHA). An LHA selected by the Department to employ and oversee an RCAT.

HUD: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

LHA: Local Housing Authority

LTO: Local Tenants Organization

Management and Occupancy Report: This is an annual HUD review process that is used to evaluate the performance of developments in various HUD housing programs, including the Section 8 New Construction/Substantial Rehabilitation program, which some LHAs operate. It is similar to the state PMR process in that it evaluates LHA performance on variety of financial, housing quality, and other standards

Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) is a state-funded program that provides rental subsidies to low-income families and individuals.

MOR: Management and Occupancy Report

MRVP: Massachusetts Rental V DHCD's annual review of each housing authority's performance. It pulls together data on the authority's occupancy rates, tenant accounts receivables, accounts payable, budget variance, operating reserve, capital improvement plan submission, capital spending, annual inspections and work order and maintenance systems to identify and address areas of strength and areas for development. Its goal is to allow DHCD and the LHA to

take a deep dive into the data, lift up best practices, and work together towards improving operations oucher Program.

Performance Management Review (PMR):

PMR: Performance Management Review

RCAT: Regional Capital Assistance Team

Regional Capital Assistance Team: One of three organizations employed at HHAs designated by the Department to carry out the RCAT Program.

Sec.8 NC/SR (or S8NCSR): Section 8 New Construction and Substantial Rehabilitation

- Section 8 New Construction and Substantial Rehabilitation (Sec.8 NC/SR): This term refers to a federal HUD housing program operated at a small number of state public housing developments whose construction was funded by state grants, but whose ongoing operating costs are supported by project-based subsidies from HUD's federal Section 8 program, rather than from state public housing operating funds..
- **Special Awards**: In addition to allocations to each LHA, DHCD has created limited set aside funds to provide for extreme emergency or code compliance needs which are beyond the capacity of an LHA's current FF balance.
- **Surplus housing authority:** a housing authority whose income (mainly from rent) covers all its normal operating costs in its approved operating budget, and which therefore operates at a surplus and does not require operating subsidy from DHCD.

April 28, 2020 Sec. 8.1 - Glossary Page 3 of 3

Attachments

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

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

- Public Comments and LHA Responses
- Cover sheet for tenant satisfaction surveys
- Tenant Satisfaction Survey 667 Program

LEE HOUSING AUTHORITY 155 MARBLE STREET LEE, MA 01238

Minutes of the Lee Housing Authority Board of Directors Public Hearing for the Proposed FY 2026 Annual Plan on March 18, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sandra Cozzaglio at 4:30 p.m.

Those in attendance: Sandra Cozzaglio

Marjorie Donovan Thomas Logsdon

Deborah M. Pedercini, Executive Director

Members Absent: Thomas Unsworth

Jennifer Heath

Chairperson Cozzaglio explained that the Annual Plan serves as both a tool for the LHA's to reflect upon the prior year, as well as an opportunity to develop a clear and transparent plan. In addition to the physical document, the AP is also a process of public engagement. The Annual Plan was available to the tenants on the LHA's website as well as in the LHA office since January 24, 2025. The board has had the opportunity to read and offer recommendations, or any amendment to the document.

The chairperson called for any amendments or comments on the FY 2026 Annual Plan.

Hearing none.

A motion was in order to accept the FY 2026 Annual Plan as presented.

A motion was made by member Donovan to accept the FY 2026 Annual Plan as presented. Motion was seconded by member Logsdon. Vote 3-0

Motion to adjourn the public hearing was made by member Donovan. Motion was seconded by member Logsdon . Vote 3-0

The public hearing was adjourned at 4:37 pm.

Submitted by:

Medercene

Deborah M. Pedercini Executive Director

LEE HOUSING AUTHORITY 155 MARBLE STREET LEE, MA 01238

FY 2026 ANNUAL PLAN

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND LHA RESPONSES

The Lee Housing Authority Board of Directors Public Hearing for the Proposed FY 2026 Annual Plan was held on March 18, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by chairperson Cozzaglio at 4:30 p.m. There were zero comments on the FY 2026 Annual Plan The public hearing was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Deborah M. Pedercini

Deborah no Pedercine

Executive Director

LEE HOUSING AUTHORITY 155 MARBLE STRET LEE, MA. 01238

EXTRACT OF PUBLIC HEARING

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF ANNUAL PLAN FY 2026 OF THE LEE HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD ON MARCH 18, 2025

The members of the Lee Housing Authority met at 155 Marble Street, Brown Memorial Court in the Town of Lee, Massachusetts at 4:30 pm. on March 18, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson and upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Present:

Sandra Cozzaglio Thomas Logsdon Marjorie Donovan

Deborah M. Pedercini, Executive Director

Absent:

Thomas Unsworth Jennifer Heath

a. Approval of Annual Plan FY 2026

The Chairperson presented the Annual Plan FY 2026 for discussion and Approval of Annual Plan. There were no public comments for the hearing. The Board of Directors agreed no changes needed to be made.

Member Donovan made a motion to approve the Annual Plan FY 2026 as presented. Motion was seconded by member Logsdon. Vote 3-0.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Authority this 18th day of March 2025.

Deborah M. Pedercini Executive Director

Deborah M Pedereini

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.

Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development

Resident Survey LEE HOUSING AUTHORITY



Chapter 667 Housing Fall 2019

NOTE

This copy of the survey shows the percentage of respondents who chose each answer. DHCD also collected demographic information from survey respondents, such as gender, race, education, and age. The responses to these demographic questions are not included in this report in order to protect the anonymity of respondents.

In the fall of 2019, surveys were sent to **48** housing units (Chapter 667) in the Lee Housing Authority **27** surveys were completed. The percentages presented here are based on that number.

1. How many years have you lived in your current apartment?

15% Less than 2 years

19% 2 to 5 years

19% 6 to 10 years

46% More than 10 years

Maintenance & Repair

8. In the last 12 months, how often were you treated with courtesy and respect by the maintenance staff of your development??

0% Never

4% Sometimes

11% Usually

85% Always

9. Does the Housing Authority let you know before they enter your apartment??

96% Yes

4% No

0% Don't Know

10. "Building maintenance" includes things such as clean halls and stairways and having lights and elevators that work. In the last 12 months, how would you rate the overall building maintenance??

15% Poor

4% Fair

23% Good

15% Very Good

42% Excellent

11. In the last 12 months, how would you rate how well the outdoor space is maintained at your development (such as litter removal and clear walkways)?

8% Poor

11% Fair

15% Good

11% Very Good

54% Excellent

12. In the last 12 months, how many times did you completely lose heat in your apartment?

74% Never \rightarrow If Never, go to #14

26% Once

0% 2 or 3 times

0% 4 times or more

13. How long did it usually take for your heat to come back on?

100% Less than 24 hours

0% 24 to 48 hours

0% More than 48 hours

14. In the last 12 months, did you have any of these other heating problems?

	Yes
a. Apartment was too hot	4%
b. Apartment was too cold	7%
c. Took too long for apartment to heat up	4%
d. Apartment felt too drafty	11%

15. In the last 12 months, how many times did you have no hot water in your apartment?

81% Never \rightarrow If Never, go to #17

15% Once

4% 2 or 3 times

0% 4 times or more

16. How long did it usually take for the hot water to come back on?

100% Less than 24 hours

0% 24 to 48 hours

0% More than 48 hours

17. In the last 12 months, did you have any of these other water or plumbing problems?

		Yes
a.	Clogged drains (sink, toilet, shower)	33%
b.	Leaking pipes or faucets	15%
C.	Complete loss of water	0%
d.	Water temperature problems (too hot, too cold, unreliable)	11%
e.	Water stains on the ceiling	11%
f.	Sewer backed-up into your apartment	7%

Communication

18. In the last 12 months, has the Executive Director at your development held any meetings with residents??

45% Yes

23% No

32% Don't remember

19. In the last 12 months, how often were you treated with courtesy and respect by the management office of your development?

0% Never

11% Sometimes

22% Usually

67% Always

Safety

20. In the last 12 months, in general, how safe did you feel in your development?

56% Very safe → If Very safe, go to #22

28% Mostly safe

12% Somewhat safe

4% Not at all safe

21. For those who felt not at all, somewhat, or mostly safe: Why do you feel unsafe in your development? *(Check all that apply.)*

Building/Indoor Concerns

0% Not enough lighting in the hallways

0% Windows are not secure

40% Security of entry doors

0% Other tenants give door access code to non-residents

Outdoor Concerns

0% Not enough outdoor lights

10% Illegal activity in the development

40% Strangers hanging around who should not be there

30% Sidewalks are difficult to walk on

Other Concerns

0% The neighborhood/area the development is in

50% Another reason

22. Overall, how satisfied are you living in your development?

44% Very satisfied

48% Mostly satisfied

4% Mostly dissatisfied

4% Very dissatisfied