



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: September 28, 2022

In Control: San Antonio Housing Commission Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Neighborhood and Housing Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Veronica Garcia, Interim Director

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Director to report updates on Neighborhood and Housing Services Department Programs.

SUMMARY:

Each month the Director prepares a report on program updates directly affecting the Housing Commission and its charge.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Director's Report: (a) Home Rehab Program Update; (b) LISC Homeowner Maintenance Class; (c) Housing Assistance Program Portal Update (d) Upcoming meetings and reminders.

ISSUE:

a) Home Rehab Program Update

The Home Rehab Application closed on September 19 with a total of 3,580 applications submitted

exhibiting a 203% increase in response compared to 1,181 applications submitted in FY 22. NHSD staff will review, score and select applicants to fill all home rehabilitation slots utilizing the revised Equity Scoring Matrix prioritizing older adults, households with disabilities and homes located in areas with higher combined equity scores. Applicants will be notified of status by November 7.

b) LISC Homeowner Maintenance Class

NHSD is partnering with Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) in FY 2023 to offer Home Maintenance Education class for residents that go through the home rehab programs. This will include home maintenance tips, budgeting for maintenance and referrals for assistance with estate planning. NHSD will provide more information to the Commission as the content is developed in collaboration with LISC.

c) Housing Assistance Program Portal Update

The City's Housing Assistance Program (HAP) will accept new applicants for rental assistance between October 7, 2022 and October 17, 2022. Rental assistance is limited to a maximum of 3 months, not to exceed \$3,500. Assistance will be limited to San Antonio residents who have not been assisted through this program within a 12-month period, have an income at or below 80% AMI, and experiencing COVID financial hardship. Concurrently, the city will also continue to accept relocation assistance applications for families seeking to relocate from their home.

d) Upcoming Meetings

The next regular meeting of the Housing Commission will be held on October 26th, 2022.

Other important upcoming meetings include:

- 10/3: Public Engagement and Outreach Subcommittee (subject to change)
- 10/5 Removing Barriers to Affordable Housing Development & Preservation Subcommittee
- 10/6: Renters' Solutions Subcommittee Meeting
- (Pending) Dashboard & Annual Report Subcommittee
- 10/26 Housing Commission October meeting
- 11/9 Housing Commission special meeting
- 11/16 Housing Commission November meeting (early due to Thanksgiving Holiday)

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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