




OVERVIEW OF THE MESILLA VALLEY PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY (MVPHA)


BACKGROUND OF MVPHA

- The Housing Authority of the City of Las Cruces (HACL) was created as an agent of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico on November 4, 1961
- On January 1, 2012, the Housing Authority of the City of Las Cruces and the Housing Authority of Doña Ana County officially became known as the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority (MVPHA)
- **MISSION:** To lead the public effort in providing safe, affordable housing and associated services that provide opportunities to eligible persons in the City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- MVPHA is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners, two of whom are appointed by the mayor of the City of Las Cruces and two of whom are appointed by the Board of Doña Ana County Commissioners. The fifth member of the MVPHA's board is a public housing resident
- The Commissioners are appointed to staggered five-year terms and provide services without pay



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- Shelly Sanders, Chairman – City; 2017
- Elizabeth Bardwell, Vice Chairman – County; 2018
- Felix C. Cordero, Commissioner – City; 2019
- Marcos Montes, Commissioner – County; 2020
- Joseph Figueroa, Resident Commissioner; 2018



ABOUT MVPHA

- 249 Public Housing units
- 40 Multi-Family Units (Section 8 New Construction)
- 661 Tax Credit (LIHTC) and Non-Subsidized Units
- Annual Operating Budget - \$9 Million
- High Performer Designation by HUD
- 1,627 Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) – including 55 HUD VASH Vouchers (Veterans)



> 6,000 New Mexicans

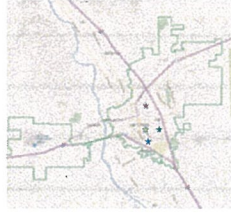


LOW RENT PUBLIC HOUSING

- MVPHA manages 4 public housing locations with 248 low rent public housing units throughout the City of Las Cruces as follows:
- Tres Arboles – 64 units (Multifamily) - 1963
- San Pedro Place – 38 units (Elderly/Disabled) - 1963
- Walnut Grove – 99 units (Multifamily) - 1972
- Jardines Alegres – 47 units (Elderly/Disabled) - 1971



LOW RENT PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES



Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program

- The MVPHA has been awarded a total of 1,627 vouchers as follows:
 - **HUD-VASH 55 Vouchers:** The HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program combines Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance for homeless Veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
 - **FUP 40 Vouchers:** Family Unification Program (FUP) enables families to rent affordable housing for whom the lack of affordable housing is a primary factor in, (1) the separation of children from their families or (2) in the prevention of reunifying the children with their families.



Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program

- The MVPHA has been awarded a total of 1,627 vouchers as follows:
 - **NED 100 Vouchers:** Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) vouchers enable non-elderly disabled families to lease affordable private housing of their choice. Also assist persons with disabilities who often face difficulties in locating suitable and accessible housing.
 - **Homeownership 17 Vouchers:** Enables very low income families to purchase a home.
 - **1415 Regular HCV Vouchers**



Section Eight New Construction (Multifamily)

- Jardines Verdes – 40 units located at 1401 Burley Ct. Las Cruces, NM



Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Developments

- The MVPHA is the general partner in 8 LIHTC developments with a total of 603 units as follows:

- Cimmaron I – 60 units; 825 4th Street, Anthony, NM - 2006
- Cimmaron II – 84 units; 825 4th Street, Anthony, NM - 2011
- Desert Palms – 100 units; 2407 W Picacho, LC, NM - 2007
- Falcon Ridge – 72 units; 20 S Chile Capital St., Hatch, NM - 2010
- Montana Senior Village I – 48 units; 305 E Montana Ave. LC, NM - 2000
- Montana Senior Village II – 84 units; 355 E Montana Ave. LC, NM - 2002
- Robledo Ridge – 71 units; 1519 Medina Dr., LC, NM - 2013
- Stone Mountain – 84 units; 930 E Boutz, LC, NM - 2007



MVPHA – Affordable Housing Properties

- The MVPHA owns three (3) affordable housing properties with a total of 58 units as follows:

- Almendra Apartments – 18 units; 1420 Almendra, Las Cruces, NM - 1972
- Oak St. Apartments – 20 units; 3350 Oak Street, Las Cruces, NM - 1984
- Pecos Apartments – 20 units; 1310 Pecos, Las Cruces, NM - 1979



Current Housing Needs

• County Affordable Housing Plan estimates:

- Subsidized Rental Units – 4,300 units
- Subsidized Senior Housing – 360 rental units
- Permanent Supportive Housing – 400 units



Housing Availability/Demand

• Public Housing:

- Tres Arboles – 3 units (5% Vacancy)
- Walnut Grove – 5 units (5% Vacancy)
- **Waitlist: 160 (open for 3,4,5 bedrooms)**

• Multifamily (Section 8 New Construction)

- 100% Occupancy
- **Waitlist: 21 (closed)**



Housing Availability/Demand

• Low Income Housing Tax Credits Properties:

Property	Marketable Units	Vacant Units		Vacancy Rate %		Wait List
		July	Aug	July	Aug	
Cinnamora I Apartments	29	2	1	3.4%	1.7%	37
Cinnamora II Apartments	83	2	3	2.4%	3.6%	38
Desert Palms Apartments	100	9	7	9.0%	7.0%	73
Falcon Ridge Apartments	71	5	6	7.0%	8.5%	29
Montana Senior Village I Apartments	48	1	1	2.1%	2.1%	23
Montana Senior Village II Apartments	84	0	1	0.0%	1.2%	18
Robledo Ridge Apartments	71	1	1	1.4%	1.4%	30
Stone Mountain Place Apartments	84	1	2	1.2%	2.4%	65
Totals	699	21	22	3.5%	3.7%	313



Voucher Availability/Demand

• Geographical distribution of Vouchers:

LOCATION	No. of Vouchers	%
Las Cruces	1060	87%
Santa Teresa	46	3.8%
Jardines	54	4.4%
Mesaque	2	0.2%
Chaparral	8	0.7%
Berino	1	0.1%
Chamberino	2	0.2%
Doña Ana	1	0.1%
La Mesa	3	0.2%
Mesilla Park	3	0.2%
Organ	1	0.1%
Radium Springs	1	0.1%
San Miguel	1	0.1%
Sunland Park	38	3.1%
TOTAL DAC	161	13%
GRAND TOTAL	1,221	100%



Voucher Availability/Demand

- Vouchers lease-up target for December 31, 2017:
 - 1,385 Total Vouchers
 - 164 Vouchers available for lease-up (attrition not included)
- Families on Waitlist as of August 2017: 1,126 (closed)
- HUD Funding for 2017: \$6.6 Million



Challenges/Opportunities

- Funding to develop/rehab affordable housing units
 - Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) – very competitive; Doña Ana County on Tier 2 – Areas of Statistically Demonstrated Need – 5 points disadvantage with other counties
- Local support from City and County
 - Funding
- Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program
 - Congress increased cap from 185,000 units to 225,000 units
 - Waitlist currently at 42,228 units



Challenges/Opportunities

- Desert Hope Apartments Project:
 - Project Team:
 - Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority
 - Mesilla Valley Community of Hope
 - City of Las Cruces
 - Will provide 36 units of permanent supportive housing for individuals experiencing homelessness
 - Rehabilitation of existing property (Owned by MVPHA)
 - Estimated Total Development Cost: \$3 Million
 - Funding: 9% LIHTC



QUESTIONS?



Website:
www.mvpha.org



Desert Hope Apartments

1310 Pecos St. Las Cruces, NM



Desert Hope will be a 36-unit permanent supportive housing project for individuals experiencing homelessness in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, a lead service provider for 30 years in the City of Las Cruces providing, shelter, case management, permanent housing, and income support.

Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority, The Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority is a Section 8 and Public Housing agency serving Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico. MVCH and MVPHA have collaborated on a previous project serving 20 formerly homeless Veterans with permanent housing.

- **Owner/Developer**
 - Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority (MVPHA)
- **Non-Profit Sponsor**
 - Mesilla Valley Community of Hope (MVCH)
- **Team Participant**
 - City of Las Cruces
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