

DANVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

FY 2021 AGENCY PLAN

SUMMARY FOR RESIDENTS

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

Please join us via conference call on November 17th from 4:00-5:00. The call in number is 703-552-8058 and the access code is 232604. You may also email your comments to DanvillePHA@outlook.com until 4:00 on November 17th.

DRHA's Mission

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

DRHA's Vision

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

Management

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

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

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

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

Section 8

In 2021 DRHA plans to review the Section 8 ADMIN plan to recommend changes that make it easier to receive assistance and improve operations.

Along with making Section 8 more accessible, DRHA plans to develop a plan to increase landlord participation in an effort to deconcentrate poverty in Danville. By providing security deposit assistance, landlord and tenant support, and offering landlord incentives when feasible, it is the hope that landlords will offer homes to clientele in more affluent neighborhoods in the communities.

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

In 2020 DRHA received additional mainstream and VASH vouchers and will continue to work towards the goal of increasing vouchers and voucher participation and utilization for the agency.

Public Housing

DRHA will review the ACOP and supporting documents such as leases, late notices, collection policies, etc. In 2020 our Capital Fund was approved for \$1,209,545.00, and we believe that amount will carry over for 2021.

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

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

DRHA is planning to focus funds on rehabilitating public housing properties, not only for 2021 but going forward for the next several years.

Even though DRHA plans to continue exploring affordable housing development options throughout the community, the agency feels that the revitalization of the public housing properties in Danville, VA, should be made a priority.

DRHA management has begun to explore options available for financing, repositioning, and development opportunities to improve public housing conditions.

Resident Self-Sufficiency

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

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

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

Homeownership

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

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