

Notice of Public Hearing

THE MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY invites all tenants and the general public to a review of the Authority's Proposed Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2026

The Annual Plan is intended to provide insight into the Authority's operations and plans for the coming fiscal year as they affect the Authority's state-aided public housing. The Proposed Annual Plan is comprised of the following elements:

1. Proposed Capital Improvement Plan (5-year)
2. Proposed Maintenance and Repair Plan
3. Current Operating Budget
4. Responses to the Performance Management Review (PMR) findings
5. List of housing authority policies
6. List of waivers from governing regulations of the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC)
7. Other elements



Hearing time and date: 4:00 PM on 6/18/2025

Hearing location: Community Room
52 Middle Street
Merrimac, MA 01860

Residents and the general public are invited to review the Annual Plan before the hearing and may submit public comments as noted below. The Authority shall consider the concerns of any Local Tenants' Organization (LTO) or Resident Advisory Board (RAB) regarding needs and priorities and incorporate some or all of such needs and priorities in the draft plan if deemed by the Authority to be consistent with sound management. Substantive comments will be summarized and included in the Annual Plan when it is submitted to the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC).

- o Copies of the Annual Plan are available at the Authority's office or may be reviewed online at <https://publichousingfacilityreview.mass.gov/Public?ap=28>.
- o Comments may be submitted orally at the hearing, by emailing the housing authority office, or by submitting written comments at the housing authority office. Comments must be received no later than the close of the public hearing.
- o For reasonable accommodation requests contact the housing authority office by 6/4/2025 at 4:00 PM
- o Contact information for MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY:
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Aviso de audiencia pública

EL/LA MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY

invita a todos los arrendatarios y al público en general a una revisión del Plan Anual Propuesto por la autoridad para el año fiscal 2026

El Plan anual tiene como objetivo dar a conocer las operaciones de la autoridad y sus planes para el año fiscal entrante en lo que respecta a sus iniciativas de vivienda pública con financiamiento estatal. El Plan anual propuesto comprende los siguientes elementos:

1. Plan de mejoras de capital propuesto (5 años)
2. Plan de mantenimiento y reparaciones propuesto
3. Presupuesto operativo actual
4. Respuestas a los hallazgos en la Revisión de gestión del desempeño (PMR)
5. Listado de las políticas de la autoridad de vivienda
6. Listado de las exenciones a las normas vigentes del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario (EOHLC)
7. Otros elementos



Fecha y hora de la audiencia: 4:00 PM on 6/18/2025
Lugar de la audiencia: Community Room
52 Middle Street
Merrimac, MA 01860

Invitamos a los residentes y al público en general a leer el Plan anual antes de la audiencia y a hacer comentarios públicos por los medios que se indican más abajo. La autoridad tomará en consideración las inquietudes de cualquier organización de arrendatarios locales (LTO) o junta asesora de residentes (RAB) en relación con las necesidades y prioridades. Si las considera consistentes con los principios de buena gestión, la autoridad incorporará dichas necesidades y prioridades -en parte o en su totalidad- en la versión preliminar del plan. Los comentarios sustantivos se resumirán e incluirán en el Plan anual cuando este se envíe al Oficina Ejecutiva de Vivienda y Comunidades Habitables (EOHLC).

- o Puede obtener copias del Plan anual en la oficina de la autoridad o consultar el Plan por Internet en <https://publichousingfacilityreview.mass.gov/Public?ap=28>. El Plan está disponible únicamente en inglés.
- o Si desea hacer comentarios, puede hacerlo oralmente en la audiencia o enviar los comentarios por correo electrónico o postal a la oficina de la autoridad de vivienda. Los comentarios se deben recibir antes del cierre de la audiencia pública.
- o Si tiene una solicitud razonable en relación con una discapacidad, póngase en contacto con la oficina de la autoridad de vivienda antes del a las .
- o Información de contacto de MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY:
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MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY

អញ្ជើញអ្នកជួល

និងសាធារណជនទូទៅទាំងអស់ឲ្យទៅពិនិត្យមើលឡើងវិញនូវផែនការប្រចាំឆ្នាំដែលបានដាក់ស្នើ
របស់អាជ្ញាធរសម្រាប់ឆ្នាំសារពើពន្ធ 2026

ផែនការប្រចាំឆ្នាំមានគោលបំណងផ្តល់ការយល់ដឹងអំពីប្រតិបត្តិការ

និងផែនការរបស់អាជ្ញាធរសម្រាប់ឆ្នាំសារពើពន្ធខាងមុខនេះ

ព្រោះតាមការពិចារណាលើការវិនិច្ឆ័យនៃសាធារណៈដែលផ្តល់នូវការសម្របសម្រួលរបស់អាជ្ញាធរ។ ផែនការប្រចាំឆ្នាំដែលបានដាក់ស្នើ
មានធាតុដូចខាងក្រោម៖

1. ផែនការកែលម្អរដ្ឋធានីដែលបានដាក់ស្នើ (5 ឆ្នាំ)
2. ផែនការជួសជុល និងថែទាំដែលបានដាក់ស្នើ
3. ថវិកាប្រតិបត្តិការបច្ចុប្បន្ន
4. ការឆ្លើយតបនឹងលទ្ធផលនៃការពិនិត្យមើលឡើងវិញនូវការគ្រប់គ្រងការបំពេញការងារ (PMR)
5. បញ្ជីគោលនយោបាយអាជ្ញាធរលំនៅដ្ឋាន
6. បញ្ជីការលះបង់សិទ្ធិពីបទប្បញ្ញត្តិគ្រប់គ្រងរបស់ក្រសួងអភិវឌ្ឍសហគមន៍ និងលំនៅដ្ឋាន (EOHLC)
7. ធាតុផ្សេងទៀត



កាលបរិច្ឆេទ
និងម៉ោងសវនការ៖
ទីកន្លែងសវនការ៖

4:00 PM នៅ 6/18/2025

Community Room

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គេហជន និងសាធារណជនទូទៅត្រូវបានអញ្ជើញឱ្យពិនិត្យមើលឡើងវិញនូវផែនការប្រចាំឆ្នាំមុនពេលបើកសវនាការ
ហើយអាចបញ្ជូនមតិសាធារណៈដូចបានកត់សម្គាល់ខាងក្រោម។

អាជ្ញាធរត្រូវគិតគូរពីកង្វល់នានារបស់អង្គការរបស់អ្នកជួលក្នុងមូលដ្ឋាន (LTO) ឬក្រុមប្រឹក្សាយោបល់គេហជន (RAB)
អំពីតម្រូវការ និងអាទិភាពនានា ហើយបញ្ចូលតម្រូវការ និងអាទិភាពទាំងនោះមួយចំនួន

ឬទាំងអស់ទៅក្នុងសេចក្តីព្រាងផែនការ បើអាជ្ញាធរយល់ថាសមស្របជាមួយការគ្រប់គ្រងដែលត្រឹមត្រូវ។ មតិសំខាន់ៗ

នឹងត្រូវបានសង្ខេប និងបញ្ចូលទៅក្នុងផែនការប្រចាំឆ្នាំ នៅពេលវាត្រូវបានដាក់ជូនក្រសួងអភិវឌ្ឍសហគមន៍ និងលំនៅដ្ឋាន
(EOHLC)។

- សេចក្តីចម្លងនៃផែនការប្រចាំឆ្នាំ មាននៅការិយាល័យរបស់អាជ្ញាធរ ឬអាចពិនិត្យមើលឡើងវិញលើបណ្តាញតាមរយៈ
<https://publichousingfacilityreview.mass.gov/Public?ap=28> ។ មានជាភាសាអង់គ្លេសតែប៉ុណ្ណោះ។
- មតិសាធារណៈត្រូវបានផ្តល់ដោយផ្ទាល់មាត់នៅក្នុងសវនាការ ដោយធ្វើអ៊ីម៉ែលទៅការិយាល័យអាជ្ញាធរលំនៅដ្ឋាន
ឬដោយដាក់មតិជាលាយលក្ខណ៍អក្សរនៅការិយាល័យអាជ្ញាធរលំនៅដ្ឋាន។
មតិសាធារណៈត្រូវតែផ្តល់ឱ្យបានមុនពេលបិទសវនាការសាធារណៈ។
- សម្រាប់សំណើសុំការស្នាក់នៅសមរម្យ សូមទាក់ទងការិយាល័យអាជ្ញាធរលំនៅដ្ឋានត្រឹមថ្ងៃ នៅម៉ោង ។
- ព័ត៌មានទំនាក់ទំនងសម្រាប់ MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY៖
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Thông báo Điều trần Công khai

MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY

**xin mời tất cả những người thuê nhà và cộng đồng đến tham dự
buổi đánh giá Kế hoạch Hàng năm Đề xuất cho Năm Tài chính của
Cơ quan Quản lý 2026**

Kế hoạch Hàng năm này nhằm đem lại cái nhìn sâu sắc đối với các hoạt động của Cơ quan Quản lý và các kế hoạch cho năm tài chính sắp tới vì chúng ảnh hưởng đến vấn đề gia cư công cộng có sự trợ giúp của tiểu bang của Cơ quan Quản lý. Kế hoạch Hàng năm Đề xuất bao gồm các thành phần sau:

1. Kế hoạch Cải tạo Cơ bản Đề xuất (5 năm)
2. Kế hoạch Bảo trì và Sửa chữa Đề xuất
3. Ngân sách Vận hành Hiện tại
4. Trả lời đối với những phát hiện trong bản Đánh giá Quản lý Hoạt động (PMR)
5. Danh sách các chính sách của cơ quan quản lý gia cư
6. Danh sách các quyết định miễn tuân thủ các quy định chi phối của Sở Gia cư và Phát triển Cộng đồng (EOHLC)
7. Các thành phần khác



Ngày và giờ điều trần: 4:00 PM và 6/18/2025

Địa điểm điều trần: Community Room

52 Middle Street

Merrimac, MA 01860

Các cư dân và cộng đồng được mời tham gia xem xét Kế hoạch Hàng năm trước phiên điều trần và có thể gửi ý kiến đóng góp của công chúng như được mô tả dưới đây. Cơ quan Quản lý phải cân nhắc các quan ngại của bất kỳ Tổ chức của Người Thuê nhà Địa phương (LTO) hay Hội đồng Cố vấn Cư dân (RAB) nào về các nhu cầu và ưu tiên và kết hợp một số hoặc tất cả các nhu cầu và ưu tiên đó trong bản thảo kế hoạch nếu Cơ quan Quản lý coi là phù hợp với việc quản lý hợp lý. Các ý kiến đóng góp có cơ sở sẽ được tóm tắt và đưa vào nội dung Kế hoạch Hàng năm khi nộp cho Sở Gia cư và Phát triển Cộng đồng (EOHLC).

- Các bản sao của Kế hoạch Hàng năm sẵn có tại văn phòng Cơ quan Quản lý hoặc quý vị có thể xem trực tuyến tại <https://publichousingfacilityreview.mass.gov/Public?ap=28>. Các bản này chỉ có bằng Tiếng Anh.
- Các ý kiến đóng góp có thể được nộp bằng lời tại buổi điều trần, gửi email cho văn phòng cơ quan quản lý gia cư, hoặc nộp ý kiến bằng văn bản tại văn phòng cơ quan quản lý gia cư. Các ý kiến đóng góp phải được nhận không muộn hơn giờ kết thúc phiên điều trần.
- Để đưa ra các yêu cầu về biện pháp điều chỉnh đặc biệt hợp lý, hãy liên hệ với văn phòng cơ quan quản lý gia cư trước lúc .
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开公众听证会的通知

MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY 邀请所有租户和公众

对本管理局的{ }财政年度建议的《年度计划》进行审查

该《年度计划》旨在深入了解本管理局的运作和下一财政年度的计划，因为它们会影响到管理局的有国家援助的公共住房。建议的年度计划包括以下内容：2026

- 1.建议的资本改善计划（5年）
- 2.建议的维修计划
- 3.当前的运营预算
- 4.对绩效管理审查（PMR）调查结果的回应
- 5.住房管理局政策一览表
- 6.从住房和社区发展部（EOHLC）的法规可豁免的条例清单
- 7.其他基本点



听证会时间和日期: 4:00 PM 在 6/18/2025
听证会地点: Community Room
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Merrimac, MA 01860

请租户和公众在听证会之前审阅《年度计划》，并可以按照以下说明提交公众意见。本管理局将考虑任何地方租户组织（LTO）或居民咨询委员会（RAB）对需求和需优先考虑的事项的关注，并在管理局认为是与明智、稳妥的管理相一致的情况下，将部分或全部此类需求和需优先考虑的事项纳入计划草案。公众的实质性意见会被汇总并纳入《年度计划》，然后被提交给住房和社区发展部（EOHLC）。

- 可以在管理局的办公室获得《年度计划》的副本，或者可以上网进入<https://publichousingfacilityreview.mass.gov/Public?ap=28>在线查看。那些副本或网上内容是用英语的。
- 各位要提出评论，可以在听证会上通过口头方式、或通过向住房管理局的办公室发送电子邮件、或在住房管理局的办公室当面提交书面评论。所有评论必须在公众听证会结束之前收到。
- 对于合理的需通融的要求，请在{时间}之前通过 在 与住房管理局的办公室联系。
- MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY 的联系方式：
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Aviso de Audiência Pública

O MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY

convida todos os locatários e o público em geral para uma revisão do plano anual proposto pela Autoridade para o ano fiscal 2026

O Plano Anual é destinado a fornecer insights sobre as operações e planos da Autoridade para o próximo ano fiscal, uma vez que afetam as habitações públicas da Autoridade. O plano anual proposto é composto pelos seguintes elementos:

1. Plano de melhoria de capital proposto (5 anos)
2. Plano de manutenção e reparação proposto
3. Orçamento operacional atual
4. Respostas aos achados da Revisão de Gerenciamento de Desempenho (PMR)
5. Lista de políticas da autoridade habitacional
6. Lista de isenções de regulamentos aplicáveis do Departamento de Habitação e Desenvolvimento Comunitário (EOHLC)
7. Outros elementos



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Local da audiência: Community Room
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Os residentes e o público em geral são convidados a revisar o Plano Anual antes da audiência e podem enviar comentários públicos, conforme indicado abaixo. A Autoridade deve considerar as preocupações de qualquer Organização de Locatários Locais (LTO) ou Conselho Consultivo de Residentes (RAB) em relação às necessidades e prioridades e incorporar algumas ou todas essas necessidades e prioridades ao projeto do plano se a Autoridade considerar que é consistente com a boa gestão. Os comentários substanciais serão resumidos e incluídos no Plano Anual quando este for submetido ao Departamento de Habitação e Desenvolvimento Comunitário (EOHLC).

- Cópias do Plano Anual estão disponíveis no escritório da Autoridade ou podem ser analisadas on-line em <https://publichousingfacilityreview.mass.gov/Public?ap=28>. Estas estão apenas no idioma inglês.
- Os comentários podem ser apresentados oralmente na audiência, por e-mail para o escritório da autoridade habitacional ou por escrito para o escritório da autoridade habitacional. Os comentários devem ser recebidos, no máximo, até o encerramento da audiência pública.
- Para solicitações razoáveis de acomodação, entre em contato com o escritório da autoridade habitacional em às .
- Informações de contato para MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY:
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Уведомление о публичном слушании

MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY

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2. Plan Antretyen ak Reparasyon yo Pwopoze
3. Bidjè Operasyon Aktyèl
4. Rezilta Revizyon Repons Jesyon Pèfòmans lan (Performance Management Review, PMR)
5. Lis règleman administrasyon lojman yo
6. Lis egzonasyon règlemantasyon k ap fè otorite nan Depatman Lojman ak Devlopman Kominotè a (Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, EOHLC)
7. Lòt eleman yo



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MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY
Proposed 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 EOHLA.

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 MERRIMAC 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, which may include:
 - a. Approval documents and any Public Comments
 - b. Tenant Satisfaction Survey
 - c. Performant Management Review report
 - d. Other documents added by LHA

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	Type	Development Name	Num Bldgs	Year Built	Dwelling Units
667-01	Elderly	MERRI VILLAGE	6	1972	48
	Family	Family units in smaller developments	2		4
Total			8		52

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LHA Board of Commissioners

	<u>Role</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Candie Benjamin	Chair		05/07/2023	05/01/2028
Joseph Fernandes	Member	Tenant	02/19/2025	02/19/2027
Ayn Kira Carroll	Member		05/07/2022	05/07/2026
Gary Dean	Vice Chair	State Appointee	06/03/2020	06/03/2024
Connie Nucci	Member		05/08/2024	05/06/2029

Plan History

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

REQUIREMENT		DATE COMPLETED
A.	Advertise the public hearing on the LHA website.	
B.	Advertise the public hearing in public postings.	
C.	Notify all LTOs or RAB (if there is one) of the hearing and provide access to the Proposed Annual Plan.	N/A
D.	Post draft AP for tenant and public viewing.	4/14/2025
E.	Hold quarterly meeting with LTO or RAB to review 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.)	
G.	Executive Director presents the Annual Plan to the Board.	
H.	Board votes to approve the AP. (For Boston Housing Authority, the Administrator approves and submits the AP.)	

This Annual Plan (AP) will be reviewed by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) following the public comment period, the public hearing, and LHA approval.

Capital Improvement Plan

EOHLC 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 (EOHLC) fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) based on the project schedules.

Local Housing Authorities (LHAs) receive yearly awards from EOHLC (Formula Funding Awards) which they target to their most urgent capital needs in their CIP. They may also receive special awards from EOHLC 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.

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)	\$432,553.68		Total of all FF awards minus prior FF spending
LHA Emergency Reserve	\$43,255.37		Amount to reserve for emergencies
Net FF Funds (First 3 Years of the CIP)	\$389,298.31	\$335,963.34	Funds to plan & amount actually planned in the first 3 years of the CIP
ADA Set-aside	\$2,666.99	\$2,666.99	Accessibility projects
DMH Set-aside	\$0.00	\$0.00	Dept. of Mental Health facility
DDS Set-aside	\$0.00	\$0.00	Dept. of Developmental Services facility
Unrestricted Formula Funding (FF)	\$386,631.33	\$333,296.35	Funds awarded by DHCD to be used on projects selected by the LHA and approved by DHCD.
Special DHCD Funding	\$772,746.67	\$763,146.67	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 or 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	\$1,162,044.98	\$1,099,110.01	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.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**Regional Capital Assistance Team**

Merrimac 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)

Formula Funding and Special DHCD Award Planned Spending - Other funding not included

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
180008	2008 FF Master CFA	MERRI VILLAGE 667-01	\$8,050	\$8,050	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
180022	FF: Siding repairs	Lincoln Street / Green Street 705-01	\$6,727	\$6,727	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
180024	FF: Overlay Asphalt Surfaces	Lincoln Street / Green Street 705-01	\$10,890	\$10,890	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
180030	Kitchen Remodel	Lincoln Street / Green Street 705-01	\$18,350	\$0	\$195	\$9,656	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
180038	ARPA Targeted award - Merrimac - 667-1 Fire Alarm System, Zoned, Complete	MERRI VILLAGE 667-01	\$565,488	\$0	\$1,430	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
180039	ARPA FF: Door Replacement Phase 2	MERRI VILLAGE 667-01	\$127,715	\$0	\$35,882	\$87,434	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
180040	Exterior Doors and storm doors - Lincoln	Lincoln Street / Green Street 705-01	\$10,545	\$0	\$6,854	\$3,692	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
180041	Repave walkways Phase 1	MERRI VILLAGE 667-01	\$64,360	\$0	\$15,749	\$38,612	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
180042	Replace bathroom exhaust fans	MERRI VILLAGE 667-01	\$39,600	\$0	\$0	\$39,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Formula Funding and Special DHCD Award Planned Spending - Other funding not included

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
180043	Bathroom Upgrades Phase 1	MERRI VILLAGE 667-01	\$115,652	\$0	\$10,916	\$104,737	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
180044	Replace railings on Retaining wall	MERRI VILLAGE 667-01	\$10,780	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
180045	Install additional Site lighting	MERRI VILLAGE 667-01	\$12,523	\$0	\$866	\$956	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
180046	Bathroom upgrade 18 Lincoln	Lincoln Street / Green Street 705-01	\$10,120	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
180047	Rear Deck Replacement	Lincoln Street / Green Street 705-01	\$34,923	\$0	\$0	\$33,807	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
180048	Vacant unit upgrades	Lincoln Street / Green Street 705-01	\$10,998	\$0	\$7,102	\$3,897	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
180049	Replace Mailboxes	MERRI VILLAGE 667-01	\$9,075	\$0	\$0	\$9,075	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
180050	*EMG* Main Sewer Line Backup	MERRI VILLAGE 667-01	\$10,140	\$0	\$1,521	\$1,257	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
•	Kitchen Upgrades (phase 1)	MERRI VILLAGE 667-01	\$266,877	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,662	\$195,339
•	Bathroom Upgrades Phase 2	MERRI VILLAGE 667-01	\$143,083	\$0	\$0	\$140,022	\$3,062	\$0	\$0	\$0
•	Replacement of Kitchen Hood Fans	MERRI VILLAGE 667-01	\$142,101	\$0	\$0	\$142,101	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

FUNDS IN ADDITION TO ANNUAL FORMULA FUNDING AWARD

Cap Hub Project Number	Project Name	DHCD Special Award Comment	Special DHCD Awards				Other Funding			
			Emergency Reserve	Compliance Reserve	Sustain- ability	Special Awards	CDBG	CPA	Operating Reserve	Other Funds
180038	ARPA Targeted award - Merrimac - 667-1 Fire Alarm System, Zoned, Complete	ARPA Formula Funding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$565,488	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
180039	ARPA FF: Door Replacement Phase 2	ARPA Formula Funding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$83,611	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
180042	Replace bathroom exhaust fans	Bathroom Exhaust Fan (None Currently)	\$0	\$0	\$114,048	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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.

Merrimac Housing Authority has submitted an Alternate CIP with the following justification:

- The TDC for a proposed project exceeds the Cap Share for a single year and it doesn't make sense to spread it
- We have urgent projects that require excess spending in year 1 or 2.

We have urgent projects that require excess spending in year 1 or 2

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.

Merrimac Housing Authority has requested \$39,600.00 in DHCD Sustainability funding for project #180-667-01-0-21-432, Replace bathroom exhaust fans. Reason: There are currently no exhaust fans that vent to the outside. This should qualify for SUS. Please see attached application

Merrimac Housing Authority has requested \$142,101.00 in DHCD Sustainability funding for project #180-667-01-0-25-952, Replacement of Kitchen Hood Fans. Reason: Kitchen exhaust fans do not vent to the outside creating poor air quality and should qualify for SUS funding

3. Overall goals of the Housing Authority's CIP

To provide safe, sanitary living environment for our tenants. Get high priority projects completed to update our portfolio.

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:

We included the 2nd phase of Bathroom upgrades projects. This project would complete all 48 units with upgrades.

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 01/26/2025.

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 03/26/2025.

8. Project priorities

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

9. High priority deficiencies

We have not been able to include all of our high priority (CPS priority 1 and 2) projects in our CIP:

We've included the highest priority projects. There are always ones we cannot get to due to funding restrictions.

10. Accessibility

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

11. Special needs development

Merrimac Housing Authority does not have a special needs (167 or 689 programs) development.

12. Energy and water consumption

Our 12 most recent monthly energy reports are for months 1/2024 to 1/2025.

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 PUM > Threshold	Gas PUM > Threshold	Oil PUM > Threshold	Water PUM > Threshold
Threshold PUM:	\$100	\$80	\$50	\$60
	667-01			705-01 667-01

No developments exceed threshold values.

we are full electric heat at our 667-1 and it's on muni electric. we have installed low flow toilets at properties 705-1 and 667-1

13. Energy or water saving initiatives

Merrimac 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.

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.)

4% c. 667 (DHCD Goal 2%)

0% c. 200 (DHCD Goal 2%)

0% c. 705 (DHCD Goal 2%)

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

We currently have 1 unit that is vacated and will be turned over in April 2025.

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 (EOHLC).

- 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.
 - ◇ Inspections are visual and operational examinations of parts of our property to determine their condition.
 - ◇ All dwelling units, buildings and sites must be inspected at least annually.
 - ◇ **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		
Call LHA at Phone Number		
Other	617-591-1016	24 Hr. Work Order Line

See attached **Preventative Maintenance Plan** for more details.

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 MERRIMAC 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		
Submit Online at Website		
Email to Following Email		
Other	617-591-1016	24 Hr. Work Order Line

Work Order Management

- A. EOHLC review of this housing authority's operations shows that the authority uses the following system for tracking work orders: PHA Web
- B. We do 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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Maintenance Requests logged into the work system	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Work Orders generated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Work Orders assigned	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Work Orders tracked	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Work Orders completed/closed out	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	Maintenance Reports or Lists generated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- D. Additional comments by the LHA regarding work order management:

Maintenance Plan Narrative

Following are MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY's answers to questions posed by EOHLC.

- A. Narrative Question #1: How would you assess your Maintenance Operations based on feedback you've received from staff, tenants, EOHLC's Performance Management Review (PMR) & Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP), and any other sources?

The long-term maintenance staff in Merrimac left creating a vacancy. This position will be filled. The gap in coverage has been difficult for residents as they do not have a full time person at the location. This has led to back log of routine work orders being completed. Although AHA has been covering they resident at MHA are looking forward to their own full time staff member.

- B. Narrative Question #2: What changes have you made to maintenance operations in the past year?

MHA now has a 24 hour dedicated work order number. This eliminates a lag in when a work order is called in and when it is assigned to a maintenance staff. This has increased efficiency. MHA has also utilized the sheriff department crews to assist in completing large tasks, including spring clean-up, gutters cleaning, painting of stairs and railings and fall clean up.

- C. Narrative Question #3: What are your maintenance goals for this coming year?

The goal for the coming year is to train the new MHA maintenance staff person on the facilities and procedures. There are projects within CIP that require the maintenance staff support, and these have been stalled due to the vacant position. The installation of the mailboxes is a key goal. The residents of Merri Village have requested that the parking lot be restriped, and this is being worked on as a goal for this year.

- 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	\$95,694.00	\$12,000.00
Last Fiscal Year Actual Spending	\$112,921.00	\$13,788.00
Current Fiscal Year Budget	\$104,602.00	\$10,000.00

- E. Unit Turnover Summary

# Turnovers Last Fiscal Year	4
Average time from date vacated to make unit "Maintenance Ready"	44 days

Average time from date vacated to lease up of unit	102 days
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Attachments

These items have been prepared by the MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY and appear on the following pages:

Preventive Maintenance Schedule - a table of preventive maintenance items showing specific tasks, who is responsible (staff or vendor), and the month(s) they are scheduled

Deferred Maintenance Schedule - a table of maintenance items which have been deferred due to lack of resources.

Addendum C

MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Preventive maintenance is part of the planned or scheduled maintenance program of the Housing Authority. The purpose of the scheduled maintenance program is to allow the Authority to anticipate maintenance requirements and make sure the Authority can address them in the most cost-effective manner. The preventive maintenance program focuses on the major systems that keep the properties operating. These systems include heating and air conditioning, electrical, life safety and plumbing.

General Operating Systems

The heart of any preventive maintenance program is a schedule that calls for the regular servicing of all systems. The development of this schedule begins with the identification of each system or item that must be checked and serviced, the date it must be serviced, and the individual responsible for the work. The servicing intervals and tasks for each system must be included in the schedule. The completion of all required tasks is considered a high priority for the Housing Authority.

The systems covered by the preventive maintenance program include but are not limited to:

1. HVAC SYSTEMS

- A. boilers
- B. circulators
- C. domestic hot water tanks

2. SECURITY SYSTEMS

- A. exterior lighting
- B. public community room lighting
- C. building doors and locks

3. FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY SYSTEMS

- A. emergency generators
- B. fire extinguishers
- C. emergency lighting/exit lights
- E. sprinkler systems
- F. fire alarm systems

4. ROOFS

- A. roof inspection
- B. gutter cleaning

6. PLUMBING

- A. catch basins
- B. sanitary drains

7. VEHICLES

- A. safety inspection
- B. tune up
- C. fluid check

8. ANNUAL INSPECTIONS

- A. dwelling units
- B. site
- C. building systems
- D. common areas

9. MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

- A. sump pumps

10. COMMON AREAS

- A. grounds
- B. hallways and stairwells
- C. community rooms and rest rooms

11. PEST CONTROL

The following preventative maintenance should be done on monthly basis or as needed:

1. Vehicle Inspection:
 - Check all fluid levels: crank case, transmission, etc.
 - Check antifreeze, radiator rust inhibitor and thermostat.
 - Check windshield washer fluid.
 - Check belts and hoses.
 - Check plugs, wiring, battery, clean and grease terminals.
 - Clean out air cleaner.
 - Check wheel alignment and tire balance (signs of uneven wear).
 - Check heater and defroster.
 - Check wiper blades for wear.
 - Check underbody for corrosion and hose off.
 - Change engine oil in all vehicles. (1st quarter)
2. Check smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors during annual inspections.
3. Unit inspections – schedule so as to complete 100% each year.
 - It is required that inspections be completed annually by an administrative staff member, the executive director, maintenance staff employee or hired agency. This will ensure that the authority become aware of the property conditions and any lease enforcement issues.
 - It is recommended that you inspect a manageable number of units each month which allows for all maintenance deficiencies to be completed within the timeframe stated in the DHCD Property Maintenance Guide (PMG), two weeks.
4. Inventory of supplies and small parts.
5. Clean storage rooms and maintenance areas.
6. Clean/disinfect dumpster areas.
7. Trash Disposal- weekly

January Preventative Maintenance Task

1. Monitor and issue on-going snow removal work orders.
2. Monitor all lightening- replace bulbs if needed
3. Clean community kitchen area if needed.
4. Wipe down laundry surfaces if needed.
5. Check building for cracks, leaks
6. Inventory tools, equipment, refrigerators and stoves in stock.
7. Inspect grounds as needed
8. Check sump pumps as needed
9. Keep all chimneys, exhaust and intake vents free of snow throughout the winter season and keep dryer exhaust vents free of snow throughout the winter season.
 - Blocked chimneys, exhaust vents and intake vents could result in carbon monoxide poisoning and can affect the performance of the furnace.

February Preventative Maintenance Task

1. Monitor and issue on-going snow removal work orders.
2. Clean sanitary systems, lubricate valves and pumps if needed
3. Fire Alarm Testing
4. Contact Vendor for Generator annual maintenance
5. Keep all chimneys, exhaust and intake vents free of snow throughout the winter season and keep dryer exhaust vents free of snow throughout the winter season. Blocked chimneys, exhaust vents and intake vents could result in carbon monoxide poisoning and can affect the performance of the furnace.

March Preventative Maintenance Task

1. Second Monday, reset light timers and clocks for daylight saving time.
2. Monitor and issue on-going snow removal work orders.
3. Clean heater vents in all common areas.
4. Clean dryer vents.(contact Vendor)
5. Keep all chimneys, exhaust and intake vents free of snow throughout the winter season and keep dryer exhaust vents free of snow throughout the winter season.
 - Blocked chimneys, exhaust vents and intake vents could result in carbon monoxide poisoning and can affect the performance of the furnace.

April Preventative Maintenance Task

1. Service lawn equipment.
2. Inspect roofs and siding.
3. Clean common area flooring and carpeting.
4. Cleaning of parking areas, roadways, driveways, walkways and storm drains.

May Preventative Maintenance Task

1. Edge and mulch all planting beds.
2. Prune/trim all shrubs and bushes away from buildings

June Preventative Maintenance Task

1. Check interior emergency lighting.
2. Inspect site railings, walkways and stairs for potential hazards. Identify and repair, as needed.

July Preventative Maintenance Task

1. Inspect gutters, downspouts and splash blocks – repair as needed.
2. Inspect and repair site fencing.

August Preventative Maintenance Task

1. Strip, wax and buff VCT in community room

September Preventative Maintenance Task

1. Check electrical panels in boiler rooms and all common areas.
2. Domestic hot water systems PM.
3. Clean storage rooms and maintenance areas.
4. Annual cleaning of all gutters.
5. Leaf removal.
6. Clean heater vents in all common areas.

October Preventative Maintenance Task

1. Price and view stock ice melt for winter.
2. Service snow blowers/ snow equipment.
3. Cleaning of parking areas, roadways, driveways, walkways and storm drains.
4. Clean, service and store lawn equipment for winter storage

November Preventative Maintenance Task

1. First Friday in November reset light timers and clocks back 1 hour for daylight saving time.
2. Monitor and issue on-going snow removal work orders.

3. Keep all chimneys, exhaust and intake vents free of snow throughout the winter season and keep dryer exhaust vents free of snow throughout the winter season.
 - Blocked chimneys, exhaust vents and intake vents could result in carbon monoxide poisoning and can affect the performance of the furnace.
4. Clean common area carpets and flooring.

December Preventative Maintenance Task

5. Monitor and issue on-going snow removal work orders.
6. Keep all chimneys, exhaust and intake vents free of snow throughout the winter season and keep dryer exhaust vents free of snow throughout the winter season.
 - Blocked chimneys, exhaust vents and intake vents could result in carbon monoxide poisoning and can affect the performance of the furnace.

Amesbury Housing Authority

Deferred Work Order Report

Filter Criteria Includes: 1) Program: Amesbury Program Sec 8 P H, 667 Program - Amesbury, 667 Program - Merrimac, 200 Program - Amesbury +7 2) Project: 667 - Merri Village, 705 - Lincoln/Green St. Family Housing, 400 Consolidated-Merrimack 3) Types: Deferred Maintenance Plan, Capital Improvement Plan, Other
4) Deferred Reason: N/A 5) Completed Date: 10/1/2023 to 3/27/2025

Work Order Number	Completed Date/Time	Deferred Reason	Deferred Type
20295	10/16/2023 12:00 AM	Staff Capacity and Abundance of Vacancies	Deferred Maintenance Plan
20297	10/6/2023 12:00 AM	Staffed Capacity and Abundance of Vacancies	Deferred Maintenance Plan
21597	7/24/2024 12:00 AM		Deferred Maintenance Plan
21601	7/26/2024 12:00 AM		Deferred Maintenance Plan
21602	7/26/2024 12:00 AM		Deferred Maintenance Plan
21603	7/26/2024 12:00 AM		Deferred Maintenance Plan
21614	7/26/2024 12:00 AM		Deferred Maintenance Plan
21615	7/26/2024 12:00 AM		Deferred Maintenance Plan
21616	7/26/2024 12:00 AM		Deferred Maintenance Plan
21619	7/26/2024 12:00 AM		Deferred Maintenance Plan
21621	7/26/2024 12:00 AM		Deferred Maintenance Plan
21663	7/26/2024 12:00 AM		Deferred Maintenance Plan
21685	8/1/2024 12:00 AM		Deferred Maintenance Plan
21690	8/1/2024 12:00 AM		Deferred Maintenance Plan
21694	8/1/2024 12:00 AM		Deferred Maintenance Plan
21696	8/1/2024 12:00 AM		Deferred Maintenance Plan
21699	8/1/2024 12:00 AM		Deferred Maintenance Plan
21701	8/1/2024 12:00 AM		Deferred Maintenance Plan

End of Report

Annual 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 9/30/2025. It also shows the approved budget for the current year (2026) 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 Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC). 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

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 EOHLC 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 EOHLC.

EOHLC 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 EOHLC 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 EOHLC and obtain its approval.

The MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY operating reserve at the end of fiscal year 2025 was \$0.00, which is 0.00% of the full reserve amount defined above.

Consolidated Budget (400-1) for all state-aided 667 (Elderly), 200 (family), and 705 (scattered site family) developments owned by MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY						
REVENUE						
Account Number	Account Class	2025 Approved Revenue Budget	2025 Actual Amounts Received	2026 Approved Revenue Budget	% Change from 2025 Actual to 2026 Budget	2026 Dollars Budgeted Per Unit per Month
3110	Shelter Rent -Tenants	334,404.00	337,590.00	324,396.00	-3.90%	519.87
3111	Shelter Rent - Tenants - Fraud/Retroactive	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
3115	Shelter Rent -Federal Section 8\MRVP One-time Leased up Rev.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
3190	Nondwelling Rentals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
3400	Administrative Fee - MRVP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
3610	Interest on Investments - Unrestricted	0.00	2,315.00	0.00	-100.00%	0.00
3611	Interest on Investments - Restricted	0.00	250.00	0.00	-100.00%	0.00
3690	Other Revenue	2,800.00	0.00	2,150.00	100.00%	3.45
3691	Other Revenue - Retained	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
3692	Other Revenue - Operating Reserves	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
3693	Other Revenue - Energy Net Meter	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
3801	Operating Subsidy - EOHLC (4001)	14,240.00	11,476.00	68,531.00	497.20%	109.83
3802	Operating Subsidy - MRVP Landlords	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
3803	Restricted Grants Received	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
3920	Gain/Loss From Sale/Disp. of Prop.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
3000	TOTAL REVENUE	351,444.00	351,631.00	395,077.00	12.40%	633.14

Consolidated Budget (400-1) for all state-aided 667 (Elderly), 200 (family), and 705 (scattered site family) developments owned by MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY						
EXPENSES						
Account Number	Account Class	2025 Approved Revenue Budget	2025 Actual Amounts Received	2026 Approved Revenue Budget	% Change from 2025 Actual to 2026 Budget	2026 Dollars Budgeted Per Unit per Month
4110	Administrative Salaries	21,061.00	21,764.00	0.00	-100.00%	0.00
4120	Compensated Absences	0.00	1,780.00	0.00	-100.00%	0.00
4130	Legal	2,500.00	2,178.00	3,500.00	60.70%	5.61
4140	Members Compensation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
4150	Travel & Related Expenses	550.00	231.00	550.00	138.10%	0.88
4170	Accounting Services	8,400.00	7,870.00	8,820.00	12.10%	14.13
4171	Audit Costs	3,150.00	4,499.00	4,590.00	2.00%	7.36
4180	Penalties & Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
4190	Administrative Other	55,200.00	56,747.00	79,795.00	40.60%	127.88
4191	Tenant Organization	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
4100	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	90,861.00	95,069.00	97,255.00	2.30%	155.86
4310	Water	32,000.00	35,190.00	40,000.00	13.70%	64.10
4320	Electricity	70,000.00	70,777.00	75,000.00	6.00%	120.19
4330	Gas	0.00	510.00	0.00	-100.00%	0.00
4340	Fuel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
4360	Net Meter Utility Debit/Energy Conservation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
4390	Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
4391	Solar Operator Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
4392	Net Meter Utility Credit (Negative Amount)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
4300	TOTAL UTILITIES	102,000.00	106,477.00	115,000.00	8.00%	184.29

Consolidated Budget (400-1) for all state-aided 667 (Elderly), 200 (family), and 705 (scattered site family) developments owned by MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY						
EXPENSES						
Account Number	Account Class	2025 Approved Revenue Budget	2025 Actual Amounts Received	2026 Approved Revenue Budget	% Change from 2025 Actual to 2026 Budget	2026 Dollars Budgeted Per Unit per Month
4410	Maintenance Labor	68,834.00	70,607.00	73,452.00	4.00%	117.71
4420	Materials & Supplies	10,500.00	13,678.00	9,500.00	-30.50%	15.22
4430	Contract Costs	16,360.00	28,636.00	21,650.00	-24.40%	34.70
4510	Insurance	17,046.00	16,992.00	22,104.00	30.10%	35.42
4520	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	1,400.00	1,277.00	1,400.00	9.60%	2.24
4540	Employee Benefits	38,928.00	38,069.00	37,366.00	-1.80%	59.88
4541	Employee Benefits - GASB 45	0.00	5,799.00	0.00	-100.00%	0.00
4542	Pension Expense - GASB 68	0.00	15,851.00	0.00	-100.00%	0.00
4570	Collection Loss	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
4571	Collection Loss - Fraud/Retroactive	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
4580	Interest Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
4590	Other General Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
4500	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	57,374.00	77,988.00	60,870.00	-21.90%	97.55
4610	Extraordinary Maintenance	12,000.00	13,788.00	10,000.00	-27.50%	16.03
4611	Equipment Purchases - Non Capitalized	2,000.00	1,425.00	1,000.00	-29.80%	1.60
4612	Restricted Reserve Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
4715	Housing Assistance Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
4801	Depreciation Expense	0.00	59,891.00	0.00	-100.00%	0.00
4600	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	14,000.00	75,104.00	11,000.00	-85.40%	17.63
4000	TOTAL EXPENSES	359,929.00	467,559.00	388,727.00	-16.90%	622.96

Consolidated Budget (400-1) for all state-aided 667 (Elderly), 200 (family), and 705 (scattered site family) developments owned by MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY						
SUMMARY						
Account Number	Account Class	2025 Approved Revenue Budget	2025 Actual Amounts Received	2026 Approved Revenue Budget	% Change from 2025 Actual to 2026 Budget	2026 Dollars Budgeted Per Unit per Month
3000	TOTAL REVENUE	351,444.00	351,631.00	395,077.00	12.40%	633.14
4000	TOTAL EXPENSES	359,929.00	467,559.00	388,727.00	-16.90%	622.96
2700	NET INCOME (DEFICIT)	-8,485.00	-115,928.00	6,350.00	-105.50%	10.18
7520	Replacements of Equip. - Capitalized	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
7540	Betterments & Additions - Capitalized	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
7500	TOTAL NONOPERATING EXPENDITURES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
7600	EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	-8,485.00	-115,928.00	6,350.00	-105.50%	10.18

Explanation of Budget Accounts

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

3110: Shelter Rent: 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 re-payment 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.

3115: 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.

3190: Non-Dwelling Rental: 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.

3400: 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.

3610: Interest on Investments – Unrestricted: This account should be credited with interest earned on unrestricted administrative fund investments.

3611: Interest on Investments – Restricted: 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.

3690: Other Operating Revenues: 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..

3691: Other Revenue – Retained: This account should be credited with certain miscellaneous revenue to be retained 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 EOHLC 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.

3801: Operating Subsidy – EOHLC (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 EOHLC 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.

3920: Gain/Loss from Sale or Disposition of Property (Capitalized or Non-Capitalized): 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 property 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.

4120: Compensated Absences: 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.).

4130: Legal Expense: 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.

4150: Travel and Related Expense: 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.

4171: 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.

4180: Penalties and Interest: Any expenses incurred from penalties, fees, and interest paid on delinquent accounts shall be included in this line item.

4190: 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.

4310: Water: This account should be charged with the cost of water and sewer charges purchased for all purposes.

4320: Electricity: 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.

4340: 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.

4360: Net Meter Utility Debit/Energy Conservation: 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.

4391: Solar Operator Costs: 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.

4410: Maintenance Labor: 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.

4420: Materials & Supplies: 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.

4430: Contract Costs: 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.

4510: Insurance: Includes the total amount of premiums charged all forms of insurance. Fire and extended coverage, crime, and general liability are handled by EOHLA 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.

4540: 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.

4541: Employee Benefits - GASB 45: This line covers "Other Post-Employment Benefits" (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.

4542: Pension Expense – GASB 68: 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.

4570: 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.

4571: Collection Loss – Fraud/Retroactive: 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.

4580: 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.

4590: 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.

4611: Equipment Purchases – Non-Capitalized: 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 EOHLC 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.

4715: Housing Assistance Payments: This account should be debited with all housing assistance payments paid to landlords for the MRVP program on a monthly basis.

4801: Depreciation Expense: This account should be debited with annual fixed asset depreciation expenses as determined by the LHA's capitalization policy.

7520: 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.

7540: 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 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 EOHLC 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.

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	<p>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)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “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)	<p>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)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “No Findings” : At or below 2% • “Operational Guidance”: More than 2% , but less than 5% • “Corrective Action”: 5% or more
Certifications and Reporting Submissions	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “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	<p>Percentage of board members that have completed the mandatory online board member training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “No Findings” : 80% or more completed training • “Operational Guidance” : 60-79.9% completed training • “Corrective Action” : <60 % completed training
Staff Certifications and Training	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Findings: LHAs completed the required number of trainings • Corrective Action: LHAs have not completed any trainings
Annual Plan (AP) Submitted	<p>Housing authorities are required to submit an annual plan every year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “No Findings” =Submitted on time • “Operational Guidance” =Up to 45 days late • “Corrective Action” =More than 45 days late

CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
CHAMP	
Paper applications	<p>Paper applications are available, received and entered into CHAMP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 failed to date and time stamp paper applications and/or failed to enter them correctly; Or Less than 75% of new paper applications are entered into CHAMP within 15 calendar days of date/time stamp; Or more than 5% of new paper applications are entered more than 30 days after date/time stamp
Vacancies occupied using CHAMP	<p>Vacancies are recorded correctly and occupied using CHAMP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Findings: All vacancies during the fiscal year are recorded in EOHLC's Housing Applications Vacancy System within 30 days; And the housed Applicant ID and Pull List ID match between EOHLC'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 EOHLC's Housing Applications Vacancy System, all vacancies are not recorded within 30 days; Or the Housed Applicant ID and Pull List ID match between EOHLC's Housing Applications Vacancy System and CHAMP for units occupied during the fiscal year, excluding administrative transfers; And greater than 25% of occupied units have data entry errors • Corrective Action: All vacancies during the fiscal year are not recorded in EOHLC's Housing Applications Vacancy System; Or the Housed Applicant ID and Pull List ID do not match (or data is missing) between EOHLC's Housing Applications Vacancy System and CHAMP for units occupied during the fiscal year, excluding administrative transfers

CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
Financial	
Adjusted Net Income	<p>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.</p> <p>Underspending Rating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “No Findings” : 0 to 9.9% • “Operational Guidance”: 10 to 14.9% • “Corrective Action”: 15% or higher <p>Overspending Rating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “No Findings” : 0 to -4.9% • “Operational Guidance”: -5% to -9.9% • “Corrective Action”: -10% or below
Operating Reserves	<p>Current Operating Reserve as a percentage of total maximum reserve level. Appropriate reserve level is buffer against any unforeseen events or expenditures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “No Findings” :35%+ of maximum operating reserve • “Operational Guidance”: 20% to 34.9% of maximum operating reserve • “Corrective Action”: <20% of maximum operating reserve
Capital Planning	
Capital Spending	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “No Findings” = at least 80% • “Operational Guidance” = At least 50% • “Corrective Action” = Less than 50%
Health & Safety	
Health & safety violations	EOHLC 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.

CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
Facility Management – Inspection Standards and Practices	
100% Unit Inspections	<p>All units inspected at LHA during FY under review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Findings: 100% of units inspected Corrective Action: Less than 100% of units inspected
LHA Inspections Reports/Work Orders	<p>Unit inspection reports create, track, and report work orders for inspection repairs, and inspection WOs completed within 30 days or add to DM/CIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>Unit inspection reports accurately reflect necessary repairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 – Preventative Maintenance Standards and Practices	
LHA Preventative Maintenance Schedule Accuracy and Implementation of Preventative Schedules	<p>LHA preventative maintenance schedule accurately reflects all necessary work to maximize the life of LHA components</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Findings: c.667 unit less than 2 EHS deficiencies and c.200/705 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

CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
Facility Management – Vacancy Turnover Standards and Practices	
Vacancy Turnover Work Orders	<p>Work orders created for every vacancy and completed within 30 days (or waiver requested)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Standard of Vacancy Turnovers	<p>Vacancy turnover work orders accurately reflect necessary repairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Findings: c.667 unit less than 2 EHS deficiencies and c.200/705 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
Work Order Types and Systems	
Emergency Work Orders	<p>All emergency work orders are created, tracked, reported and completed within 48 hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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
CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
Requested Work Orders	<p>All requested work orders are created, tracked, reported and completed within 14 days or added to DM/CIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY:

Policy	Last Ratified by Board Vote	Notes
*Capitalization Policy	4/21/2016	
*Fair Housing Marketing Plan	7/20/2022	
*Grievance Policy	10/16/2024	
*Language Access Plan	7/20/2022	
*Personnel Policy	11/20/2024	
*Procurement Policy	4/21/2016	
*Reasonable Accommodations Policy	7/20/2022	
*Rent Collection Policy	11/20/2024	
Anti-Discriminatory Harassment Policy	4/21/2016	
Community Room Use	9/23/2015	
Credit/Debit Card Policy	8/21/2024	
Criminal Offender Records Information (CORI) Policy	9/21/2017	
Maintenance and Other Charges	2/16/2017	
Other – Define in the ‘Notes’ column	10/21/2020	Tenant Personal Property Policy
Other – Define in the ‘Notes’ column	5/19/2016	Wage Match Policy
Other – Define in the ‘Notes’ column	4/21/2016	Satellite Dish Policy
Other – Define in the ‘Notes’ column	4/19/2018	IT Policy
Other – Define in the ‘Notes’ column	7/28/2016	Internal Controls Policy
Other – Define in the ‘Notes’ column	7/28/2016	Fraud Policy
Other – Define in the ‘Notes’ column	11/20/2024	Code of Conduct Policy (included in Personnel Policy)
Other – Define in the ‘Notes’ column	4/21/2016	Air Conditioner Policy
Parking	4/21/2016	
Pet Policy	2/19/2025	
Sexual Harassment Policy	11/20/2024	
Smoking Policy	2/19/2025	

* Starred policies are required by EOHLC. 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 EOHLC.

Waivers

MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY has received the following waivers from EOHLC's regulations. This list does not include vacancy waivers, pet waivers, or any waivers that would release personally identifiable tenant or applicant data.

Description	Reason	Date Approved by EOHLC	Date Expired
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*The list of waivers has been provided by the LHA and has not been verified by EOHLC.

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 to 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.

Attachments

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

- Performance Management Review
- Merrimac_Fall2022_survey_667
- Merrimac_Fall2022_compare_667
- Cover sheet for tenant satisfaction surveys

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.

Merrimac Housing Authority

Chapter 667 Housing Summary 2019 – 2022

DHCD is working with the Center for Survey Research at the University of Massachusetts Boston to survey residents in the housing units it oversees.

Fall 2019:

- Surveys were sent to 6955 housing units (Chapter 667). 3352 surveys were filled out and returned.

Fall 2021:

- Surveys were sent to 8350 housing units (Chapter 667). 3787 surveys were filled out and returned.

Fall 2022:

- Surveys were sent to 9118 housing units (Chapter 667). 3951 surveys were filled out and returned.
- In the **Merrimac Housing Authority**, surveys were sent to a total of **48** Merrimac housing units (Chapter 667); **26** surveys were completed.

This report provides some information about how the residents from the **Merrimac Housing Authority** who answered the survey responded. It compares their answers to those from residents in the entire state and to those from small LHAs in Northeastern Massachusetts. These small LHAs in Northeastern Massachusetts include: Bedford, Burlington, Chelmsford, Danvers, Dracut, Essex, Georgetown, Hamilton, Haverhill, Lexington, Lowell, Lynnfield, Manchester, Merrimac, Middleton, Nahant, Newburyport, North Andover, North Reading, Reading, Rockport, Rowley, Salisbury, Swampscott, Tewksbury, Topsfield, Tyngsborough, Wakefield, Wenham, West Newbury, and Wilmington.

Communication

- **Communication with management:** Residents were asked about how they interacted with their Housing Authorities in this peer group in the last 12 months. The table below shows what percentage of residents said they did each of the following:

	Merrimac Housing Authority	Small LHAs in Northeast MA *	Entire State
Felt they were usually or always treated with courtesy and respect when they contacted management.....	81%	84%	83%
Knew the Executive Director held a meeting with residents.....	42%	41%	42%

* Small LHAs in Northeastern Massachusetts: Bedford, Burlington, Chelmsford, Danvers, Dracut, Essex, Georgetown, Hamilton, Haverhill, Lexington, Lowell, Lynnfield, Manchester, Merrimac, Middleton, Nahant, Newburyport, North Andover, North Reading, Reading, Rockport, Rowley, Salisbury, Swampscott, Tewksbury, Topsfield, Tyngsborough, Wakefield, Wenham, West Newbury, and Wilmington.

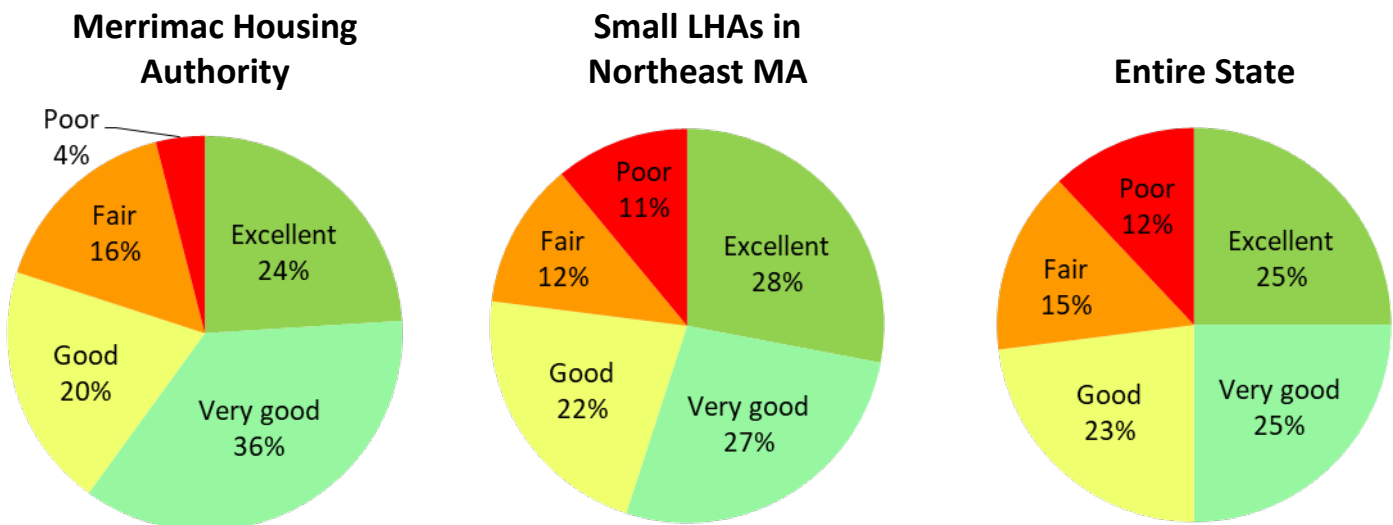
Maintenance and Repair

- **Communication with maintenance staff:** Residents were asked about their interactions with the Merrimac Housing Authority maintenance staff in the last 12 months.

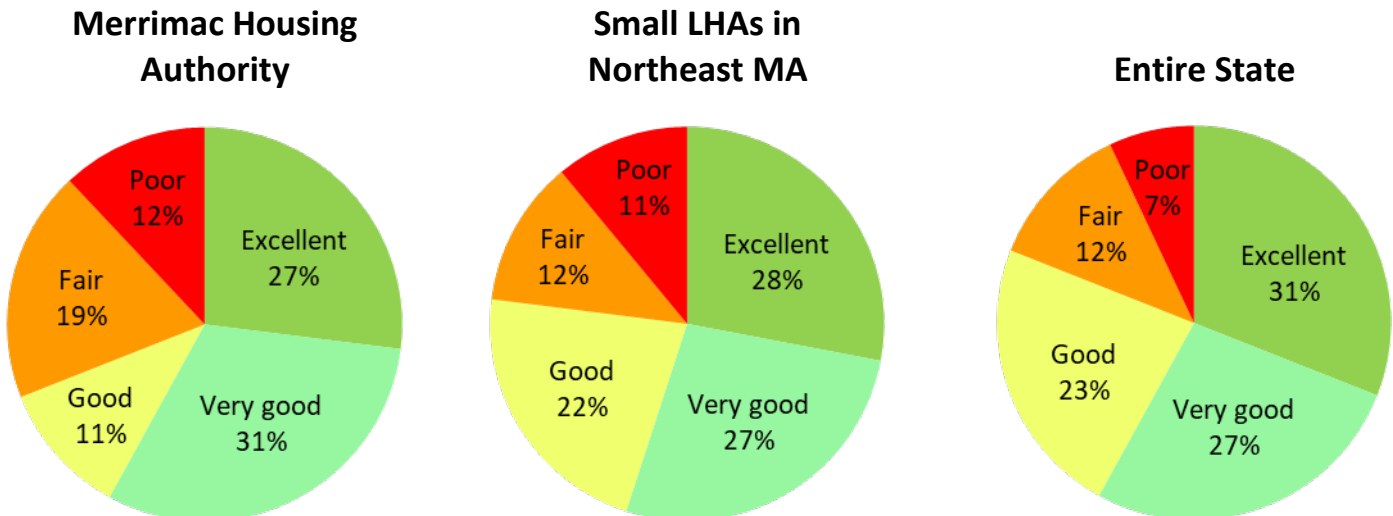
	Merrimac Housing Authority	Small LHAs in Northeast MA	Entire State
Felt they were treated with courtesy and respect when they contacted maintenance.....	73%	88%	87%
Were contacted by the Housing Authority before entering their apartment.....	89%	91%	91%

- **Overall maintenance** Respondents were asked how they would they rate overall building maintenance (such as clean halls and stairways and having lights and elevators that work) and outdoor space maintenance (such as litter removal and clear walkways) in the last 12 months.

Building maintenance:



Outdoor maintenance:



- **Heating and Water Problems:** About one-quarter of respondents had a problem with their heating and about three-quarters had a plumbing problem in the last 12 months.

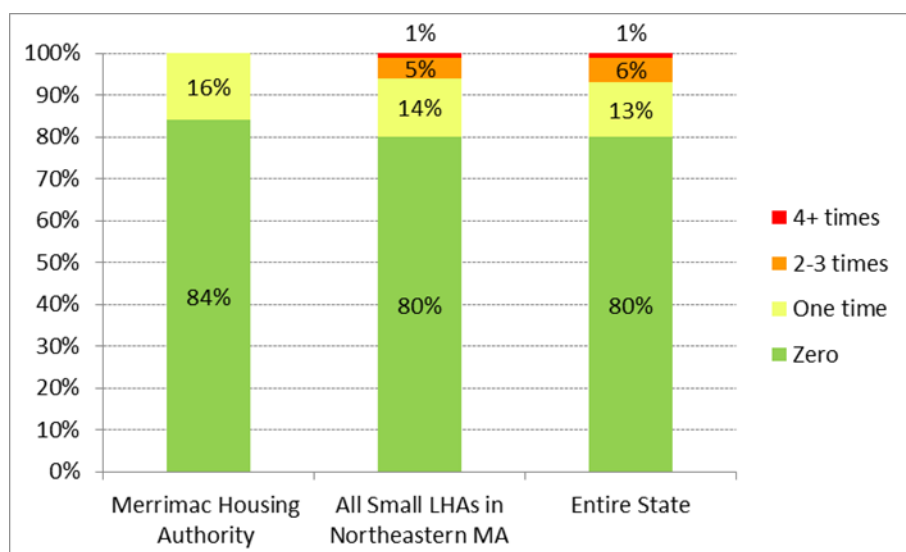
	Merrimac Housing Authority	Small LHAs in Northeast MA	Entire State
Had any heating problem.....	19%	37%	37%
Had any water problem.....	73%	59%	58%

- **Heating Problems**

How many times did residents completely lose heat?

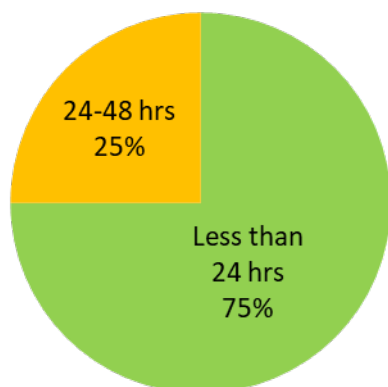
The chart below shows how many times respondents had completely lost heat in the last 12 months.

The green part of the bars shows what percentage of residents did not have the problem at all. The yellow shows who had the problem one time. The orange shows those who had the problem 2-3 times. And the red shows those who had the problem 4 or more times in the last 12 months.

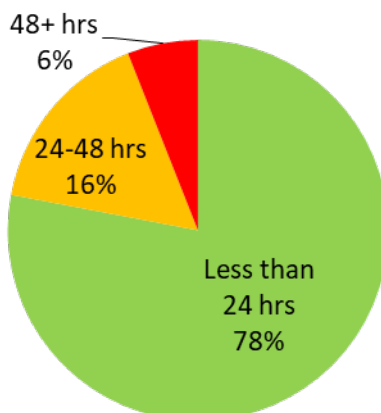


How long did it usually take for heat to come back on? For those respondents who reported completely losing heat, we asked how long it usually took for the heat to come back on – less than 24 hours, 24 - 48 hours, or more than 48 hours.

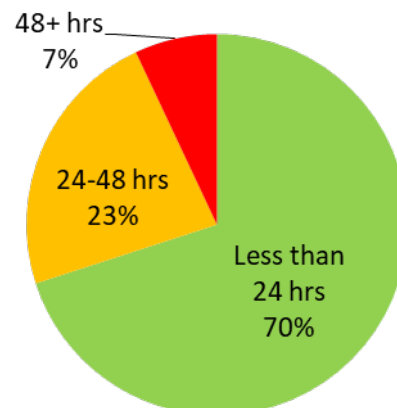
Merrimac Housing Authority



Small LHAs in Northeast MA



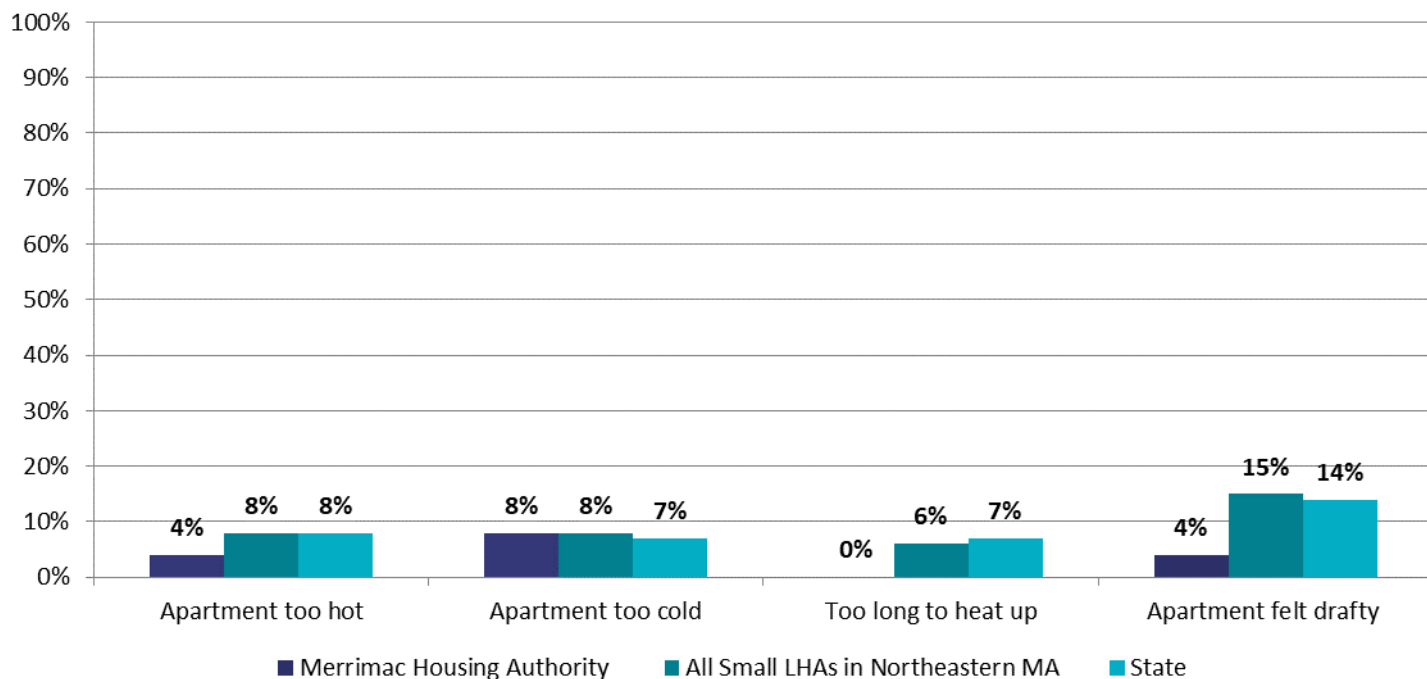
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- **Other Heating Problems**

In the last 12 months did residents have other heating problems?

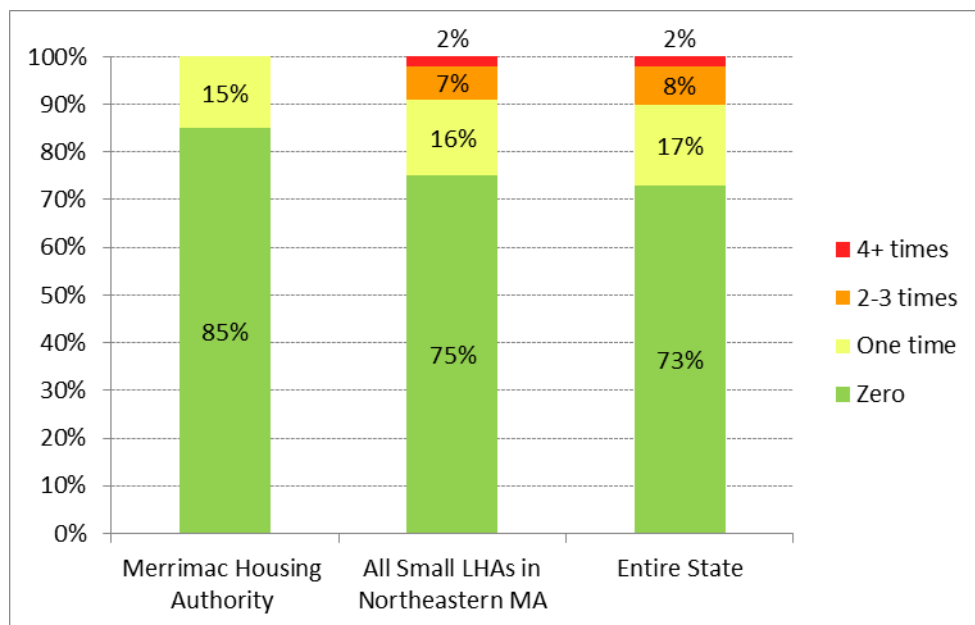
The chart below shows what percentage of residents experienced other heating problems in the last 12 months.



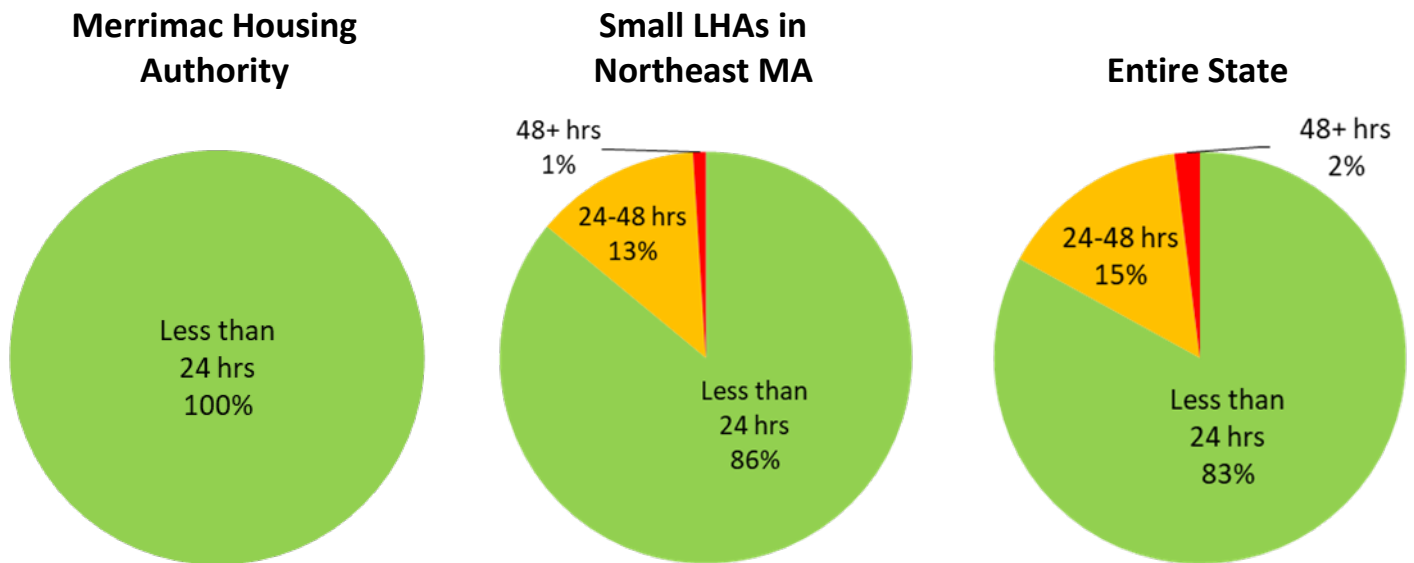
- **Water or Plumbing Problems**

How many times did residents have no hot water in their apartment?

The chart below shows how many times respondents did not have no hot water in their apartment in the last 12 months. The green part of the bars shows what percentage of residents did not have the problem at all. The yellow shows who had the problem one time. The orange shows those who had the problem 2-3 times. And the red shows those who had the problem 4 or more times in the last 12 months.



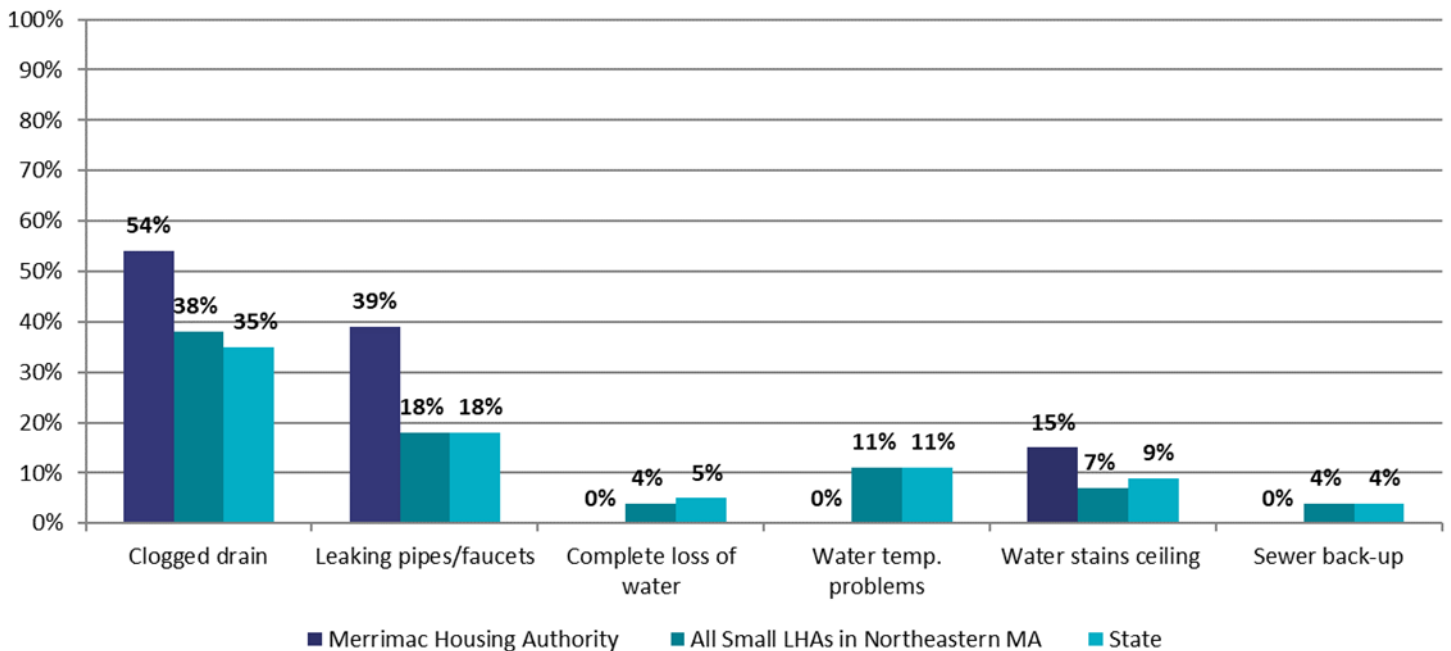
How long did it usually take for hot water to come back on? For those respondents who reported not having hot water in their apartment, we asked how long it usually took for hot water to come back on – less than 24 hours, 24 - 48 hours, or more than 48 hours.



- Other Water or Plumbing Problems**

In the last 12 months did residents have other water or plumbing problems?

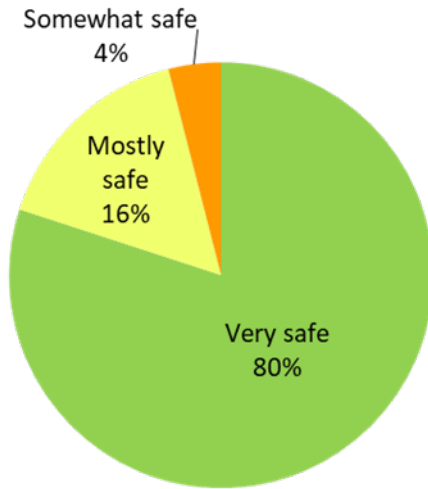
The chart below shows how many times respondents had other water or plumbing problems in the last 12 months.



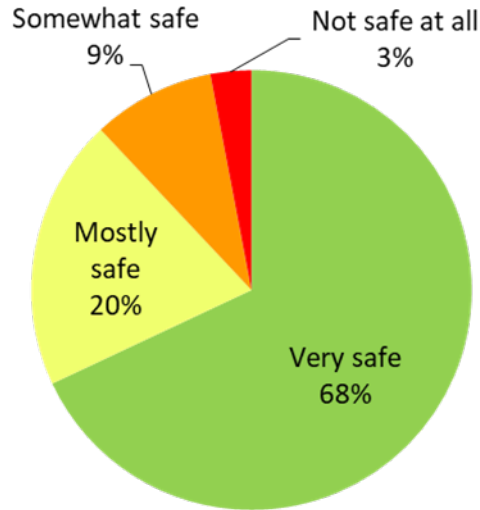
Safety

Respondents were asked how safe they felt in their development. The charts below show what percentage of residents said they felt “very safe”, “mostly” safe, “somewhat safe”, or “not safe at all” in their development in the last 12 months.

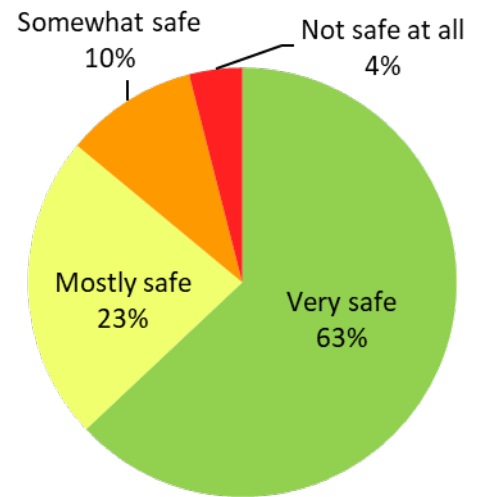
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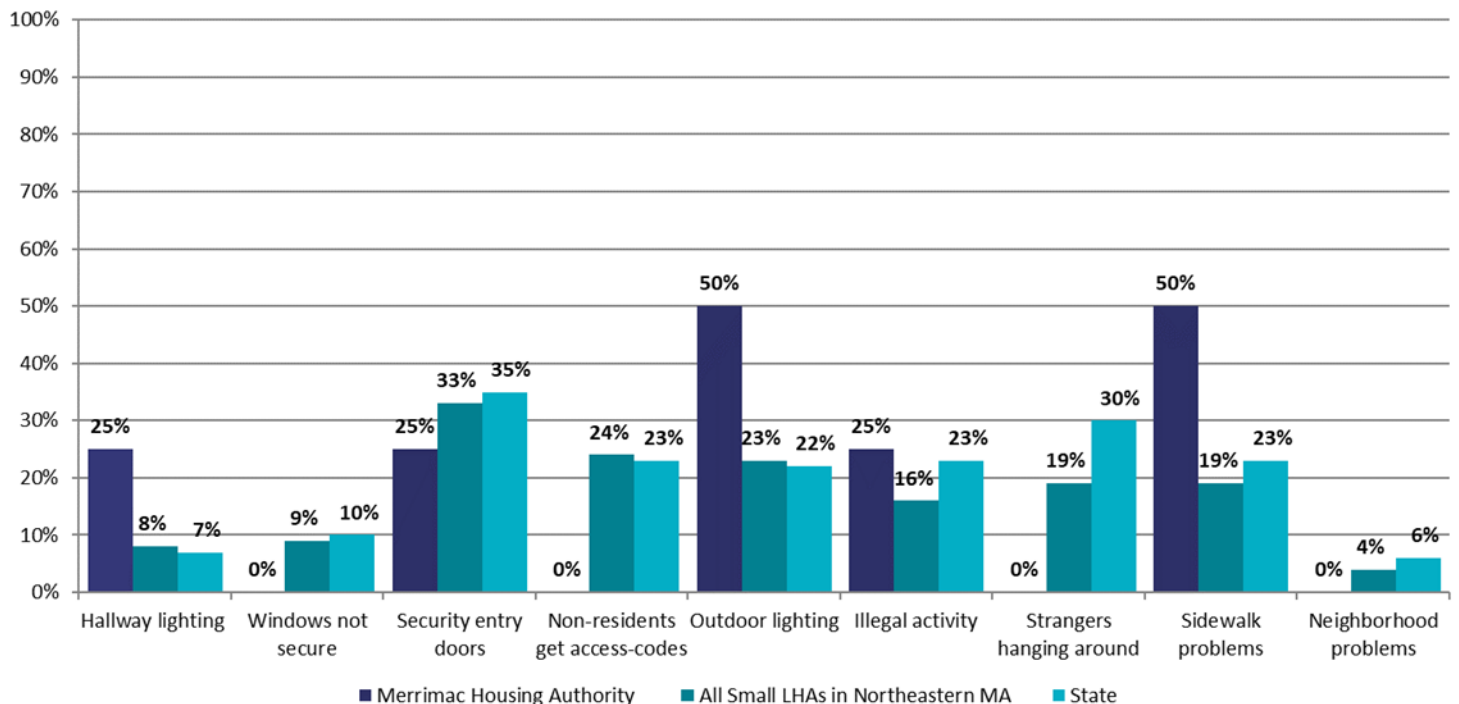
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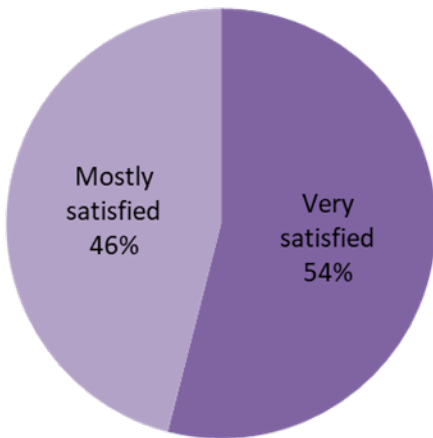
Reasons why respondents felt unsafe in their development: Respondents were asked why they felt unsafe in their development. This chart shows what specific concerns respondents mentioned.



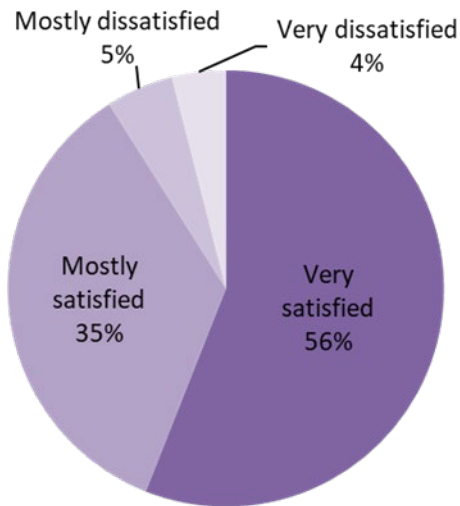
Overall Satisfaction

Respondents were asked about their overall satisfaction living in their development. The chart below shows what percentage of people said they were “very satisfied”, “mostly satisfied”, “mostly dissatisfied”, or “very dissatisfied”.

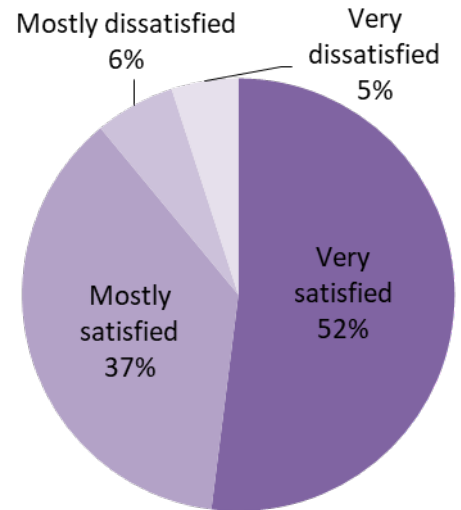
Merrimac Housing Authority



**Small LHAs in
Northeast MA**



Entire State





Resident Survey
MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY
Chapter 667 Housing
Fall 2022

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 2022, surveys were sent to **48** housing units (Chapter 667) in the Merrimac Housing Authority. **26** 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
- 27%** 2 to 5 years
- 23%** 6 to 10 years
- 35%** 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??**
- 4%** Never
 - 23%** Sometimes
 - 15%** Usually
 - 58%** Always
- 9. Does the Housing Authority let you know before they enter your apartment?**
- 89%** Yes
 - 11%** 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?**
- 4%** Poor
 - 16%** Fair
 - 20%** Good
 - 36%** Very Good
 - 24%** 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)?**
- 12%** Poor
 - 19%** Fair
 - 11%** Good
 - 31%** Very Good
 - 27%** Excellent
- 12. In the last 12 months, how many times did you completely lose heat in your apartment?**
- 84%** Never → **If Never, go to #14**
 - 16%** 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?

75% Less than 24 hours

25% 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	8%
c. Took too long for apartment to heat up	0%
d. Apartment felt too drafty	4%

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

85% Never → If Never, go to #17

15% Once

0% 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)	54%
b. Leaking pipes or faucets	39%
c. Complete loss of water	0%
d. Water temperature problems (too hot, too cold, unreliable)	0%
e. Water stains on the ceiling	15%
f. Sewer backed-up into your apartment	0%

Communication

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

42% Yes

31% No

27% 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?

4% Never

15% Sometimes

19% Usually

62% Always

Safety

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

80% Very safe → If Very safe, go to #22

16% Mostly safe

4% Somewhat safe

0% 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

25% Not enough lighting in the hallways

0% Windows are not secure

25% Security of entry doors

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

Outdoor Concerns

50% Not enough outdoor lights

25% Illegal activity in the development

0% Strangers hanging around who should not be there

50% Sidewalks are difficult to walk on

Other Concerns

0% The neighborhood/area the development is in

25% Another reason

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

54% Very satisfied

46% Mostly satisfied

0% Mostly dissatisfied

0% Very dissatisfied

MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY

Performance Management Review (PMR) Report

Fiscal Year End 9/30/2024

*For a detailed report of the Performance Management Review (PMR), please contact the Local Housing Authority

Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) PMR Desk Audit Ratings Summary Official Published PMR Record For a detailed report of the Performance Management Review (PMR), please contact the Local Housing Authority	
Housing Authority	MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY
Fiscal Year Ending	Sep 2024
Housing Management Specialist	Thomas Lee
Facilities Management Specialist	Todd Lawson

Criteria	Score/Rating			
	Management			
Occupancy Rate	c.667	c.705	c.200	Cumulative
	No Findings	Operational Guidance	Not Applicable	No Findings
Tenant Accounts Receivable (TAR)	c.667	c.705	c.200	Cumulative
	Corrective Action	Corrective Action	Not Applicable	Corrective Action
Board Member Training	Corrective Action			
Certifications and Reporting Submissions	Operational Guidance			
Annual Plan	No Findings			
	Financial			
Adjusted Net Income	No Findings			
Operating Reserves	Operational Guidance			

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES (EOHLC) Staff Certification & Training Rating	
LHA Name	MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY
FYE	Sep 2024
HMS Name	Thomas Lee
FMS Name	Todd Lawson
Criteria	Rating
Staff Certification and Training	No Findings

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES (EOHLC) CFA Submission	
LHA Name	MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY
FYE	Sep 2024
HMS Name	Thomas Lee
FMS Name	Todd Lawson

CFA Submission

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES (EOHLC)

PMR Desk Audit Recommendations Report

LHA Name	MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY
FYE	Sep 2024
HMS Name	Thomas Lee
FMS Name	Todd Lawson

Occupancy

Rating All: No Findings

Rating 667: No Findings

Rating 705: Operational Guidance

Rating 200: Not Applicable

1. Develop a Vacancy Turnover Plan which outlines the steps and staff involved from notice of vacancy through maintenance ready date and through lease up.
2. Follow tenant selection best practices to improve vacancy turnover (pulling lists in CHAMP as soon as vacancy occurs and previewing list to prescreen in advance of vacancies as needed).
3. Review turnovers with staff weekly or biweekly to monitor status of vacant units.
4. Develop plan for updating units with long term occupancy, so that condition upon tenancy end is not extending turnover time.
5. Please reference PHN 2024-03 Updates to Vacant Unit Policies for 2024, Attachment A, for allowable waiver categories.

Tenant Accounts Receivable (TAR)

Rating All: Corrective Action

Rating 667: Corrective Action

Rating 705: Corrective Action

Rating 200: Not Applicable

1. Submit Tenants Accounts receivable reporting on a timely basis

Board Member Training

Rating: Corrective Action

1. Ensure you update the board attendance application with the most recent board members, and their term dates.
2. Provide computer guidance as needed to help board members complete the training.

Certifications and Reporting Submissions

Rating: Operational Guidance

1. Submit all four quarterly vacancy certifications by the end of the month following the quarter end.
2. Submit all four quarters of Tenants Accounts Receivables (TAR) application within 60 days of quarter end.
3. Set a recurring appointment in your email calendar for help remembering reporting dates and deadlines.

Annual Plan Submission

Rating: No Findings

1. No Recommendations

Adjusted Net Income/Revenue

Rating: No Findings

Revenue

1. No Recommendations

Expense

Salaries

1. No Recommendations

Legal

1. No Recommendations

Utilities

1. No Recommendations

Maintenance

1. No Recommendations

Other

1. No Recommendations

Operating Reserve

Rating: Operational Guidance

1. Please refer to 2019-01 Revisions to PMR Criteria for 1st Publishing Year and 2018-04 PHN 2018-04 Operating Reserve Augmentation and New Spending Thresholds and current budget guidelines.
2. An LHA may spend down to 35% of maximum reserve level without consulting EOHLC, but the LHA must budget these expenses in the correct line items of their annual operating budget. If the expense occurred after EOHLC approval of the annual operating budget, the LHA should submit a budget revision with these expenditures.
3. Any expenditures from the operating reserve that will result in a projected operating reserve of less than 35% of maximum reserve level, requires prior written approval from EOHLC, unless the expenses are to resolve health and safety issues.
4. Each LHA must maintain a projected operating reserve of 20% of maximum reserve level, which remains the minimum operating reserve level for all LHAs.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES (EOHLC)

CHAMP Close Out Report

LHA Name	MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY
FYE	Sep 2024
HMS Name	Thomas Lee
FMS Name	Todd Lawson

CHAMP Criteria 1a

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

CHAMP Criteria 1b

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

CHAMP Criteria 1c

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

CHAMP Criteria 2a

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

CHAMP Criteria 2b

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

CHAMP Criteria 3a

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

CHAMP Criteria 3b

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. Fill out the CHAMP Fair Housing Form prior to the start of the next fiscal year.

CHAMP Criteria 3c

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. Adopt the Affirmative Action Goal and applicable Placement Rate, as calculated in the CHAMP Fair Housing Form.
2. Make offers in accordance with the applicable Placement Rate.
3. Follow the outreach procedures outlined in your Fair Housing Marketing Plan.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES (EOHLC)

PMR Physical Condition Report

For any questions on your FMS PMR Ratings, please contact your FMS.

LHA Name	MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY
FYE	Sep 2024
HMS Name	Thomas Lee
FMS Name	Todd Lawson

Criteria 1: 100% of units inspected during FYE under review

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

Criteria 2: Unit inspection Reports create, track, and report Work Orders for inspection repairs, and Work Orders are completed within 30 days or added to DM/CIP

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

Criteria 3: Unit Inspection Reports accurately reflect necessary repairs

Rating: Corrective Action

Recommendations: 1. Ensure that all work orders for all Health and Safety deficiencies are completed in the appropriate timeframe
2. Ensure that all Notices of Lease Violation are issued for all tenant related deficiencies identified during unit inspection

Criteria 4: Work Orders created for every vacancy and completed within 30 days (or waiver requested)

Rating: Operational Guidance

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

Criteria 5: Vacancy Turnover Work Orders accurately reflect necessary repairs

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

Criteria 6: LHA Preventive Maintenance Plan accurately reflects all necessary work to maximize life of LHA components

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

Criteria 7: All emergency work orders are created, tracked, reported and completed within 48 hours

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

Criteria 8: All requested work orders are created, tracked, reported and completed within 14 days or added to DM/CIP

Rating: No Findings

Recommendations: 1. No Recommendations

Health & Safety Deficiencies

Inspection reports were provided to the LHA at the time of the EOHLC site visit. Health and safety deficiencies were identified during the PMR Inspection. These items must be completed or initiated within 48 hours. Following completion of these health and safety deficiencies, the Executive Director must login to the FMS software application and certify, by electronic signature, that all health and safety deficiencies have been completed. Please contact your assigned FMS for further assistance.