

DANVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

FY 2023 AGENCY PLAN

SUMMARY FOR RESIDENTS

Each year DRHA puts together an Agency Plan for the next fiscal year. Resident comments are welcomed, and we look forward to receiving your insights.

DRHA's Mission

The Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority's mission is to provide safe, decent, and sanitary housing conditions for very low-income families and to manage resources efficiently. DRHA will strive to promote personal, economic, and social upward mobility to provide families the opportunity to make the transition from subsidized to non-subsidized housing

DRHA's Vision

The Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority's vision is to become a vital partner in revitalizing the housing community in Danville, VA, and the surrounding communities, through development, management, and the renovation of neighborhoods. DRHA's goals are designed to improve health, safety, employment, mobility, and educational outcomes. DRHA wishes to create partnerships that are necessary for public and private reinvestment in the community, including improving racial disparities, creating a better quality of life, and improving family assets.

Management

DRHA anticipates improving software capabilities and will begin the process of streamlining services for clients, including but not limited to mobile work order and inspection systems and online tenant, landlord, applicant, and rent payment portals.

DRHA has implemented a new, redesigned website that is easier to navigate with more information available to the general public.

DRHA aims to continue to work on improving operations throughout the agency by updating policies, providing staff training, implementing quality control protocols, improving customer service, and more.

DRHA is committed to building public and private partnerships in the community with various agencies, municipalities, and companies to expand and provide a suitable living environment for everyone in Danville and the surrounding communities.

Section 8

In 2023 DRHA plans to work with local developers to increase affordable housing options for renters.

Along with making Section 8 more accessible, DRHA created a strategy aimed to increase landlord participation to deconcentrate poverty in Danville. In hopes to increase the number of landlords willing to offer homes to clientele in more affluent neighborhoods in the communities, DRHA will provide security deposit assistance, landlord and tenant support, and offer landlord incentives when feasible.

DRHA anticipates increasing the Project-Based voucher program in an effort to provide long-term housing options for participants and will focus on providing greater choices for families experiencing or near homelessness.

DRHA currently has an open RFP for PBV projects and plans to leave the RFP open long term to utilize as many PBV vouchers as possible.

DRHA anticipated receiving additional mainstream and VASH vouchers and will continue to work towards a goal of increasing vouchers and voucher participation and utilization for the agency.

Aiming to increase voucher utilization, DRHA plans to purchase and rehabilitate homes in the Danville region and rent them to Section 8 residents.

Public Housing

DRHA has reviewed and updated the ACOP and PH policies, such as leases, late notices, collection policies, etc. In 2022 our Capital Fund was approved for an amount of \$1,535,556.00, and we believe that amount will carry over for 2023.

DRHA plans to focus Capital Fund dollars on upgrading all public housing properties. This includes but is not limited to remodeling the exterior and landscaping of the buildings.

DRHA has hired a development firm to consult on the best design and layouts to maximize the two oldest public housing properties, Cedar Terrace and Cardinal Village.

DRHA will focus on substantially rehabilitating the current public housing units and modernizing the apartments by upgrading amenities.

In anticipation of modernization, DRHA will commit staff and resources to the development and implementation of a resident relocation plan.

DRHA is planning to focus funds on modernization of public housing properties, not only for 2023 but as we advance for the next several years.

Even though DRHA plans to continue exploring options for affordable housing development throughout the communities, the agency feels that revitalizing the public housing properties in Danville, VA, should be prioritized.

DRHA management has begun exploring options for financing, repositioning such as RAD, Section 18, a blend of both RAD and Section 18, or LIHTC, CFFP, and additional grants as available.

Housing Development

DRHA currently has 139 Faircloth units and plans to submit a Faircloth to RAD application in 2022 for development in 2023.

In 2022 DRHA was a LIHTC award for 52 senior apartments to begin construction in 2023. These apartments will be project-based vouchers

DRHA will explore all affordable housing development options.

Resident Self-Sufficiency

DRHA plans to continue to work towards securing FSS and ROSS grants as available. In anticipation of receiving these grants, DRHA plans to re-structure the resident services team to expand supportive services to improve assisted residents' employability.

In addition to improving employability, the agency will continue to provide supportive services to increase independence for the elderly or families with disabilities.

Although funding for youth activities may be challenging to secure DRHA pledges, continue searching for funding sources that will continue to provide and increase activities for the youth of our community.

Homeownership

DRHA anticipates continuing to support and work with The Center for Housing Education on securing funds to increase the number of homeownership participants.

DRHA and the Center plan to continue to look at options for the Choice Homes homeownership program and hope to grow the number of new homes in the Danville community.

DRHA has secured grant funding to rehabilitate homes in the City of Danville for affordable homeownership. DRHA anticipates continuing to rehabilitate and build new homes in 2023.

Topic: Resident Meeting for Annual Plan

Time: Aug 17, 2022 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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