

Housing Assistance Program

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Focus Area: Neighborhoods and Housing

Line of Business: Neighborhoods and Housing

Program Purpose Statement: To assist private development in the creation of new affordable housing and make available financial and technical assistance to property owners, low-income, elderly and disabled residents in Long Beach so they can live with dignity in decent, safe and sanitary housing conditions or be provided with opportunities to purchase new homes.

Key Services Provided: New Affordable Homes/Apartments, Developer Loans, Senior Housing, Special Needs Housing, Home Purchase Loans, Land Assembly and Write Downs, Technical Assistance, Plans and New Strategies, Disposition and Development Agreements, Development Parameters, Design Reviews, Environmental reviews, Consulting services, Seminars, Housing Vouchers, Utility Payments, Unit Inspections, Escrow Accounts, Family Self Sufficiency Referrals, Social Service Referrals, Homeowner Loans, Rehabilitation Loans, Housing Inspections, Marketing and Outreach, Residential Exterior Improvement Grants (RDA & CDBG) and Support Services.

FY 10 Funding Sources: Housing Authority Fund 89%, Community Development Grants 8%, Housing Development Fund 3%

Housing Assistance	Actual FY 08	Adjusted FY 09	Estimated FY 09	Percent of Budget	Proposed* FY 10
Expenditures	80,452,934	78,846,992	88,883,156	113%	77,425,114
Revenues	70,504,952	78,236,158	84,268,448	108%	78,505,150
FTEs	66.66	68.80	68.80	100%	63.08

*Amounts exclude all-years carryover.

Key Performance Measures	Actual FY 08	Target FY 09	Estimated FY 09	Percent of Budget	Proposed FY 10
% Of vouchers that are leased	96%	98%	98%	100%	98%
# Of housing choice vouchers leased	6,034	6,135	6,135	100%	6,135

Results Narrative:

The Housing Authority's FY 10 budget will fund various housing assistance programs that benefit over 6,200 families in Long Beach. The largest program, the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV), is a federally-funded program that provides housing assistance payments for low to very low-income families, including elderly and disabled. The goal for FY 10 is to maintain, at a minimum, the number of participants in the HCV Program at approximately 6,135 families.

The Housing Authority also administers a variety of other housing assistance payment programs for persons living with HIV/AIDS, chronically homeless and disabled, homeless veterans, and disaster victims. Moreover, the Bureau administers the Family Self Sufficiency Program (FSS), which helps working individuals to become more economically self-sufficient. By FY 11, the goal is to increase the number of FSS graduates by 20 percent for a cumulative total of 185.

The Housing Development Fund resources will allow staff to facilitate the development of 192 for-sale units and 479 rental units affordable to very low-, low-, and moderate-income households. The planning and construction of housing developments often overlap fiscal years. As a result, portions of the units in production in FY 10 are scheduled for completion in FY 11 and FY 12.

In FY 10, the Rehabilitation Division is projecting to complete 30 single-family loans begun in prior years, extend loans to initiate rehabilitation of 53 single-family homes and 30 owner-occupied mobile homes, extend multi-family loans to rehabilitate approximately 99 apartments, complete rehabilitation of 30 apartments begun in FY 09, and deliver tenant-based rent subsidy to 99 households and Security Deposit assistance to approximately 98 homeless families.