



Best Practice "Th(is) Public Housing Agency (PHA) demonstrates a strong commitment to supportive services. Providing effective supportive services is crucial for (a) PHA to assist and help the participants and residents in their housing programs

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Columbia Housing Authority COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

Founded in 1956, the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, MO (CHA) provides quality affordable housing opportunities with supportive and economic resources to eligible households in Columbia, Boone County.

2023 was a stellar year for the CHA. We were able to assist more households and individuals by providing more housing and supportive services. We are working collaboratively with numerous non-profits in our community; the positive outcomes reflect the exponential benefits of working together. Our growth has been outstanding, and we are pleased to share our results.





Best Practice - Board Meeting minutes indicate (that this) Public Housing Agency reports comprehensive program updates to the Board of Commissioners and public. It allows stakeholders to stay informed about the progress and developments within the organization.

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HOUSING



- Served over 2,000 households or 4500 individuals with housing and support services.
- 100 residents were able to move up into market-rate housing.
- Expanded our collaborative relationships with local landlords to over 364 property managers.
- Trained over 50 landlords and non-profit partners on the resources CHA makes available for housing and ancillary programs.
- Expanded staff with a new Homeless Outreach Coordinator increasing homeless households to 51 who are now connected to permanent housing with support services.
- Awarded and utilized 88 additional special vouchers for homeless or at-risk households.
- Provided second chances to 27 applicant households who were denied housing based on criminal background checks by connecting them to supportive services.
- Considered an excellent indicator by HUD, CHA increased its voucher-funding utilization by \$1 million.

NEW HOUSING



- Awarded \$3 million from the Missouri Department of Economic Development to expand the Kinney Point Apartments by 10 units, as well as adding a community center.
- Secured \$34 million to redevelop and expand housing, which will rebuild 70 housing units and add 43 units of new housing, create over 100 jobs and increase local tax revenue by \$2 million, as well as underscore CHA's long-term sustainability.
- All of the CHA redevelopment conversion of properties to low-income housing from affordable housing generate real estate tax credits for the county, city, schools, etc. - CHA housing is tax-generating.

YOUTH PROGRAMS



The CHA Moving Ahead program is a quality, state-licensed, after-school, and summer program that offers an effective mix of one-on-one tutoring, and cultural and physical activities for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade.

- Invested over \$250,000 in our Moving Ahead Afterschool and Summer School Programming to serve an additional 40 youth.
- Completed \$50,000 in renovations to the Moving Ahead program located in the Boone Community Center to expand services.
- Funded an additional \$30,000 in programming and activities for CHA youth in partnership with local minority-led organizations.
- In collaboration with Job Point's workforce training program for low-income, at-risk youth, broke ground on the construction of a new home.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES



- Distributed over 100,000 pounds of nutritious food to CHA residents, in partnership with The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri.
- Graduated 13 of 135 Family Self-Sufficiency households earning \$62,000 in matched savings from increases in employment and household income.

STEWARDSHIP



- Completed a new congressional initiative to enable comprehensive monitoring of public housing authorities.
- By request from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, CHA assisted with peer-to-peer training on understanding redevelopment efforts.