

## Overview and Certification

## Arlington Housing Authority Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2022 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 DHCD.

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\(4\)\(a\)\(4\)](#).

**Overview and Certification**

The Arlington Housing Authority's Annual Plan for their 2022 fiscal year includes the following components:

1. Overview and Certification
2. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
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6. Policies
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  - a. Letter from Tenant Organizations
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  - c. Comments from Ellen Leigh
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  - h. Tenant Satisfaction Survey 200 and 705 Program

**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
667-02	Elderly	CHESTNUT MANOR 667-02	1	1965	100
667-05	Elderly	CUSACK TERRACE 667-05	1	1983	67
667-01	Elderly	DRAKE VILLAGE 667-01	9	1961	72
667-04	Elderly	HAUSER BLDG 667-04	1	1975	144
200-01	Family	MENOTOMY MANOR 200-01	22	1950	126
200-02	Family	MENOTOMY MANOR 200-02	25	1952	53
667-03	Elderly	WINSLOW TOWERS 667-03	1	1971	132
	Family	Family units in smaller developments	1		1
	Other	Special Occupancy units	1		12
	Elderly	Elderly units in smaller developments	5		5
Total			67		712

**Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP)**

The Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) is a state-funded program that provides rental subsidies to low-income families and individuals. In most cases, a “mobile” voucher is issued to the household, which is valid for any market-rate housing unit that meets the standards of the state sanitary code and program rent limitations. In some cases, vouchers are “project-based” into a specific housing development; such vouchers remain at the development if the tenant decides to move out.

Arlington Housing Authority manages 8 MRVP vouchers.

**Overview and Certification****Federally Assisted Developments**

Arlington Housing Authority also manages Federally-assisted public housing developments and/or federal rental subsidy vouchers serving 422 households.

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**LHA Board of Commissioners**

	<u>Role</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Fiorella Badilla	Member	State Tenant Rep	12/16/2020	04/01/2022
Brian Connor	Chair	State Appointee	07/16/2016	07/16/2021
Nicholas Mitropoulos	Member		03/31/2001	04/01/2026
Jo Anne Preston	Vice-Chair		06/05/2020	04/01/2025
Gaar Talanian	Treasurer		04/17/2019	04/01/2024

**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.	04/22/2021
B.	Advertise the public hearing in public postings.	04/22/2021
C.	Notify all LTO's and 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.	04/30/2021
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.)	06/16/2021
G.	Executive Director presents the Annual Plan to the Board.	06/16/2021
H.	Board votes to approve the AP. (For Boston Housing Authority, the Administrator approves and submits the AP.)	07/21/2021

## Certification

### CERTIFICATION OF LHA USER AUTHORIZATION FOR DHCD CAPITAL SOFTWARE AND HOUSING APPLICATIONS

I, of the Arlington Housing Authority, certify on behalf of the Housing Authority that I have conducted an annual review of all Arlington Housing Authority users of DHCD Capital Software applications and Housing Applications and that all current LHA users are authorized to use the systems and have the appropriate level of user access based on their job responsibility. I approve all system access and access levels for all Arlington Housing Authority users.

This certification applies to the following applications:

- Capital Planning System (CPS)
- Consolidated Information Management System (CIMS)
- Cap Hub
- DHCD Housing Management Systems

### CERTIFICATION FOR SUBMISSION OF THE ANNUAL PLAN

I, Jack Nagle, Interim Executive Director of the Arlington Housing Authority, certify on behalf of the Housing Authority that: a) the above actions all took place on the dates listed above; b) all facts and information contained in this Annual Plan are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and c) that the Annual Plan was prepared in accordance with and meets the requirements of the regulations at 760 CMR 4.16 and 6.09.

Date of certification: 07/22/2021

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) completed its review of this Annual Plan (AP) on October 14, 2021. Review comments have been inserted into the plan.

**Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)****Capital Improvement Plan****DHCD 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 (DHCD) fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) based on the project schedules.

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

**Additional Remarks by Arlington Housing Authority**

Arlington HA has a large HILAPP project (Building Envelope Repairs, Window replacement at Winslow) that is finally underway. We have included the most urgent of the projects in the first three years of this CIP, as we were able to make them fit. Arlington HA is focused on Fire Safety upgrades and building exterior upgrades at Drake Village.

**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)	\$3,675,008.88		Total of all FF awards minus prior FF spending
LHA Emergency Reserve	\$551,251.33		Amount to reserve for emergencies
Net FF Funds (First 3 Years of the CIP)	\$3,123,757.55	\$3,246,565.85	Funds to plan & amount actually planned in the first 3 years of the CIP
ADA Set-aside	\$51,015.83	\$51,000.00	Accessibility projects
DMH Set-aside	\$0.00	\$0.00	Dept. of Mental Health facility
DDS Set-aside	\$25,822.19	\$25,000.00	Dept. of Developmental Services facility
Unrestricted Formula Funding (FF)	\$3,046,919.53	\$3,170,565.85	Funds awarded by DHCD to be used on projects selected by the LHA and approved by DHCD.
Special DHCD Funding	\$872,603.81	\$872,603.81	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	\$251,767.56	\$251,767.56	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	\$4,248,128.92	\$4,370,937.23	Total of all anticipated funding available for planned projects and the total of planned spending.

**Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**

**Additional notes about funding:**

We were awarded a Creative Placemaking grant for general property improvements, including upgrades to trash receptacles, fencing, the creation of additional pathways and replacement of existing pathways, and an increase in active spaces like outdoor exercise equipment, a bocce ball court, and a community garden.

We have also been awarded CPA funds from the Arlington Community Preservation Act committee for the Drake Village entry door improvements project and the window replacement and building envelope repairs project at Winslow Towers.



**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)**

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 2021	fy2022 Planned	fy2023	fy2024	fy2025	fy2026
010082	FF: Interior renovations	Mass Ave. 689-01	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
010086	FF: Upgrade/Modernize Existing Elevator.	CUSACK TERRACE 667-05	\$341,662	\$289,402	\$0	\$52,261	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
010088	FF: Siding and porch replacement	Mass Ave. 689-01	\$310,194	\$220,319	\$0	\$835	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
010089	FF: Sliding electric door (Winslow)	WINSLOW TOWERS 667-03	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
010090	FF: Building Envelope Repairs, Window replacement.	WINSLOW TOWERS 667-03	\$2,538,429	\$1,007,967	\$0	\$869,935	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
010093	FF: ADA Bathrooms in Community Room	Chestnut, Winslow, Hauser, Cusack	\$348,210	\$17,995	\$0	\$0	\$330,710	\$0	\$0	\$0
010094	FF: Resurface balconies	CHESTNUT MANOR 667-02	\$145,111	\$10,834	\$0	\$0	\$136,777	\$0	\$0	\$0
010095	FF: Parking lot and walkway repaving	CHESTNUT MANOR 667-02	\$128,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,503
010096	Building Exterior renovations	DRAKE VILLAGE 667-01	\$502,743	\$304,208	\$0	\$216,917	\$253,747	\$0	\$0	\$0
010097	Parking lot and walkway resurfacing	DRAKE VILLAGE 667-01	\$119,623	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,219	\$106,405	\$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 2021	fy2022 Planned	fy2023	fy2024	fy2025	fy2026
010098	Replace ballasted membrane roof	CUSACK TERRACE 667-05	\$482,398	\$24,502	\$0	\$0	\$466,096	\$0	\$0	\$0
010099	H&S FY20: Unit entry hardware update	MENOTOMY MANOR 200-01	\$49,200	\$46,872	\$0	\$0	\$2,328	\$0	\$0	\$0
010100	H&S FY20: Resurface deteriorating Handicapped ramp /maintenance garage floor	WINSLOW TOWERS 667-03	\$38,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$38,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
010101	Fire pump replacement	WINSLOW TOWERS 667-03	\$126,800	\$0	\$0	\$1,920	\$124,880	\$0	\$0	\$0
010102	Fire alarm systems upgrade	HAUSER BLDG 667-04	\$450,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$314,260	\$135,741	\$0	\$0
010103	Creative Place Making Grant	DRAKE VILLAGE 667-01	\$514,894	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,913	\$330,977	\$176,005	\$0
010105	Entry door improvements	DRAKE VILLAGE 667-01	\$331,972	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$80,179	\$0	\$0
010106	Office Air Conditioning Split Systems	WINSLOW TOWERS 667-03	\$200,625	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$147,372	\$53,254	\$0	\$0
•	Menotomy Parking lot repavement	MENOTOMY MANOR 200-01	\$356,500	\$0	\$0	\$160,304	\$196,197	\$0	\$0	\$0
•	Window Replacement Study 200-C	MENOTOMY MANOR 200-01	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$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 2021	fy2022 Planned	fy2023	fy2024	fy2025	fy2026
•	Electrical Upgrade	DRAKE VILLAGE 667-01	\$204,815	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$99,841
•	Window and slider door replacement (Chestnut)	CHESTNUT MANOR 667-02	\$371,910	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$177,351
•	Community Room Compressor Replacement	CHESTNUT MANOR 667-02	\$45,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,000	\$0	\$0
•	Boiler Installation	WINSLOW TOWERS 667-03	\$197,572	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$89,952	\$107,621
•	Winslow - Asphalt repaving replace	WINSLOW TOWERS 667-03	\$78,705	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$78,705	\$0
•	Replace roofing	HAUSER BLDG 667-04	\$562,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$38,723	\$338,500	\$185,278	\$0
•	Update exhaust fans/ air handlers	HAUSER BLDG 667-04	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$124,452	\$125,549
•	Hauser - Parking lot resurface	HAUSER BLDG 667-04	\$407,394	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$92,343	\$315,052	\$0
•	Replace Trash Compactor	CUSACK TERRACE 667-05	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
•	Replace carpeting	CUSACK TERRACE 667-05	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
•	Cusack - Repave parking lot	CUSACK TERRACE 667-05	\$97,750	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$97,750
•	Fire alarm and detector upgrade	DRAKE VILLAGE 667-01	\$160,678	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$160,678	\$0	\$0	\$0
•	Replace trash compactor	HAUSER BLDG 667-04	\$28,868	\$0	\$0	\$28,868	\$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 2021	fy2022 Planned	fy2023	fy2024	fy2025	fy2026
<b>TOTALS</b>			\$9,534,751	\$1,922,098	\$0	\$1,411,039	\$2,242,678	\$1,089,210	\$1,100,847	\$632,614

## 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
010088	FF: Siding and porch replacement	E-Bidding/E-Hosting rebate for #010088	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$89,041
010090	FF: Building Envelope Repairs, Window replacement.	Winslow Towers Envelope & Windows	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0
010098	Replace ballasted membrane roof	Resiliency- Light Roof	\$0	\$0	\$54,549	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
010099	H&S FY20: Unit entry hardware update	H&S FY20: Unit entry hardware update	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$49,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
010100	H&S FY20: Resurface deteriorating Handicapped ramp /maintenance garage floor	H&S FY20: Resurface deteriorating Handicapped ramp /maintenance garage floor	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$38,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
010103	Creative Place Making Grant	Creative Placemaking	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
010105	Entry door improvements		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$251,793	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTALS</b>			\$0	\$0	\$54,549	\$1,087,200	\$0	\$751,793	\$500,000	\$89,041

## **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.

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

- Other

We have a very large roof replacement project at Hauser ( 010-667-04-0-16-1265) that is over \$500K making it difficult to conform to the CAP Shares of the specific year. CIMS allocated funds to year 2 that exceed the CAP Share for that year.

#### **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.

Arlington Housing Authority has not requested additional funding.

#### **3. Overall goals of the Housing Authority's CIP**

Arlington HA has a large HILAPP project (Building Envelope Repairs, Window replacement at Winslow) that is finally underway. We have included the most urgent of the projects in the first three years of this CIP, as we were able to make them fit. Arlington HA is focused on Fire Safety upgrades and building exterior upgrades at Drake Village. In the outlying years (4 and 5), we have included many important projects that have been forced to wait due to funding availability.

#### **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 had two projects totaling \$500K that were inserted mid-year through a Revision, which resulted in our previously-planned projects being delayed by a few years. However, most of our previously approved projects remain in this plan. We removed 3 projects: Sliding electric door--Hauser (010-667-04-0-14-2689), and Kitchen Modernization 667 (010-667-02-001-15-1121).

**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 01/20/2021.

**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 04/12/2021.

**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:

See attached.

**10. Accessibility**

We have identified the following accessibility deficiencies in our portfolio:

The Bathrooms in Chestnut Manor and Winslow Towers Community Rooms are not ADA compliant.

We have incorporated the following projects in our CIP to address accessibility deficiencies:

We are upgrading the community room bathrooms at Chestnut, Winslow in FISH 010093.

**11. Special needs development**

Arlington Housing Authority has one or more special needs (167 or 689 programs) development. We have completed the service provider input process according to the required procedures detailed in the lease agreement and held an annual meeting with the service provider staff at all special needs developments as of 04/13/2021.



## 12. Energy and water consumption

Our 12 most recent monthly energy reports are for months 3/2020 to 2/2021.

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
	667-04			200-01
	667-02			200-02
	667-03			667-03

For the 667 high electric PUM, we have worked with Eversource to replace lighting with LED bulbs, insulation and air sealing, and we upgrade the heating systems to more energy efficient units on unit turnover.

Our 200 developments all have low-flow toilets, and low-flow shower heads. However, the high water usage at 667-03 is unusual, and we will investigate the possibility of a leak.

## 13. Energy or water saving initiatives

Arlington 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.)

2% c. 667 (DHCD Goal 2%)

3% c. 200 (DHCD Goal 2%)

0% c. 705 (DHCD Goal 2%)

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

As at other LHA's, there have been ongoing difficulties with filling units related to the state-aided housing waitlist, Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Programs (CHAMP). These difficulties have been compounded by increased vacancies during COVID-19 resulting in the AHA exceeding the state wide vacancy rate goal for c. 200 housing. The AHA is in the process of filling many of these units and will continue to work to improve efficiencies where possible.

#### **15. Vacancies**

Arlington Housing Authority has no units listed as vacant, proposed to be vacant, or at risk of becoming vacant.

# CIP Approval For Arlington Housing Authority for FY 2022

## Formula Funding Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), WorkPlan 5001

10/13/2021

Congratulations! The CIP-2022 submitted by Arlington Housing Authority is approved, subject to the following conditions:

Arlington Housing Authority is authorized to proceed on the following projects, which are to be managed with the LHA or RCAT as the Primary PM\*\*:

CPS Number	FISH #	Project Name	TDC Amount	Primary PM	Project Year
010-200-01-0-21-376	010107	Window Replacement Study 200-C	\$40,000.00	LHA	2022

There are no large or complex projects to be managed by DHCD.

Going forward, if you need to add a project that is not in your approved CIP you will need to submit a revision through CIMS. Instructions for revising your CIP can be found on the CIMS Forms menu.

Details of the Approved CIP can be found at the link to 'Approved & Active CIP Reports' on the CIMS forms page in the CIP Reports section. Projects may utilize funding from multiple sources. The 'Original Approved' report details the proposed funding as submitted by the LHA. Please feel free to call DHCD Project Manager Tiffany Yu at (617) 573-1100 with any questions.

\*\*'Primary PM' is used to identify the agency responsible for updating a project's budget and schedule.

This document was created on 10/13/2021 by Tiffany Yu, Project Manager

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 (DHCD).

- 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.
    - o Inspections are visual and operational examinations of parts of our property to determine their condition.
    - o All dwelling units, buildings and sites must be inspected at least annually.
    - o **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.

<b>METHOD</b>	<b>CONTACT INFO.</b>	<b>TIMES</b>
Call Answering Service	781-646-1272	24 Hrs.
Call LHA at Phone Number	781-646-1272	24 Hrs.

Residents who are unsure about whether their maintenance situation is an emergency are encouraged to call the emergency response system as a precaution. Residents are informed via the tenant handbook and at lease up that they should call 911 for security and fire related emergencies.

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 Arlington Housing Authority main office.

<b>QUALIFYING EMERGENCY WORK REQUESTS</b>
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
Elevator stoppage or entrapment
Inoperative 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	781-646-1272	24 Hrs.
Call Housing Authority Office		
Submit Online at Website		
Email to Following Email		
Other		

*Residents are encouraged to follow up with their property manager, if their maintenance request is not completed to standard or within a timely manner.*

### Work Order Management

A. DHCD review of this housing authority's operations shows that the authority uses the following system for tracking work orders:

Type of work order system: DHCD's usual on-site review for this housing authority's work order system was cancelled due to the COVID-19 emergency.

Work order classification used:

Emergency	
Vacancy	
Preventative Maintenance	
Routine	
Inspections	
Tenant Requests	

B. We also 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:

During the past year, non-emergency work orders that normally would not have been deferred were deferred for the safety of residents and staff. However, the definition of emergency work order was expanded in order to ensure resident and building safety were maintained.

### **Maintenance Plan Narrative**

Following are Arlington Housing Authority's answers to questions posed by DHCD.

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

Our maintenance staff have performed well above expectation over the course of this very difficult year. They have ensured that the grounds, buildings, and units were maintained and turned over while also adding additional safety precautions to comply with state and federal COVID-19 precautions. While many throughout the Commonwealth worked from home, our maintenance staff instilled calm amongst residents by being present and maintaining safe living conditions. Their work and resident cooperation has resulted in minimal amounts of known COVID-19 cases in AHA managed buildings. They were also an integral part of the success of vaccination clinics that were carried at AHA senior public housing developments.

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



During surges in COVID-19 cases, maintenance staff were only authorized to complete emergency work orders and non-emergency work orders were deferred. This was done to protect those in the building from unnecessary exposure to COVID-19. Maintenance staff also disinfected commonly touched surfaces at least once per day to ensure resident, staff and essential worker safety. Maintenance staff have been issued personal protective equipment (PPE) and separated as much as possible to ensure their safety. They also assisted in issuing residents PPE that was provided by state and local agencies to our residents. Maintenance staff were also used to prepare and help execute vaccination clinics at AHA senior public housing developments.

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

Our maintenance department is committed to continuing to meet resident needs by exceeding state standards. We strive to exceed the standard by completing all work order types well within their respective time completion goal. We also intend to implement a pest control workflow process to ensure residents, staff and stakeholders understand the process and to ensure these issues are resolved in a timely manner. Our staff will continue to be compassionate, understanding and determined to meet resident and housing authority needs.

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	\$1,382,182.00	\$418,600.00
Last Fiscal Year Actual Spending	\$1,326,107.00	\$100,982.00
Current Fiscal Year Budget	\$1,063,198.00	\$310,000.00

E. Unit Turnover Summary

# Turnovers Last Fiscal Year	58
Average time from date vacated to make Unit "Maintenance Ready"	31 days
Average time from date vacated to lease up of unit	68 days

F. Anything else to say regarding the Maintenance Plan Narrative?

During the past year, our residents have been assured of our maintenance staff's commitment to them. We plan to build off of this by streamlining processes, improving communication and continuing to improve upon on the quality of our services.

**Attachments**

These items have been prepared by the Arlington 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.



## **AHA PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN**

### **January Preventative Maintenance Tasks**

\*\*Every week throughout the year, common areas, hallways, community rooms will be monitored for cleanliness and debris/dangerous items/blocked egresses. Community rooms and bathrooms in community rooms will be cleaned weekly at a minimum.

1. Monitor on-going snow/ice removal.
2. Check 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.
3. Hot air furnace preventative maintenance at Family Housing / Boiler winter preventative maintenance at all additional complexes.
4. Clean dryer vents for all 667 complexes.
5. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors during annual inspections.
6. Inventory equipment, in stock.
7. 667 Building fire alarm inspections.
8. Keane Fire Equipment- inspect and replace all fire extinguishers as needed.
9. 667-1: Check boilers and sump pumps.

### **February Preventative Maintenance Tasks**

1. Monitor on-going snow/ ice removal.
2. Check 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.
3. 667-1: Check boilers and sump pumps.

## March Preventative Maintenance Tasks

1. Monitor on-going snow removal.
2. Check 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.
3. Liberty Mutual annual state inspections on Boilers- all properties.
4. 667-1 and 667-5 change all batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide.
5. Clean maintenance areas as needed.
6. Touch up all common area paint.
7. Clean baseboard heaters in all common areas.
8. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors during annual inspections.
9. Unit inspections as scheduled for the month.
10. Clean/disinfect trash areas.
11. Winterize all snow equipment.
12. Begin spring tune- up's on all vehicles.
13. 667-1: Check boilers and sump pumps.

## April Preventative Maintenance Tasks

1. Inspect all entry doors.
1. Clean dryer vents, exhaust vents and roof fan motors.
2. Service lawn equipment.
3. Inspect roofs, siding, fencing and downspouts.
4. Clean common area flooring and carpeting.
5. Clean/disinfect dumpsters and trash area.
6. Cleaning of parking areas, roadways, driveways, walkways and storm drains. Inspect trees and coordinate trimming service as needed (maintain 10ft distance from buildings)
7. Unit inspections as scheduled for the month.
8. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors during annual inspections.
9. Clean out trucks removing salt and sand.
10. Clean sander.
11. 667-1: Check boilers and sump pumps.

## May Preventative Maintenance Tasks

1. Clean all storm drains.
2. Sidewalk and parking lot crack and crevice sealing and repair.
3. Strip, wax and buff VAT and linoleum flooring in community rooms and hallways.
4. Edge and mulch all planting beds.
5. Clean/disinfect dumpsters and trash areas.
6. Prune/trim all shrubs and bushes away from buildings (maintain 2ft clearance from all structures).
7. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors during annual inspections.
8. Unit inspections as scheduled for the month.
9. 667-1: Check boilers and sump pumps.

## June Preventative Maintenance Tasks

1. Summer boiler shut-down and preventative maintenance service. (non-heating season June 15<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>).
2. Check interior emergency lighting.
3. 667-4 & 667-5 Clean trash chutes and dumpsters.
4. Clean/disinfect dumpsters and trash areas.
5. Weed and edge all planting beds (June 1<sup>st</sup> to Oct 1<sup>st</sup>).
6. Inspect site railings, walkways and stairs for potential hazards. Identify and repair as needed.
7. Check flags and replace as needed.
8. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors during annual inspections.
9. Schedule Fire Alarm Panel/heat detector inspections.
10. Unit inspections as scheduled for the month.
11. 667-1: Check boilers and sump pumps.

## July Preventative Maintenance Tasks

1. Clean dryer vents, exhaust vents and roof vent motors.
2. Inspect gutters, downspouts and splash blocks – repair as needed.
3. Inspect common area windows (glass, seals, balances and locks).
4. Clean/disinfect trash areas.
5. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors during annual inspections.
6. Unit inspections as scheduled each month.
7. Check smoke alarms in common areas.
8. 667-1: Check boilers and sump pumps.

## August Preventative Maintenance Tasks

1. Strip, wax and buff VAT and linoleum flooring in common areas and bathrooms.
2. Clean/disinfect trash areas.
3. Replace lime stone on condensation drains at 667-1,2,4 & 5.
4. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors during annual inspections.
5. Unit inspections as scheduled each month.
6. Clean furnaces.
7. 667-1: Check boilers and sump pumps.



## September Preventative Maintenance Tasks

1. Check electrical panels in boiler rooms and all common areas.
2. Domestic hot water systems preventative maintenance and exercise all valves.
3. Turn on heating systems September 15, 2016.
4. Clean storage rooms and maintenance areas.
5. Clean or replace as needed filters for hot air systems at all buildings as needed.
6. Touch up all common area paint.
7. Clean heater vents in all common areas.
8. Clean/disinfect trash areas.
9. Service snow blowers.
10. Buy and stock ice melt for winter.
11. Unit inspections as scheduled each month.
12. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors during annual inspections.
13. 667-1: Check boilers and sump pumps.
14. Generator- top-off fuel. 667-2, 667-3, 667-4.

## October Preventative Maintenance Tasks

1. Clean/disinfect trash areas.
2. Annual cleaning of all gutters.
3. Prepare truck for Leaf removal.
4. Clean dryer vents, exhaust vents and roof fan motors.
5. Cleaning of parking areas, roadways, driveways, walkways and storm drains.
6. Clean, service and store lawn equipment.
7. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors during annual inspections.
10. Unit inspections as scheduled each month.
11. 667-1: Check boilers and sump pumps.

## November Preventative Maintenance Tasks

1. First Saturday in November reset light timers and clocks back 1 hour for daylight saving time.
2. Remove truck leaf box and install sander.
3. Monitor any snow/ice removal.
4. 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.
5. Inspect trees and coordinate trimming service as needed (maintain 10ft clearance from all structures).
6. Clean common area carpets and flooring.
7. Clean/disinfect trash areas.
8. Vehicle Inspection:
  - a. Check all fluid levels: crank case, transmission, etc.
  - b. Check antifreeze, radiator rust inhibitor, and thermostat.
  - c. Check windshield washer fluid.
  - d. Check belts and hoses.
  - e. Check plugs, wiring, battery, clean and grease terminals.
  - f. Clean out air cleaner.
  - g. Check wheel alignment and tire balance (signs of uneven wear).
  - h. Check heater and defroster.
  - i. Check wiper blades for wear.
  - j. Check underbody for corrosion and hose off.
8. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors during annual inspections.
9. Unit inspections as scheduled each month.
10. 667-1: Check boilers and sump pumps.

## December Preventative Maintenance Tasks

1. Monitor on-going snow/ice removal.
2. 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.
3. Check and replace flags as needed.
4. Clean/disinfect trash areas.
5. Unit inspections as scheduled each month.
6. 667-1: Check boilers and sump pumps.

## Arlington Housing Authority Deferred Work Order Report

Filter Criteria Includes: 1) Project: All Projects, 2) Deferred Type: All Types, 3) Deferred Note: N/A, 4) Completed: All

Work Order Number	Completed Date/Time	Deferred Note	Deferred Type
31283	1/15/2020 12:00 AM	Outside contractor will scrape and paint the ceiling	Deferred Maintenance Plan
31289	2/19/2020 10:00 AM	Will be done in the spring.	Deferred Maintenance Plan
31290	2/19/2020 10:00 AM	Will be done in the spring	Deferred Maintenance Plan
31879	3/13/2020 10:00 AM	To be done at another time	Deferred Maintenance Plan

*End of Report*

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 09/30/2020. It also shows the approved budget for the current year (2021) 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 Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). 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.

**LHA Comments**

Over the course of the past year there have been a number of initiatives carried out by the AHA and local partners to assist residents in need. The Arlington Housing Authority's board of commissioners voted to make washers and dryers in laundry rooms free of charge. They also provided all residents in senior housing a free meal for Christmas. In addition to this, late fee's have been temporarily suspended and residents have been given access to many rental assistance options in the greater Arlington area. AHA administrative staff have taken a lead in ensuring residents are aware of the different resources in the area. New partnership have been formed and existing partnerships have been strengthened between the AHA and local service agencies. The AHA continues to seek out creative ways to assist residents in these trying times.

**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 DHCD 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 DHCD.

DHCD 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 DHCD 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 DHCD and obtain its approval.

The Arlington Housing Authority operating reserve at the end of fiscal year 2020 was \$1,765,328.00, which is 77% 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 Arlington Housing Authority.						
<b>REVENUE</b>						
Account Number	Account Class	2020 Approved Revenue Budget	2020 Actual Amounts Received	2021 Approved Revenue Budget	% Change from 2020 Actual to 2021 Budget	2021 Dollars Budgeted per Unit per Month
3110	Shelter Rent - Tenants	\$4,000,000.00	\$3,997,038.00	\$4,033,632.00	0.9%	\$480.19
3111	Shelter Rent - Tenants - Fraud/Retroactive	\$0.00	\$8,371.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
3115	Shelter Rent - Federal Section 8	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
3190	Nondwelling Rentals	\$90,000.00	\$134,352.00	\$90,000.00	-33%	\$10.71
3400	Administrative Fee - MRVP	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
3610	Interest on Investments - Unrestricted	\$22,500.00	\$19,272.00	\$20,000.00	3.8%	\$2.38
3611	Interest on Investments - Restricted	\$0.00	\$1,175.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
3690	Other Revenue	\$8,000.00	\$3,850.00	\$4,000.00	3.9%	\$0.48
3691	Other Revenue - Retained	\$0.00	\$5,777.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
3692	Other Revenue - Operating Reserves	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37,554.00	100%	\$4.47
3693	Other Revenue - Energy Net Meter	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
3801	Operating Subsidy - DHCD (4001)	\$598,037.00	\$587,906.00	\$283,597.00	-51.8%	\$33.76
3802	Operating Subsidy - MRVP Landlords	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
3803	Restricted Grants Received	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
3920	Gain/Loss From Sale/Disp. of Prop.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
3000	TOTAL REVENUE	\$4,718,537.00	\$4,757,741.00	\$4,468,783.00	-6.1%	\$532.00



Consolidated Budget (400-1) for all state-aided 667 (Elderly), 200 (family), and 705 (scattered site family) developments owned by Arlington Housing Authority.						
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Account Number	Account Class	2020 Approved Expense Budget	2020 Actual Amounts Spent	2021 Approved Expense Budget	% Change from 2020 Actual to 2021 Budget.	2021 Dollars Budgeted per Unit per Month
4110	Administrative Salaries	\$796,510.00	\$702,320.00	\$817,032.00	16.3%	\$97.27
4120	Compensated Absences	\$0.00	\$10,962.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
4130	Legal	\$10,000.00	\$7,367.00	\$10,000.00	35.7%	\$1.19
4140	Members Compensation	\$28,800.00	\$28,451.00	\$29,000.00	1.9%	\$3.45
4150	Travel & Related Expenses	\$5,813.00	\$341.00	\$2,605.00	663.9%	\$0.31
4170	Accounting Services	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	0%	\$2.86
4171	Audit Costs	\$9,460.00	\$9,580.00	\$9,460.00	-1.3%	\$1.13
4180	Penalties & Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
4190	Administrative Other	\$146,980.00	\$107,944.00	\$112,360.00	4.1%	\$13.38
4191	Tenant Organization	\$4,200.00	\$0.00	\$4,200.00	100%	\$0.50
4100	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$1,025,763.0	\$890,965.00	\$1,008,657.	13.2%	\$120.08
4310	Water	\$355,159.00	\$382,365.00	\$404,085.00	5.7%	\$48.11
4320	Electricity	\$752,244.00	\$767,458.00	\$802,256.00	4.5%	\$95.51
4330	Gas	\$96,479.00	\$80,840.00	\$87,985.00	8.8%	\$10.47
4340	Fuel	\$3,500.00	\$601.00	\$3,000.00	399.2%	\$0.36
4360	Net Meter Utility Debit/Energy Conservation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
4390	Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
4391	Solar Operator Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
4392	Net Meter Utility Credit (Negative Amount)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
4300	TOTAL UTILITIES	\$1,207,382.0	\$1,231,264.0	\$1,297,326.	5.4%	\$154.44

Consolidated Budget (400-1) for all state-aided 667 (Elderly), 200 (family), and 705 (scattered site family) developments owned by Arlington Housing Authority.						
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Account Number	Account Class	2020 Approved Expense Budget	2020 Actual Amounts Spent	2021 Approved Expense Budget	% Change from 2020 Actual to 2021 Budget	2021 Dollars Budgeted per Unit per Month
4410	Maintenance Labor	\$750,315.00	\$777,496.00	\$781,765.00	0.5%	\$93.07
4420	Materials & Supplies	\$200,000.00	\$177,747.00	\$124,933.00	-29.7%	\$14.87
4430	Contract Costs	\$431,867.00	\$370,864.00	\$156,500.00	-57.8%	\$18.63
4400	TOTAL MAINTENANCE	\$1,382,182.00	\$1,326,107.00	\$1,063,198.00	-19.8%	\$126.57
4510	Insurance	\$183,484.00	\$173,908.00	\$216,590.00	24.5%	\$25.78
4520	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$6,800.00	\$6,444.00	\$6,800.00	5.5%	\$0.81
4540	Employee Benefits	\$781,258.00	\$790,199.00	\$876,212.00	10.9%	\$104.31
4541	Employee Benefits - GASB 45	\$0.00	\$145,891.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
4542	Pension Expense - GASB 68	\$0.00	\$-201,585.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
4570	Collection Loss	\$10,000.00	\$4,513.00	\$8,000.00	77.3%	\$0.95
4571	Collection Loss - Fraud/Retroactive	\$0.00	\$8,371.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
4580	Interest Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
4590	Other General Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
4500	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	\$981,542.00	\$927,741.00	\$1,107,602.00	19.4%	\$131.86
4610	Extraordinary Maintenance	\$418,600.00	\$100,982.00	\$310,000.00	207%	\$36.90
4611	Equipment Purchases - Non Capitalized	\$70,368.00	\$55,462.00	\$68,500.00	23.5%	\$8.15
4612	Restricted Reserve Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
4715	Housing Assistance Payments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
4801	Depreciation Expense	\$0.00	\$1,383,978.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
4600	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$488,968.00	\$1,540,422.00	\$378,500.00	-75.4%	\$45.06
4000	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,085,837.00	\$5,916,499.00	\$4,855,283.00	-17.9%	\$578.01

Consolidated Budget (400-1) for all state-aided 667 (Elderly), 200 (family), and 705 (scattered site family) developments owned by Arlington Housing Authority.						
<b>SUMMARY</b>						
Account Number	Account Class	2020 Approved Budget	2020 Actual Amounts	2021 Approved Budget	% Change from 2020 Actual to 2021 Budget	2021 Dollars Budgeted per Unit per Month
3000	TOTAL REVENUE	\$4,718,537.00	\$4,757,741.00	\$4,468,783.00	-6.1%	\$532.00
4000	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,085,837.00	\$5,916,499.00	\$4,855,283.00	-17.9%	\$578.01
2700	NET INCOME (DEFICIT)	\$-367,300.00	\$-1,158,758.00	\$-386,500.00	-66.6%	\$-46.01
7520	Replacements of Equip. - Capitalized	\$93,520.00	\$93,435.00	\$52,000.00	-44.3%	\$6.19
7540	Betterments & Additions - Capitalized	\$40,000.00	\$25,906.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00
7500	TOTAL NONOPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$133,520.00	\$119,341.00	\$52,000.00	-56.4%	\$6.19
7600	EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$-500,820.00	\$-1,278,099.00	\$-438,500.00	-65.7%	\$-52.20

## 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 DHCD 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 – DHCD (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 DHCD 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 DHCD 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 DHCD 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 DHCD 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.

**PMR Narrative Responses****Narrative Responses to the Performance Management Review (PMR) Findings**

DHCD has cancelled publication of Performance Management Reviews for fiscal years ending 3/31/2020 through 12/31/2020 due to disruptions of normal operations in response to the COVID-19 virus. Therefore, there are no ratings included in this report.

## Explanation of PMR Criteria Ratings

CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
<b>Management</b>	
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"> <li>• “No Findings” : Occupancy Rate is at or above 98%</li> <li>• Operational Guidance: Occupancy rate is at 95% up to 97.9%</li> <li>• Corrective Action: Adjusted occupancy rate is less than 95%</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• “No Findings” : At or below 2%</li> <li>• “Operational Guidance”: More than 2% , but less than 5%</li> <li>• “Corrective Action”: 5% or more</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• “No Findings”: At least 11 of the required 12 reports were submitted and at least 9 were submitted on time.</li> <li>• “Operational Guidance”: Less than 11 of the required 12 reports were submitted and/or less than 9 were submitted on time.</li> </ul>
Board Member Training	<p>Percentage of board members that have completed the mandatory online board member training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “No Findings” : 80% or more completed training</li> <li>• “Operational Guidance” : 60-79.9% completed training</li> <li>• “Corrective Action” : &lt;60 % completed training</li> </ul>

CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
<b>Financial</b>	
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"> <li>• "No Findings" : 0 to 9.9%</li> <li>• "Operational Guidance": 10 to 14.9%</li> <li>• "Corrective Action": 15% or higher</li> </ul> <p>Overspending Rating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "No Findings" : 0 to -4.9%</li> <li>• "Operational Guidance": -5% to -9.9%</li> <li>• "Corrective Action": -10% or below</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• "No Findings" :35%+ of maximum operating reserve</li> <li>• "Operational Guidance": 20% to 34.9% of maximum operating reserve</li> <li>• "Corrective Action": &lt;20% of maximum operating reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Capital Planning</b>	
Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Submitted	<p>Housing authorities are required to submit a five-year capital plan every year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "No Findings" =Submitted on time and no modifications required or modifications made within 45 days.</li> <li>• "Operational Guidance" =Up to 45 days late and no modifications required or modifications made within 45 days.</li> <li>• "Corrective Action" =More than 45 days late or modifications required and not completed within 45 days.</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• "No Findings" = at least 80%</li> <li>• "Operational Guidance" = At least 50%</li> <li>• "Corrective Action" = Less than 50%</li> </ul>

CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
<b>Health &amp; Safety</b>	
Health & safety violations	DHCD 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.
<b>Facility Management - Inspections</b>	
Unit Inspections Conducted	Housing authorities are required to conduct inspections of all their occupied units at least once a year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "No Findings": 100 % of sampled units had inspections conducted once during the year</li> <li>• "Corrective Action": Fewer than 100% of sample units were inspected during the year</li> </ul>
Inspections Report	Housing authorities are required to note all of the deficiencies found during inspections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "No Findings": 100 % of deficiencies are noted on inspection report</li> <li>• "Corrective Action": Fewer than 100% of deficiencies are noted in inspection report</li> </ul>
Inspection Work Order	Housing authorities are required to generate work orders for all deficiencies noted during inspections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "No Findings": 100 % of deficiencies noted on inspection reports generated work orders</li> <li>• "Corrective Action": Fewer than 100% of deficiencies noted on inspection reports generated work orders</li> </ul>
Work Order System	Work order system identifies, tracks, and can produce reports for inspection work orders. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "No Findings": Inspection work orders are identified, tracked, and reportable</li> <li>• "Operational Guidance": Inspection work orders are not identified, and/or tracked, and/or reportable</li> </ul>
Inspections Work Orders Completed	Inspection work orders were 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 included in the Capital Improvement Plan in the case of qualifying capital repairs (unless health/safety issue). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "No Findings": Sampled inspection work orders were completed within 30 days of inspection date or added to deferred maintenance plan and/or CIP</li> <li>• "Operational Guidance": Sampled inspection work orders were completed within 31 to 45 calendar days of inspection date and not added to deferred maintenance plan or CIP</li> <li>• "Corrective Action": Sampled inspection work orders were completed in over 45 calendar days of inspection date</li> </ul>

CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
<b>Facility Management – Work Order System</b>	
Emergency Work Orders Properly Defined	<p>Emergency work orders should be defined per <u>Property Management Guide</u>, identified, tracked, reportable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “No Findings”: Emergency work orders defined per <u>Property Management Guide</u>, identified, tracked, reportable</li> <li>• “Operational Guidance”: Emergency work orders are not defined per <u>Property Management Guide</u>, and/or identified, and/or tracked, and/or reportable</li> </ul>
Emergency Work Orders Initiation	<p>Emergency work orders should be initiated within 24 to 48 hours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “No Findings”: Emergency work orders initiated within 24-48 hours</li> <li>• “Corrective Action”: Emergency work orders not initiated within 24-48 hours</li> </ul>
Vacancy Work Orders	<p>Vacancy work orders should be identified, tracked and reportable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “No Findings”: Vacancy work orders identified, tracked AND reportable</li> <li>• “Corrective Action”: Vacancy work orders are not identified, and/or tracked, and/or reportable</li> </ul>
Vacancy Work Orders Completed	<p>Vacancy work orders should be completed within 30 calendar days or if not completed within that timeframe, LHA has a waiver.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “No Findings”: Vacancy work orders are completed within 30 calendar days or if not completed within timeframe, LHA has a waiver</li> <li>• “Operational Guidance”: Vacancy work orders completed within 31-60 calendar days</li> <li>• “Corrective Action”: Vacancy work orders completed 61+ calendar days</li> </ul>
Preventive Maintenance Program	<p>Housing authorities are required to maintain a comprehensive preventive maintenance program in which preventive work orders are identified, tracked, and reportable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “No Findings”: A comprehensive preventive maintenance program exists and work orders are identified, tracked and reportable</li> <li>• “Corrective Action”: A comprehensive preventive maintenance program does not exist OR work orders are not identified and/or tracked and/or reportable</li> </ul>
Routine Work Orders	<p>Routine work orders should be identified, tracked, reportable and completed regularly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “No Findings”: Routine work orders identified, tracked, reportable and completed regularly</li> <li>• “Operational Guidance”: Routine work orders are not identified, and/or tracked and/or reportable, and/or completed regularly</li> </ul>

CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
Requested Work Orders	<p>Requested work orders should be identified, tracked and reportable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “No Findings”: Requested work orders identified, tracked, reportable and completed regularly</li> <li>• “Operational Guidance”: Requested work orders are not identified and/or tracked and/or reportable, and or completed regularly</li> </ul>
Requested Work Orders Completion	<p>Requested work orders should be 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 should be added and completed in a timely manner as a part of the Deferred Maintenance Plan and/or CIP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “No Findings”: Requested work orders are completed within 14 calendar days of tenant request OR added to deferred maintenance plan and/or CIP</li> <li>• “Operational Guidance”: Requested work orders are completed within 15-30 calendar days from the date of tenant request</li> <li>• “Corrective Action”: Requested work orders are completed in over 30 calendar days from the date of tenant request OR not completed</li> </ul>
Emergency Response System	<p>Housing authorities should have a 24 Hour Emergency Response System and distribute Emergency Definition to Residents, Staff, and Answering Service (if applicable).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “No Findings”: A 24-hour system for responding to emergencies exists AND definitions of emergencies have been distributed to staff, residents and answering service, if applicable</li> <li>• “Operational Guidance”: System exists, but no definition has been distributed</li> <li>• “Corrective Action”: Neither a system nor distributed definitions exist</li> </ul>





## **Policies**

The following policies are currently in force at the Arlington Housing Authority:

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Last Ratified by Board Vote</b>	<b>Notes</b>
*Rent Collection Policy	05/27/2020	
*Personnel Policy	10/25/2000	
*Capitalization Policy	03/16/2016	
*Procurement Policy	05/27/2020	
*Grievance Policy	05/27/2020	
Language Access Plan	06/20/2018	
Smoking Policy	04/16/2014	
Other – Define in the ‘Notes’ column	09/20/2017	Code of Conduct
Other – Define in the ‘Notes’ column	06/19/2019	Wage Match Policy
Pet Policy	05/27/2020	
Criminal Offender Records Information (CORI) Policy	05/27/2020	
Language Access Plan	06/20/2018	

\* Starred policies are required by DHCD. 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 DHCD.

**Waivers**

Arlington Housing Authority has received the following waivers from DHCD's regulations. This list does not include vacancy waivers, pet waivers, or any waivers that would release personally identifiable tenant or applicant data.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Date Waiver Approved by DHCD</b>	<b>Date Expired</b>
Biennial recertification of c.667 rents	Time, manpower, and expense borne by AHA	02/08/2011	

The list of waivers has been provided by the LHA and has not been verified by DHCD.

## 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

**Attachments**

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

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, on-site Performance Management Review (PMR) assessments by the Facilities Management Specialists were cancelled for the December fiscal year end housing authorities. Therefore, the Facility Management categories have been omitted from the PMR document.

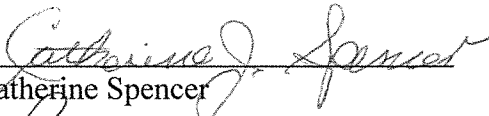
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- Tenant Satisfaction Survey 200 and 705 Program

## Arlington Housing Authority 2022 Capital Improvement Plan

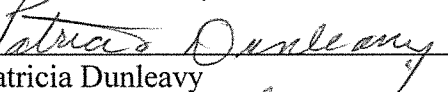
To Whom This May Concern:

We, the elected Presidents of the Local Tenant Organizations of the Arlington Housing Authority, have reviewed, discussed, and suggested projects for the upcoming Capital Plan of the Arlington Housing Authority.


Drake Village President:

  
Catherine Spencer

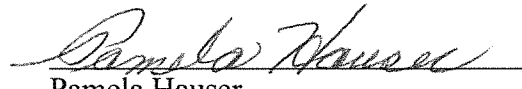
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Patricia Dunleavy

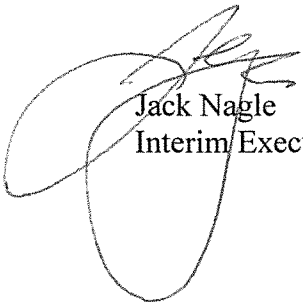
Chestnut Manor President:

  
Sharon Elkins

Winslow Towers President:

  
Pamela Hauser


Signed,

  
Jack Nagle  
Interim Executive Director



## **Annual Plan Public Hearing 6-16-2021 at 7:00 PM**

### **Response to Questions from Menotomy Manor Residents - Lisa Hersey, Rachel Cravotta, Vanessa Rowsell and Alicia Jones**

The AHA board is aware that Menotomy Manor residents have been without a tenants association for the last 9 years. A group of us down here (residents only,) are working hard to get it up and running in the next few weeks. Due to the fact there hasn't been a TA in so long, a lot of questions and concerns are being raised that haven't been addressed in those past years, as well current ones. We are upset and frustrated. We don't feel like we're being heard and when we do try to address it, we are spoken down to and our questions/concerns continuously are being negated and or pushed off for another time...and then pushed off again. We still haven't gotten the answers. We are  invested in Menotomy Manor and want to be included in anything we're able too because this is OUR HOME. We would hope the board would have some patience as we try to advocate for the residents that haven't been heard (yet) from numerous reasons.

**Response: The Arlington Housing Authority is confident that we can build trust through communication, implementation of processes to ensure quality control, and by reviewing our methods on a recurring basis to ensure that they are efficient and meet the standard. We also feel that the tenant association as well as your continued feedback will play a major role in the success of this.**

First, the resurfacing of the parking lots for \$356,500 –

1. Who determined that the parking lots needed to be redone now?

**Response: The Director of Maintenance, Superintendent of Maintenance, Operations Manager and Executive Director work together to determine a number of projects that are considered a priority. Once this is determined we use the prioritized projects to create the Capital Improvement Plan through a specialist that is assigned to us from the state housing agency (DHCD).**

**The major priority within this project is the repaving of the circle at 2 Fremont Court. The other areas were included because they also need to be paved/repaved and doing it now would be the most cost-effective way to do it. Also, the reason that the parking lot was chosen to be done now is that it meets our budget requirements for our Capital Improvement Plan. It was also chosen because it will create a paved area where trash barrels are stored. We believe this will be an improvement for maintenance and the residents.**

2. What exactly is being proposed?

**Response: All parking lots and the circle at Fremont Court will be repaved. Additionally, we are planning to create a paved area where trash barrels are stored at resident units.**

3. Is the resurfacing going to be a skim coat?

**Response: No, the plan is for the parking lots to be repaved.**

4. Are they are going to be digging up all the parking lots and laying down a new parking lot?

**Response: Yes, the plan is for the parking lots and the circle at Fremont Court to be repaved.**

5. Are they doing the walkways as well, or is it strictly the parking lot?

**Response: They are repaving the parking lots, the circle at Fremont Court and the areas where trash barrels are stored at resident units. The sidewalks were completed a few years back.**

Secondly, in regards to the entry door hardware for \$49,200-

1. What exactly is the door hardware? We would like to see a pic of one.

**Response: The entry door hardware is the lock and door opening mechanism for the front doors, back doors, and basement doors at Menotomy Manor. One will be installed on the front door, back door, and basement door. We have been installing these in new units and will be coming up with a plan to install the rest of them in coming months.**



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*Door Hardware - Outside*

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*Door Hardware - Inside*

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2. Can you please remind us who determined that it needed to be done at this time?

**Response: The Director of Maintenance, Superintendent of Maintenance, Operations Manager and Executive Director work together to determine a number of projects that are considered a priority. Once this is determined we use the prioritized projects to create the Capital Improvement Plan through a specialist that is assigned to us from the state housing agency (DHCD). The reason that the entry door hardware was chosen to be done now is that it meets our budget requirements for our Capital Improvement Plan. Making this update will also match Menotomy Manor's locks up with our lock systems at the other developments, which will help us repair and replace lock and/or keys more efficiently. Updating the entry door hardware also helps us continue to meet one of our goals, which is to provide safe and secure housing for our residents.**

3. Does this involve every unit at Menotomy Manor?

**Response: Yes, all units at Menotomy Manor will receive new entry door hardware. We have purchased the items in advance and will be completing the process over an extended period for cost savings. We will notify residents prior to completing the update.**

4. Is it for both the front doors and back doors?

**Response: Yes, this will be for the front doors, back doors, and the basement doors.**

Lastly, the window study for \$40,000 - We understand that there is a process in regards to replacing the windows, such as working with the state and that the study has to happen first to determine the windows need to be replaced.

1. Has a company been assigned yet to do the audit?

**Response: No, our project manager from DHCD has not supplied as with a CAPHUB Project Number (FISH Number). Once they assign us this number we can move to the next steps. Due to the project being over \$10,000 we are required to follow additional bidding and procurement guidelines as set by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We want the window study to happen as soon as possible. As a result, we will be touching base with our DHCD project manager to get the process started so that we can go through the bidding and procurement process as soon as possible and select the most responsive and responsible bidder.**

2. Is the study on the windows for all of Menotomy Manor or is it just the bricks being done?

**Response: The study will be for all of Menotomy Manor.**

3. Once the company has been hired-when are they going to be starting the audit?

**Response: The timeline will be determined by our DHCD project manager, and the other parties involved including the company that is chosen to conduct the window study. Our hope is that the**

**study will begin in early 2022. This would allow us to consider how the window project will fit into next year's Capital Improvement Plan as part of the updated five-year plan.**

4. How long will it take?

**Response: We do not have the answer yet. This will be something that the bidding companies will be able to communicate to us.**

5. Once it is done then what's the next part of the process?

**Response: Our hope is that the study will begin in early 2022. This would provide us the important cost related information that would allow us to consider how the window project will fit into next year's Capital Improvement Plan as part of the updated five-year plan. Then we can start to aggressively seek out alternative funding sources.**

# Annual Plan Public Hearing 6-16-2021 at 7:00 PM

## Response to Ellen Leigh's Comments

Hi Jack,

Hope you are doing well! 😊

I understand you need comments & suggestions for the annual budget. Since the meeting is @ Drake & not virtually, I won't be able to do this in person. For people who are seniors or have disabilities, washing dishes may cause pain and use more physical energy than one has. Dishwashers that are energy-efficient are good for the environment and save much more water (& money!) compared to hand washing dishes. In addition, it is a significantly better way to sanitize the dishes.

Thus, dishwashers would be good for seniors & people with disabilities, better health-wise and for the environment, and would be a cost-saver, too!

Response: The Arlington Housing Authority will be doing some additional research related to dishwashers in our public housing units. Currently, residents can request to add an appliance at which point we will look into the request. Residents with a disability can always file a reasonable accommodation request as well. Property managers or the front office will be able to provide residents with the applicable documentation.

Due to the way in which the units were constructed, we will not be able to add dishwashers into units without doing a major renovation of the kitchens. However, we will look into portable dishwashers and other options like this. We will be considering the benefit to residents, energy efficiency, as well as the potential costs that will occur on the maintenance side.

Another suggestion would be to upgrade the windows. I believe the windows where I live at Cusack Terrace are original to when the building was constructed in the mid-1980's. They seem to be single pane, not energy efficient, are difficult to open & close, and cannot be cleaned easily or well. This makes it hard to keep a comfortable, controlled climate. The apartments tend to be cold in the winter and hot in the summer. Much energy and money is wasted. New, energy-efficient windows would be an investment that would be worthwhile to the health and well-being of tenants, in addition to ultimately being a cost-saver to AHA. I would be glad to talk with you further about these ways to save energy & save money! Thank you for considering these important projects in the new budget.

Ellen Leigh

Response: The Arlington Housing Authority asks that residents that are having any issues with their windows contact maintenance. We would like to address any issues with windows or other aspects of the building where possible.

Regarding a window project at Cusack Terrace, there are a number of capital projects that are considered high priority throughout the Arlington Housing Authority's state-aided public housing portfolio that we would like to address. As a result of our current funding from the state housing agency (DHCD) we are forced to prioritize projects by their need as well as their cost. We will continue to seek

out additional funding sources in order that projects like the window project at Cusack Terrace can be addressed as soon as possible.

# Annual Plan Public Hearing 6-16-2021 at 7:00 PM

## Response to Comments from Birgit Swain

Hello Jack,

My name is B. Swain. I am reaching out to you in regards to this evening's AHA Board Meeting this evening as I am unable to attend it.

Please add the following to the agenda's "comments on tenants annual plan":

I am asking that AHA tenants are given the option to have portable dishwashers in their kitchens. I have researched this and found two important reasons why it is better for AHA to accept this request.

1. It will **lower housing costs**.

a. We use up to *27 gallons of water* per load by hand versus as little as 3 gallons of water with an ENERGY STAR-rated dishwasher. [website resource](#)

2. It is **environmentally friendly**

a. 5 ways dishwashing beats handwashing environmentally <https://cascadeclean.com>

I have searched online looking for [viable dishwashers](#) and found a few. Please disregard the price, it is high b/c of shipping and handling. I am only showing you the item to get an idea of what I would invest in for my place.

Thank you for your time.

Birgit

Response: The Arlington Housing Authority will be doing some additional research related to dishwashers in our public housing units. Currently, residents can request to add an appliance at which point we will look into the request. Residents with a disability can always file a reasonable accommodation request as well. Property managers or the front office will be able to provide residents with the applicable documentation.

Due to the way in which the units were constructed, we will not be able to add dishwashers into units without doing a major renovation of the kitchens. However, we will look into portable dishwashers and other options like this. We will be considering the benefit to residents, energy efficiency, as well as the potential costs that will occur on the maintenance side.

# Annual Plan Public Hearing 6-16-2021 at 7:00 PM

## Response to Marta Cayarga's Comments

This is a summary of the comments made by Marta Cayarga related to projects that should be considered at Menotomy Manor.

1. She requested that we consider replacing the windows at Menotomy Manor.

Response: The Arlington Housing Authority considers the replacement of windows at Menotomy Manor a priority. We will be contracting a company to conduct a survey of the windows at Menotomy Manor in FY 2022. This survey of the windows condition is included in the Capital Improvement Plan. It will provide us the necessary information related to the scope, and cost of the project. It will allow us to realistically plan for this project and begin seeking alternative funds through grants and other outside funding sources.

The Arlington Housing Authority asks that residents that are having any issues with their windows contact maintenance. We would like to address any issues with windows or other aspects of the building where possible.

2. She requested that we consider installing Central Air Conditioning in all units at Menotomy Manor.

Response: The Arlington Housing Authority allows residents to install air conditioning units in their windows. The installation of central air conditioning in every unit, is not in the capital improvement plan. If funding sources were to become available specific to this type of work, we would pursue it. However, due to other higher priorities within our state-aided housing portfolio formula funding will not be used to install central air conditioning at this time.

3. She requested that dishwashers be installed in all units at Menotomy Manor.

Response: The Arlington Housing Authority will be doing some additional research related to dishwashers in our public housing units. Currently, residents can request to add an appliance at which point we will look into their request. Residents with a disability can file a reasonable accommodation request as well. Property managers or the front office will be able to provide residents with the applicable documentation if residents would like to pursue a reasonable accommodation.

Due to the way in which the units were constructed, we will not be able to add dishwashers into units without doing a major renovation of the kitchens. However, we will look into portable dishwashers and other options like this. We will be considering the benefit to residents, energy efficiency, as well as the potential costs that will occur on the maintenance side.



## **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 the residents and returned to the Center by mail (or, starting in 2019, completed on-line). CSR surveys residents of elderly/disabled units (also known as c. 667 developments) and family units (also known as c. 705 and c. 200 developments).

During each round, all individual residents 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 residents 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 together.

### **Round One Surveys (2016 – 2018)**

In Round One of the surveys, CSR surveyed residents of elderly/disabled developments (c. 667) in three groups in the Fall of 2016, 2017 and 2018. CSR surveyed residents of family units (c. 705 and c. 200 developments) in the Spring of 2016. (Note: there are many more c. 667 units, so they were broken down into three groups).

#### *Notes re: Round One Surveys*

1. Generally, if there were at least twenty responses from residents of an authority's c.667 units or from their c.200/705 units, then there is a separate report for that program.
2. To protect resident confidentiality, survey results are generally reported ONLY for authorities that had at least twenty total resident responses from their combined c.667/200/705 residents. Therefore, authorities that didn't have twenty responses do not have a published survey report.

### **Round Two Surveys (2019 – 2022)**

Round Two of the surveys began in 2019. CSR surveyed about one-third of the elderly/disabled residents in Fall 2019 and all of the family residents in Fall 2020. We expect the remaining elderly/disabled residents to be surveyed in Fall 2021 and Fall 2022.

#### *Notes re: Round Two Surveys*

1. We refined our reporting methodology and will issue survey results for any program (c. 667 or c. 200/705) meeting these requirements:
  - 8-19 completed surveys received, if the response rate is at least 40%
  - 20-29 completed surveys received, if the response rate is at least 20%
  - 30+ completed surveys received, if the response rate is at least 15%
2. Responses from the family units will not be combined with responses from elderly/disabled units as they were in Round One. Since the variance between the results of the elderly/disabled and family programs was sometimes significant, combining the two was determined to yield less accurate results.

# ARLINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

## Chapter 667 Housing Summary 2016 - 2018

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 2016:

- Surveys were sent to 9624 housing units (Chapter 667). 5511 surveys were filled out and returned.

### Fall 2017:

- Surveys were sent to 6024 housing units (Chapter 667). 3391 surveys were filled out and returned.

### Fall 2018:

- Surveys were sent to 13,304 housing units (Chapter 667). 6717 surveys were filled out and returned.
- In the **Arlington Housing Authority**, surveys were sent to a total of **520** housing units (Chapter 667); **253** surveys were completed.

This report provides some information about how the residents from the **Arlington Housing Authority** who answered the survey responded. It compares their answers to those from residents in the entire state and to those from large LHAs in Greater Boston. These large LHAs in the Greater Boston area include: Arlington, Boston, Chelsea, Everett, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, Waltham, and Watertown.

## Communication

Residents in Ch. 667 housing were asked about how they interacted with the Arlington Housing Authority in the last 12 months. The table below shows what percentage of residents said they did each of the following:

	Arlington Housing Authority	Large LHAs in Greater Boston*	Entire State
Contacted management about a problem or concern.....	81%	79%	78%
Felt they were usually or always treated with courtesy and respect when they contacted management.....	90%	83%	87%
Saw the Capital Improvement Plan.....	17%	22%	30%
Saw the Operating Budget.....	9%	13%	17%
Knew the Executive Director held a meeting with residents...	39%	40%	53%

\* Large LHAs in the Greater Boston area include: Arlington, Boston, Chelsea, Everett, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, Waltham, and Watertown.

## Services and Programs

**63%** of the Arlington Housing Authority residents in Ch. 667 who responded to the survey said they would be interested in services and programs. Here are the services and programs residents said they would be most interested in participating in:

	Arlington Housing Authority	Large LHAs in Greater Boston	Entire State
Job training programs.....	9%	8%	6%
Money management programs ( <i>budgeting, taxes, income building</i> ).....	9%	9%	10%
Children's programs ( <i>tutoring, childcare, afterschool programs</i> ).....	3%	3%	2%
Health and Medical Services ( <i>visiting nurse, meal programs</i> ).....	42%	39%	35%
Adult Education ( <i>GED, ESL, educational counseling</i> ) .....	12%	14%	10%

## Maintenance and Repair

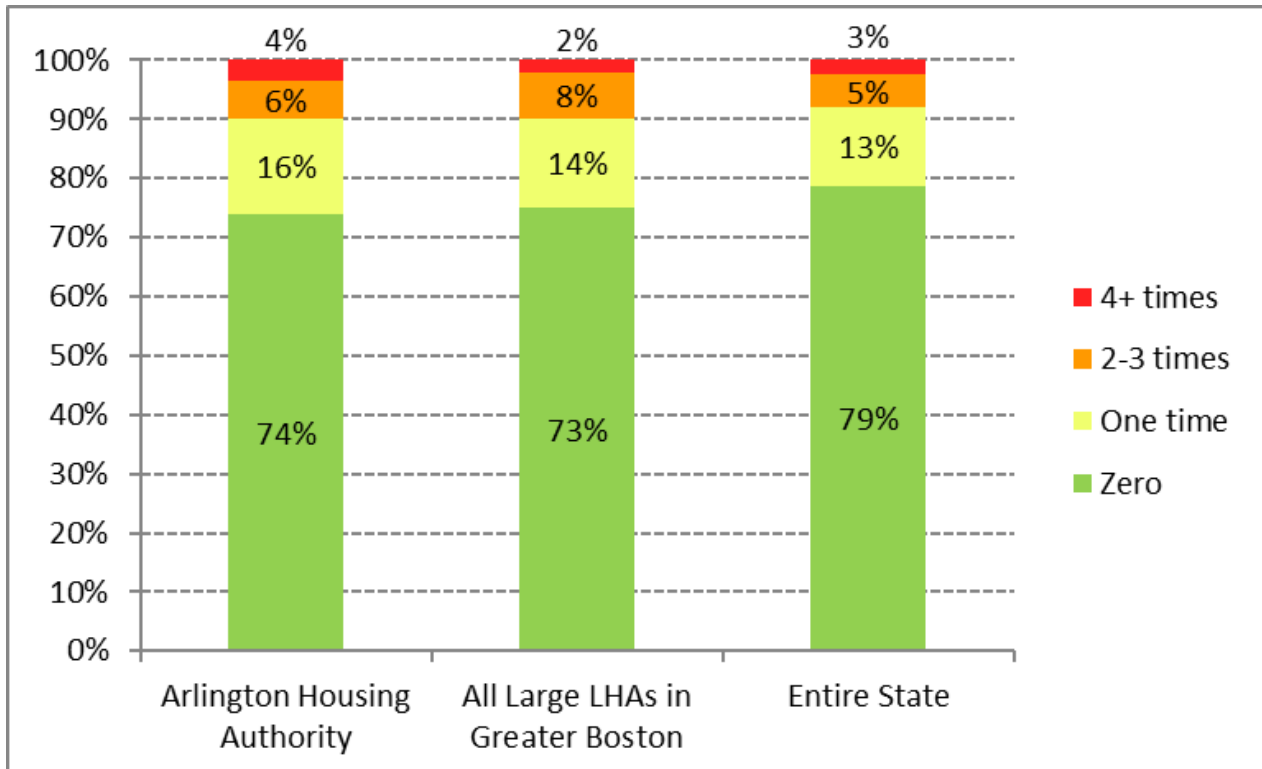
**Who had problems?** About one quarter of respondents had a problem with their heating and about half had a plumbing problem in the last 12 months.

	Arlington Housing Authority	Large LHAs in Greater Boston	Entire State
Had a heating problem.....	26%	27%	21%
Had a problem with water or plumbing.....	51%	51%	49%

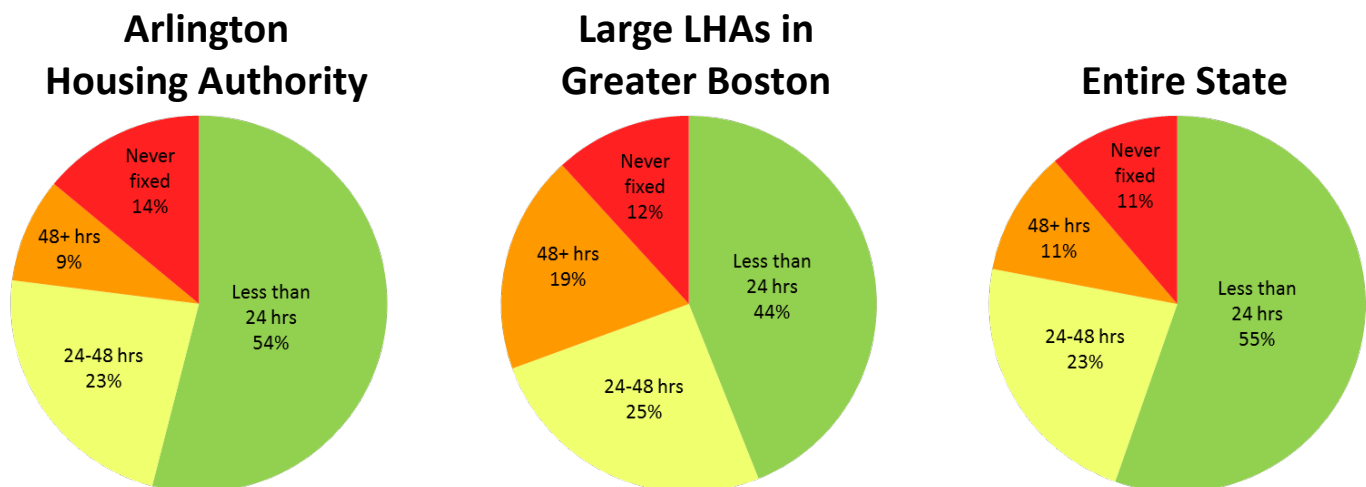
- **Heating Problems**

### How many times did residents have heating problems?

The chart below shows how many times respondents had heat problems 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.



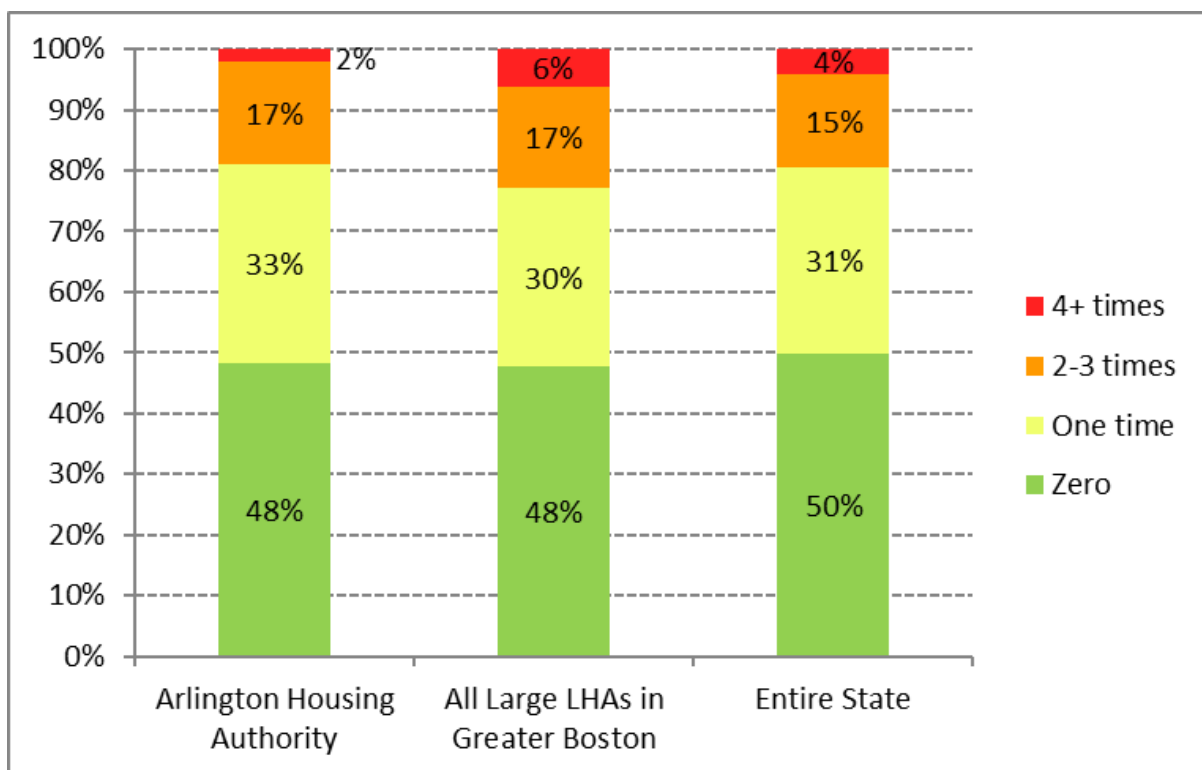
**How long did it take to fix the heating problems?** For those respondents who had problems, we asked how long it usually took for the problems to be fixed – less than 24 hours, 24 - 48 hours, more than 48 hours, or never fixed.



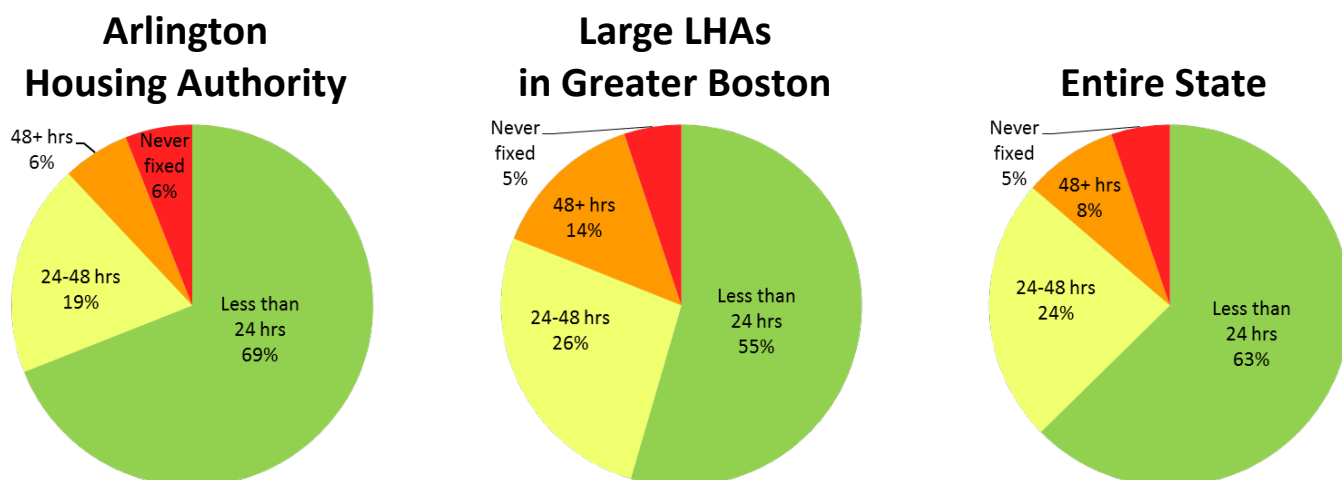
- **Water or Plumbing Problems**

**How many times did residents have problems with their water or plumbing?**

The chart below shows how many times respondents had water or plumbing problems 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.



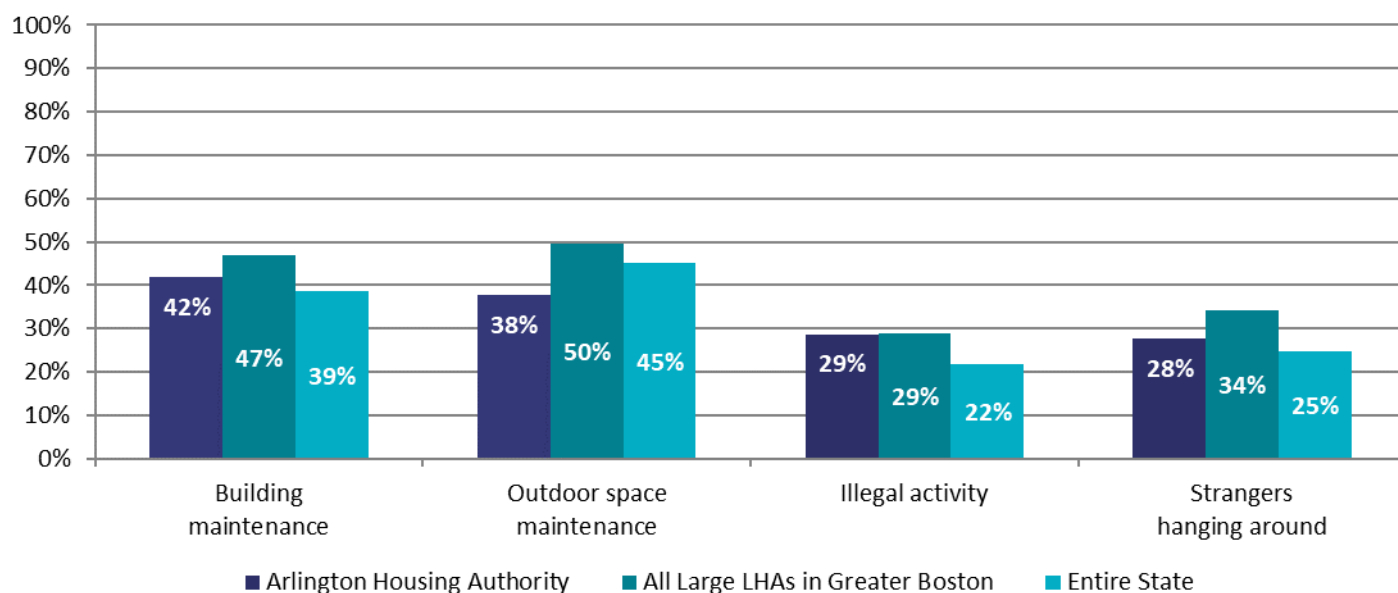
**How long did it take to fix the water or plumbing problems?** For those respondents who had problems, we asked how long it usually took for the problems to be fixed – less than 24 hours, 24 - 48 hours, more than 48 hours, or never fixed.



- **What other problems did respondents have?** Respondents were asked how often they had problems with: building maintenance (*such as clean halls and stairways and having lights and elevators that work*), outdoor

space maintenance (such as litter removal and clear walk ways), illegal activity in the development, and strangers hanging around who should not be there. The chart below shows what percentage of respondents said that they “always” or “sometimes” had this problem in the last 12 months.

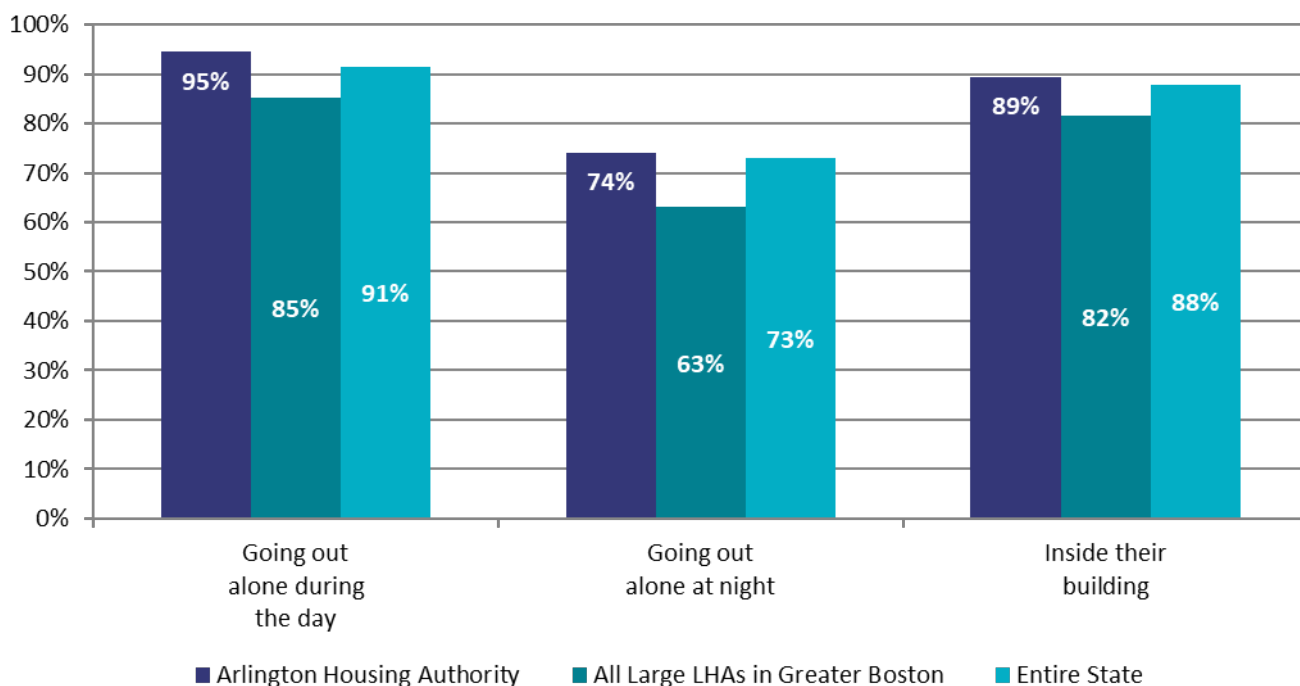
### Respondents who “always” or “sometimes” had problems with....



## Safety

Respondents were asked how safe they felt in their building and going outside alone. The chart below shows what percentage of people said they felt “very safe” or “mostly” safe.

### Respondents who felt “very safe” or “mostly safe” ....



**Arlington Housing Authority**  
Chapter 200 & Chapter 705 Family Housing  
Fall 2020

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

In the Fall of 2020, surveys were sent to 10,163 family housing units (Chapters 200 and 705). 2,124 surveys were filled out and returned.

In the **Arlington Housing Authority**, surveys were sent to a total of **180** Arlington housing units, **48** surveys were completed.

This report provides some information about how the residents from the **Arlington Housing Authority** answered the survey. It compares their answers to those from residents in the entire state and to those from large LHAs in Metro Boston. These large LHAs in Metro Boston include: Boston, Chelsea, Everett, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, Waltham, Watertown. (Please note that survey data may not have been received from each one of these nearby LHAs.)

## Communication

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

	Arlington Housing Authority	Large LHAs in Metro Boston*	Entire State
Felt they were usually or always treated with courtesy and respect when they contacted management.....	67%	69%	71%
Knew the Executive Director held a meeting with residents.....	7%	11%	15%

\* Large LHAs in Metro Boston include: Arlington, Boston, Chelsea, Everett, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, Waltham, Watertown. (Please note that survey data may not have been received from each one of these nearby LHAs.)

## Maintenance and Repair

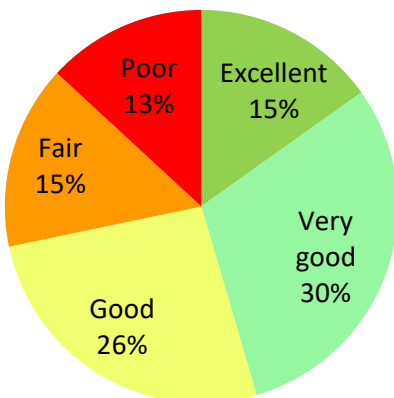
- **Communication with maintenance staff:** Residents were asked about their interactions with the Arlington Housing Authority maintenance staff in the last 12 months.

	Arlington Housing Authority	Large LHAs in Metro Boston	Entire State
Felt they were usually or always treated with courtesy and respect when they contacted maintenance.....	69%	72%	75%
Were contacted by the Housing Authority before staff entered their apartment.....	81%	86%	86%

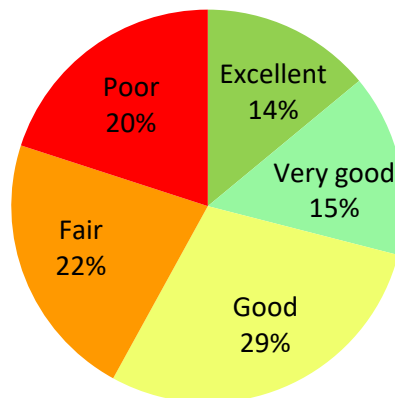
- **Overall maintenance:** Respondents were asked how they would rate overall building maintenance (such as clean halls and stairways and having lights and elevators that work) and outdoor space maintenance (such as litter removal and clear walkways) in the last 12 months.

### Building maintenance:

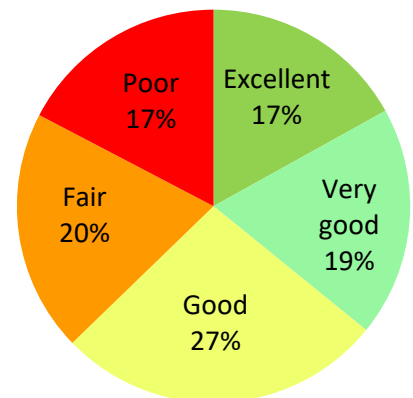
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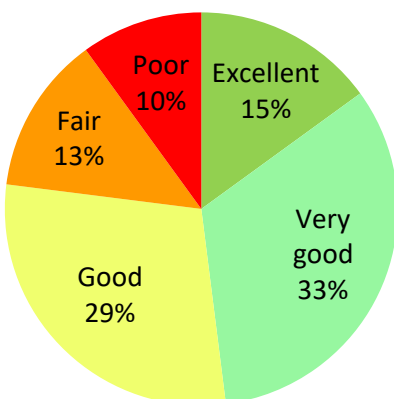


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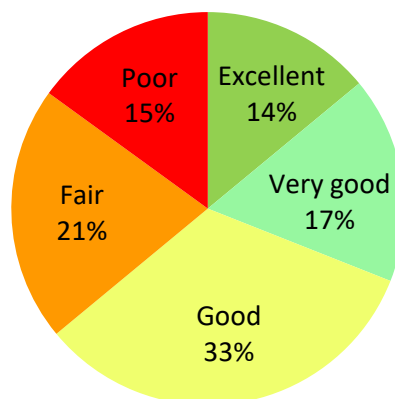


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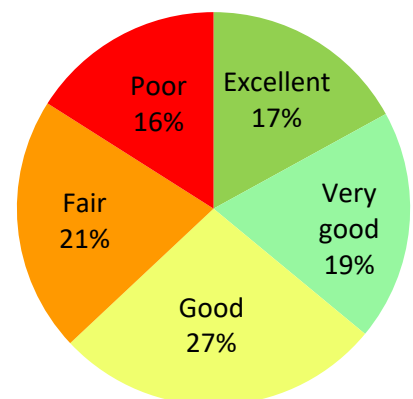
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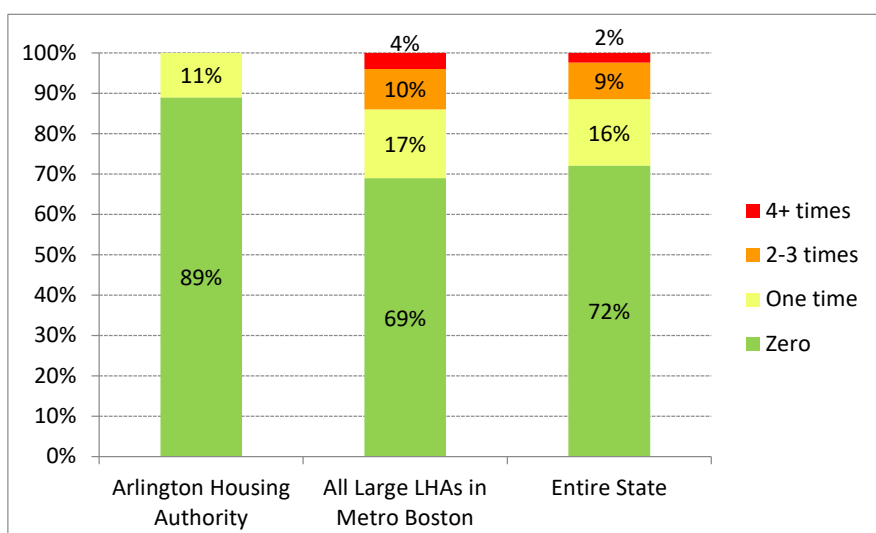
- **Heating and Water Problems:** More than two-fifths of respondents had a problem with their heating and over one half had a plumbing problem in the last 12 months.

	Arlington Housing Authority	Large LHAs in Metro Boston	Entire State
Had any heating problem.....	42%	55%	56%
Had any water problem.....	56%	74%	74%

- **Heating Problems**

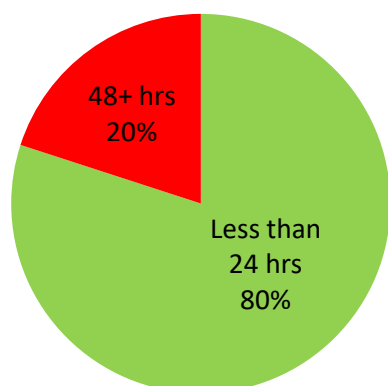
### How many times did residents completely lose heat?

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 never completely lost heat. The yellow shows who lost heat one time. The orange shows those who lost heat 2-3 times. And the red shows those who lost heat 4 or more times in the last 12 months.

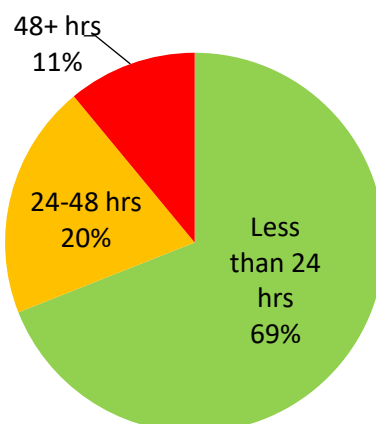


**How long did it usually take for heat to come back on?** For those respondents who reported completely losing heat, we asked how long it usually took for the heat to come back on – less than 24 hours, 24 - 48 hours, or more than 48 hours.

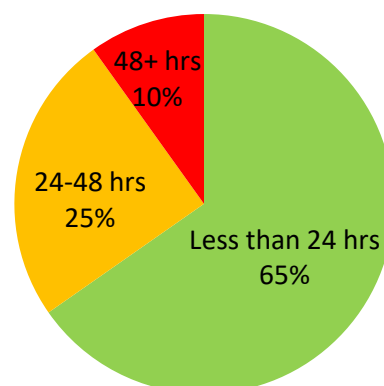
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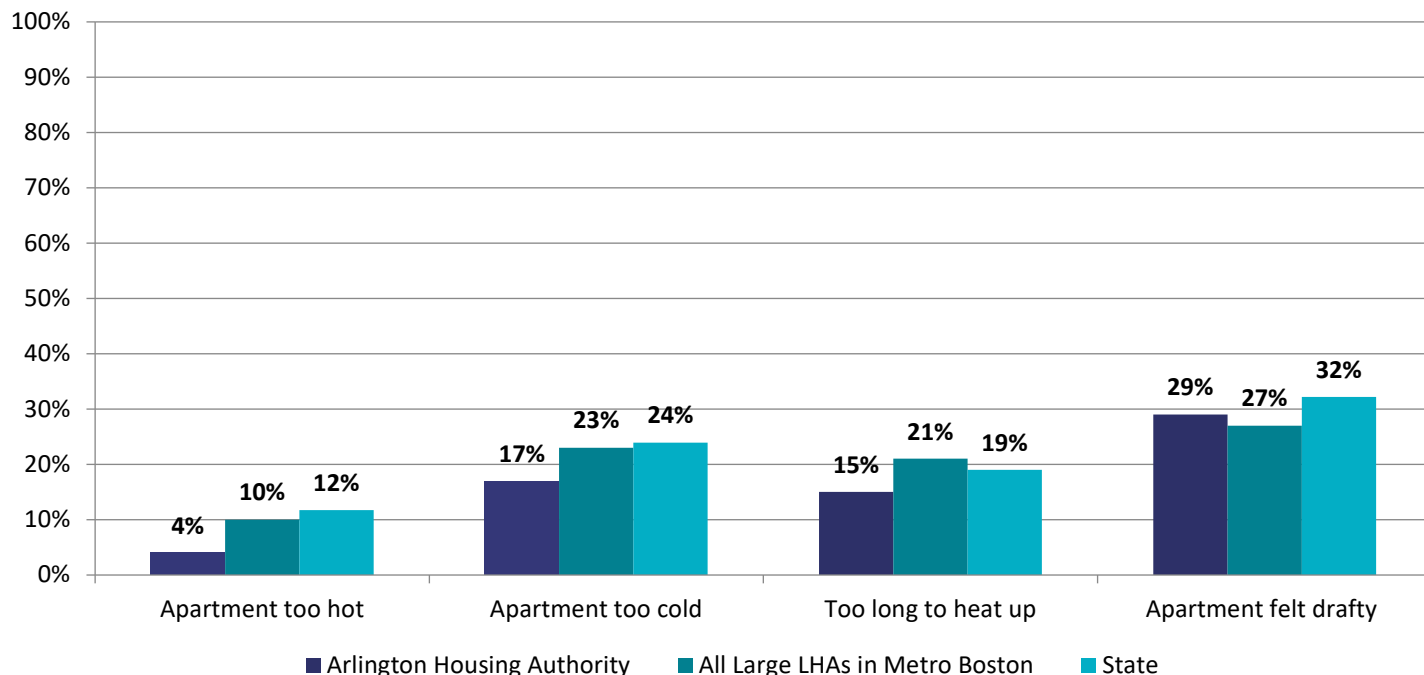
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- Other Heating Problems

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

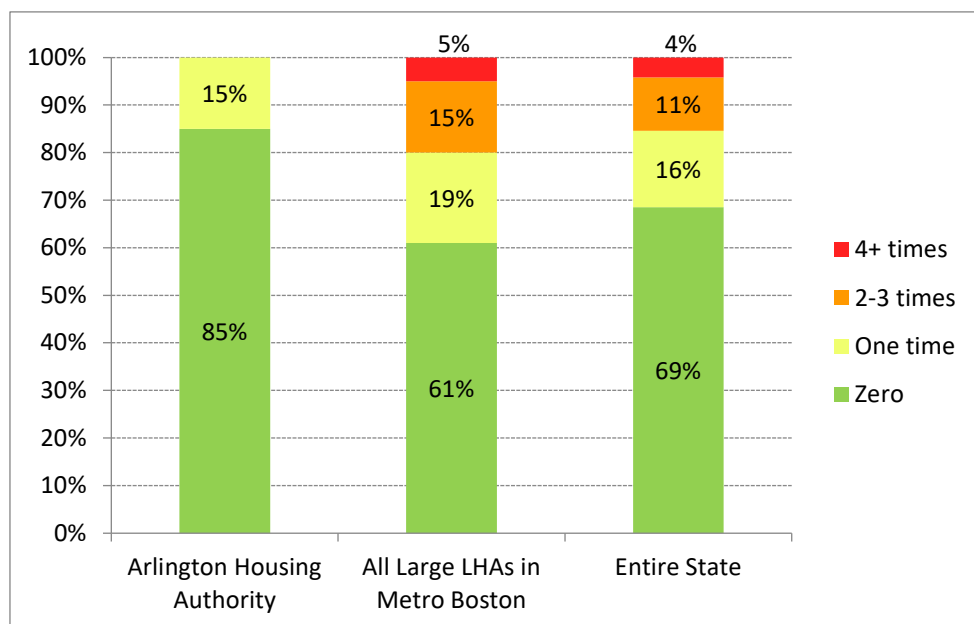
The chart below shows what percentage of residents experienced other heating problems in the last 12 months.



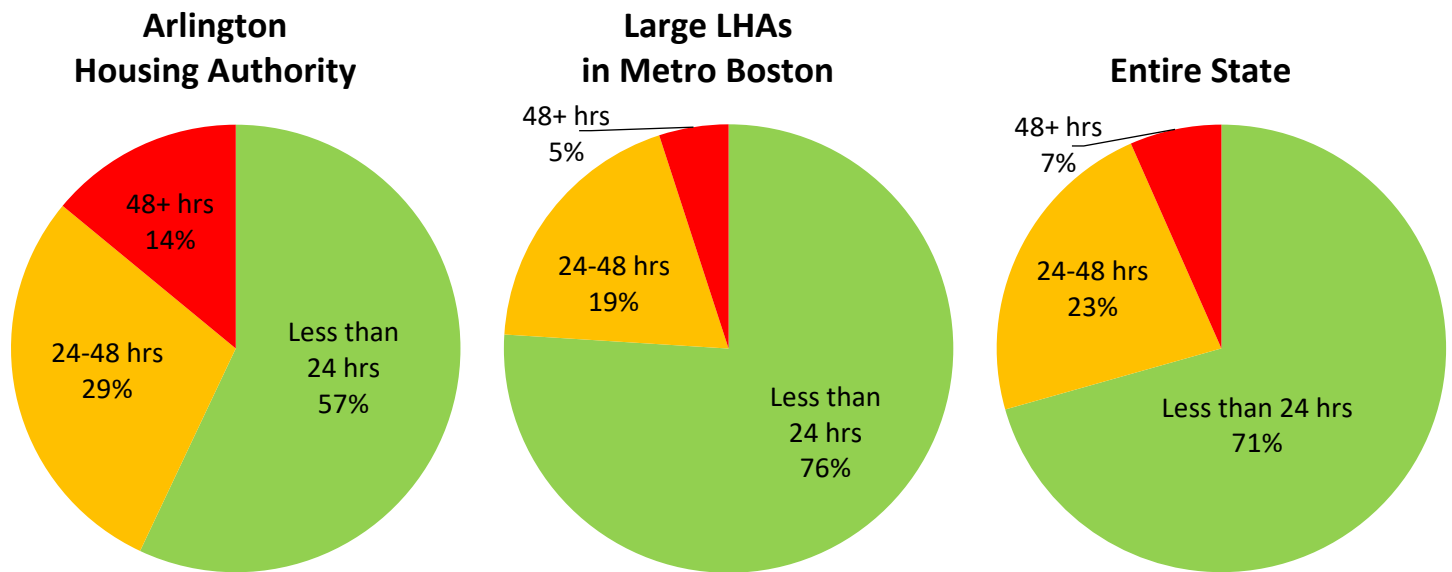
- Water or Plumbing Problems

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

The chart below shows how many times respondents did not have hot water in their apartment in the last 12 months. The green part of the bars shows what percentage of residents never had this problem. The yellow shows who lost hot water one time. The orange shows those who lost hot water 2-3 times. And the red shows those who lost hot water 4 or more times in the last 12 months.



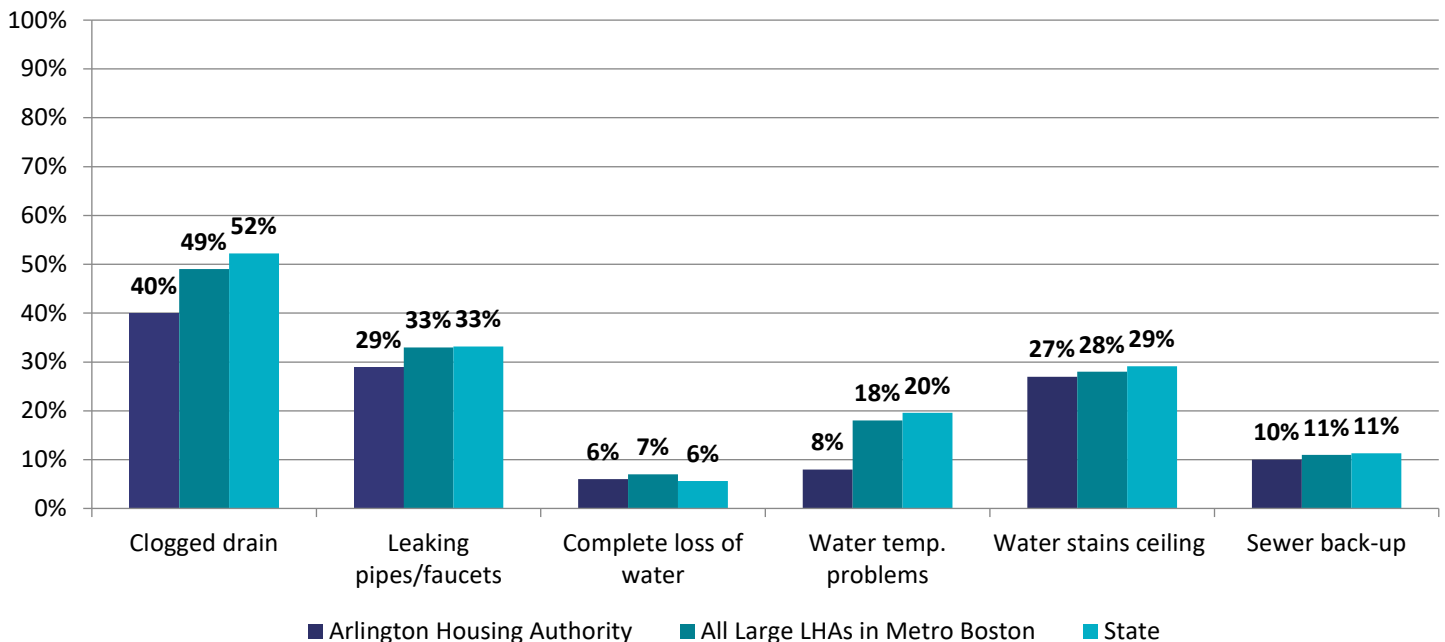
**How long did it usually take for hot water to come back on?** For those respondents who reported not having hot water in their apartment, we asked how long it usually took for hot water to come back on – less than 24 hours, 24 - 48 hours, or more than 48 hours.



## • Other Water or Plumbing Problems

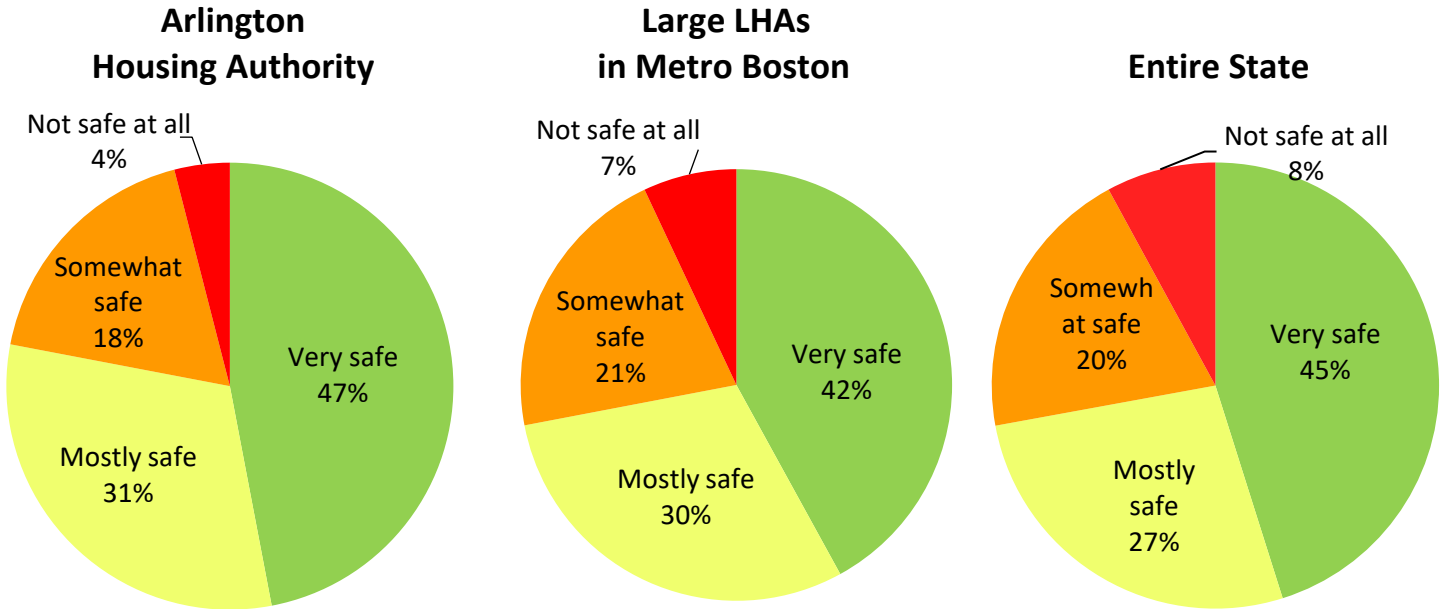
**In the last 12 months did residents have other water or plumbing problems?**

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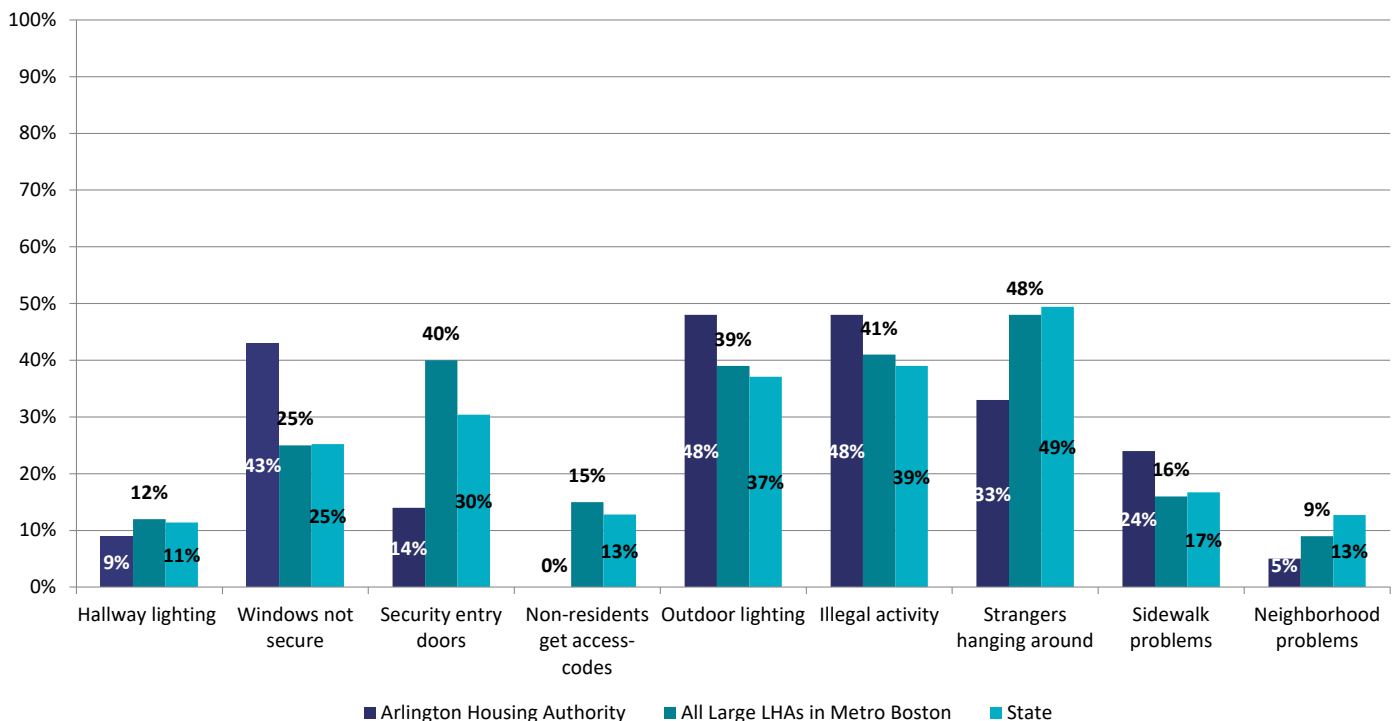


## Safety

**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.



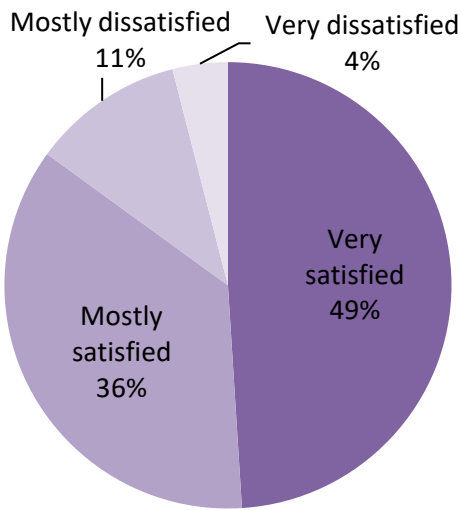
**Reasons why respondents felt unsafe in their development:** Respondents were asked why they felt unsafe in their development. This chart shows what specific concerns respondents mentioned.



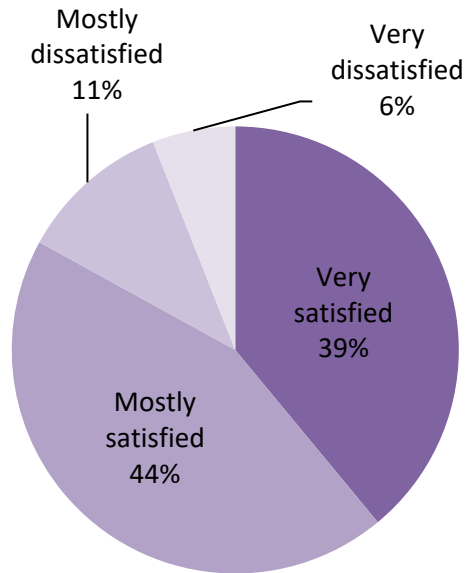
## Overall Satisfaction

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*.

**Arlington  
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