

FISCAL YEAR 2015 LOW RENT PUBLIC HOUSING OPERATING BUDGET: PROPOSED REVISION NO. 2; FISCAL YEAR 2015 SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER OPERATING BUDGET: PROPOSED REVISION NO. 1

The Board approved Revision No. 2 to the Fiscal Year 2015 Low Rent Public Housing (FY2015 LRPH) Operating Budget, increasing expenses by \$166,500, and a corresponding housekeeping revision (Revision No. 1) to the Fiscal Year 2015 Housing Choice Voucher/Section 8 (FY2015 HCV) Program Operating Budget, increasing expenses by \$14,980.

HEARING OFFICERS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING TENANT GRIEVANCE HEARINGS AND SECTION 8 VOUCHER INFORMAL HEARINGS

The Board approved contracting with three new hearing officers and to enter into new contracts with four existing hearing officers, to conduct hearings requested by public housing residents and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) program participants. Federal regulations

require the PHA to provide a hearing for public housing residents or voucher participants who disagree with PHA decisions on program eligibility, rent calculations and other issues affecting their tenancy

REVISING FLAT RENTS IN PUBLIC HOUSING; ADMISSION & OCCUPANCY POLICIES; AMENDING AGENCY PLAN FOR FY 2015

The Board approved Rescinding its February 26, 2014 approval of higher flat rents for all public housing units, and to approve new flat rents effective October 31, 2014. This would be an amendment to the Agency Plan. The recommended new flat rents are based on 80% of the Fair Market Rent (FMR), reduced by an adjustment for utility costs only in the family units, where the residents pay for some of their utilities. All households paying the flat rent would see their rent payment go down retroactive to June 1, 2014, and then most flat rents would rise again to different amounts on November 1, 2014. Staff also recommended that the Board rescind the policy allowing automatic flat rent adjustments as FMRs change, and instead review and

approve future flat rent adjustments each year as needed.

PUBLIC HOUSING

AGENCY PLAN AMENDMENTS; ANNUAL PLAN FOR PHA FISCAL YEAR 2015; 12 NEW UNITS AT MCDONOUGH (AMP 1); POSSIBLE SALE OF LAND BY VALLEY HI-RISE (AMP 5)

The Board approved amendments to the Annual Agency Plan for the PHA's Fiscal Year 2015 (Federal Fiscal Year 2014), to include the PHA's plan to build two new six-plex rowhouses at McDonough Homes (AMP 1), and to describe the possible sale of the vacant land by Valley Hi-Rise (AMP 5).