



AGENDA

Garden Grove Housing Authority

Tuesday,
May 24, 2022

6:30 PM

Community Meeting Center, 11300
Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove,
California 92840

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Open Session

6:30 PM

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONER BECKLES, COMMISSIONER BUI, COMMISSIONER JONES, COMMISSIONER KLOPFENSTEIN, COMMISSIONER D. NGUYEN, COMMISSIONER O'NEILL, VICE CHAIR K. NGUYEN, CHAIR BRIETIGAM

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

2. CONSENT ITEMS

(Consent Items will be acted on simultaneously with one motion unless separate discussion and/or action is requested by a Housing Authority Commissioner.)

2.a. Receive and file the Housing Authority Status Report for April 2022. (*Action Item*)

3. MATTERS FROM CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS AND DIRECTOR

4. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Housing Authority Meeting is Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California, 92840.

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:	Scott C. Stiles	From:	Maria Stipe
Dept.:	Director	Dept.:	Assistant City Manager
Subject:	Receive and file the Housing Authority Status Report for April 2022. (<i>Action Item</i>)		
		Date:	5/24/2022

OBJECTIVE

For the Housing Authority Commissioners to receive and file the April 2022 Housing Authority Status Report.

BACKGROUND

The Housing Choice Voucher Program assists low-income families, senior citizens, and handicapped persons in the payment of their monthly rent. Under this program, a qualified participant pays a portion of his/her adjusted household income for rent. The remainder of the rent is paid by the City's Housing Authority utilizing funds received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The units rented under the program are inspected on a biennial basis to ensure that they are decent, safe, sanitary, and have no code violations. Approximately 2,529 senior citizens, disabled persons, and families are funded by the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program.

In May 2021, the Housing Authority was awarded with 117 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) and funding from HUD, as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The EHVs are provided to help assist individuals and families who are (1) homeless, (2) at risk of homelessness, (3) fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, or (4) recently homeless. The initial award amount is \$1,744,368 with the effective date July 1, 2021. To ensure that the EHVs assist families who are most in need, the Housing Authority will work with community partners to determine the best use and targeting for the vouchers along with other resources available in the community.

In November 2020, the Housing Authority was awarded with 75 new Mainstream vouchers and funding from HUD, as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act. The Mainstream vouchers are provided to help respond to coronavirus related housing needs in the community.

DISCUSSION

The following is a status report for the month of April 2022:

Program Eligibility: All participants of the Housing Choice Voucher Program must be income eligible. Applicants are ranked on the Waiting List by local preferences. When an applicant is next on the Waiting List, they have an Initial Qualifying (IQ) interview where their eligibility is verified. If they are eligible, they receive a program briefing and their voucher. The Authority replaces those families who terminate from the program as a part of normal turnover. Once on the program, they are re-certified for eligibility at least annually and their portion of the rent adjusted according to their income.

INITIAL QUALIFICATION (IQ) INTERVIEWS: Staff conducted 20 Initial Qualification interviews (IQ) from the Waiting List and the following:

- (a) Emergency Situations - 3
- (b) Referred by a Garden Grove Homeless Shelter - 0
- (c) Incoming Portability - 1
- (d) Mainstream - 0
- (e) Emergency Housing Vouchers - 0

Briefings and New Program Admissions: Three (3) briefings were conducted this month, 3 vouchers were issued, and 22 families were admitted to the program.

Re-certifications: Staff conducted 230 re-examination interviews with participants to determine continued eligibility. Ninety-six (96) were interviewed who had interim changes in income, which necessitated an adjustment in their portion of the rent.

Moves: Staff met with 9 tenants currently on the program that were moving and were briefed on move procedures.

Terminations: There were 13 families who terminated from the program during the month.

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM (FSS): Assists families to become employed and no longer dependent on public assistance. The Family Self-Sufficiency Program enters into contracts with Voucher participants to provide support services such as education, training, and career development.

Status of FSS participants this month: There were 2 prospective FSS participants interviewed for the month of April. There were 2 contracts signed and 4 contracts were terminated. There are a total of 402 families who have signed contracts for the FSS program. Thirty-six (36) contracts are active. Eleven (11) update meetings were held with FSS participants.

One hundred and thirty-five (135) families have completed their FSS goals and 68 of these are self-sufficient and no longer need housing assistance. Eight (8) families have purchased houses. There are 29 escrow accounts. Fifteen (15) escrow accounts are active

with monthly deposits.

The Authority has paid out a total of \$1,191,305 in escrow funds to tenants who have completed their contract obligations. Each graduate that successfully completes his or her family obligations on the contract after October 21, 1998, reduces the minimum program size. The original program size of 140 is now reduced to 10.

UNIT INSPECTIONS: All units that are leased under the Housing Choice Voucher program must pass an initial Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspection before the Housing Assistance Payments contract is signed, and must pass a biennial HQS inspection to continue to receive rental assistance payments. HQS inspections determine that the unit is decent, safe and sanitary, and has passed City building codes.

New Leases: There were 22 requests for new lease approvals with 7 units passing and 15 units failing.

Annuals: There were 181 annual inspections conducted this month. Seventy (90) units passed and 111 failed to meet Housing Quality Standards (HQS) and code requirements. The owners were requested to make the necessary repairs.

Re-inspections: There were 98 re-inspections conducted on units that failed their first inspection.

Move-out: There were no move-out inspections conducted.

Specials: There were no special inspections conducted.

Quality Control: There were no quality control inspections conducted this month. These inspections are required by HUD to ensure that field staff is in compliance with inspection requirements and are conducted by supervisory staff.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Housing Authority Commissioners:

- Receive and file the 2022 April Housing Authority Status Report.

By: Danny Huynh, Housing Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type	File Name
Statistical report	5/10/2022	Backup Material	Statistical_-_April.pdf

GARDEN GROVE HOUSING AUTHORITY
"STATISTICAL REPORT"
April 2022

I. LEASED FAMILIES

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>FAMILIES</u>
Total Participating Families:	2520	100%
Elderly:	1670	64%
Disabled:	788	30%
Female Head of Household:	1446	55%
Employed:	981	37%

II. UNITS UNDER LEASE

<u>UNITS LEASED</u>	<u>TOTAL UNITS ALLOCATED</u>	<u>% LEASED</u>	<u>PORT IN ADMINISTERED</u>
2234	2337	96%	286

**III. CURRENT PAYMENT
STANDARD**

<u>1-BEDROOM</u>	<u>2-BEDROOM</u>	<u>3-BEDROOM</u>	<u>4+BEDROOM</u>	<u>MOBILE HOME</u>
\$1,718	\$2,121	\$2,937	\$3,382	

IV. RENTS AND INCOME

VOUCHERS

Average HAP Payment:	\$1,272
Average Tenant Rent:	\$449
Average Contract Rent:	\$1,759
Average Annual Income:	\$20,519
Hard to House:	7

**V. TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS
LEASED BY BEDROOM
SIZE**

<u>1-BEDROOM</u>	<u>2-BEDROOM</u>	<u>3-BEDROOM</u>	<u>4+BEDROOM</u>	<u>MOBILE HOME</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1610	684	179	29	18	2520

**VI. NEW ADMISSION BY UNIT
SIZE**

<u>0-BEDROOM</u>	<u>1-BEDROOM</u>	<u>2-BEDROOM</u>	<u>3-BEDROOM</u>	<u>4+BEDROOM</u>	<u>MOBILE HOME</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2	9	11	0	0	0	22