



PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT

Community Connections

SHA Public Gardens

The SHA public gardens have been the centerpiece of our properties for the last 6 years. In that time, we have supported more than 45 individual families in achieving self-sufficiency by being able to provide their own summer vegetables and fruits. The 2018 garden season was the pinnacle (attachment 5). Each of our three garden sites had individual on-site garden coordinators that took the lead and made the gardens shine. The coordinators implemented garden plot rules and conducted surveys to be able to speak to the impact of the gardens.

In the 2018 grow season, we learned that of the 35 families that are gardening food, 30% of them disclosed that the food was essential to their diets, and 50% said that it was very important to their diet. We also found that 50% of the families had experienced food scarcity sometime in the last year, while 20% experienced food scarcity often. These figures are even more impactful when we consider that 50% of gardeners participating in the 2018 grow season were brand new to gardening.

Through cooperative partnership with Marion Polk Food Share, the gardens received donations for garden improvement and plant diversity. This took the form of plant, seed, and soil donations. We also had 20 different volunteers from two different groups including the First Methodist Church of Salem and the Student Leaders of Corban University invest time tending, weeding, and cleaning the gardens. We're elated to be able to serve clients with the assistance of our partners to see them healthy and thriving.

PROGRAMS

Security Deposit Assistance

Eligible households have incomes less than 50 percent of area median income and lack the means to pay a security deposit.

Emergency Housing Programs

Program	Program Budget	Expended to Date	Program Balance	Families Served to Date	Average Assistance Per Family	Budget Period	Percent Budget Year	Percent Budget Spent
Security Deposit	\$81,000	\$30,457	\$50,543	41	\$ 742.90	10/2018 -9/2019	67%	37.6%

SHA has secured 2018-2019 HOME funds of \$81,000 for the provision of Security Deposits equal to one month's rent. Currently, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines are making it difficult for the voucher holders to lease up.

General Housing Programs and Client Profile

Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers

SHA administers the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program providing subsidies to eligible participants to rent from private landlords. The Housing Choice Voucher Program currently serves 2,615 households. Vouchers can be used at several SHA sites as well as privately owned properties.

Veterans Assistance Supportive Housing Programs (VASH)

SHA administers two VASH programs with 68 total vouchers in partnership with the Veterans Administration. The Veterans Administration screens and refers eligible veterans to SHA. The VASH tenant-based program provides vouchers to at risk homeless veterans. VASH vouchers can be used at several SHA owned properties as well as privately owned properties. Currently, we have 55 of 64 housed.

Family Unification Vouchers

SHA entered into an agreement with the Department of Human Services after receiving 100 Family Unification Vouchers from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This program serves three types of families experiencing barriers to finding stable housing: 1) parents reuniting with children returning from foster care; 2) parents that need to provide a stable living environment to avoid having their children removed from their home; and 3) youth 18 to 21 years of age who have recently left the foster system and need to return to their parent's home. Seventy-nine households are currently served with Family Unification Vouchers.

Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation

Private property owners offer 26 rehabilitated rental units in the Salem-Keizer area through HUD's Moderate Rehabilitation Program. SHA refers eligible housing applicants to these properties when there are vacancies.

Public and Affordable Housing

SHA owns and manages 245 public housing units for low-income families at 30 percent of monthly gross income (80 percent below median), and 392 affordable (non-federal) housing units to families that meet specific income requirements.

Homeless Rental Assistance Program

The Homeless Rental Assistance Program (HRAP) is the City of Salem's Housing First initiative to permanently house the "top 100 hardest to house" chronically home-less individuals in Salem. HRAP is the largest Housing First initiative in the state of Oregon's history.

Launched in July 2017, SHA is the lead agency in this collaborative initiative and partners with various social service agencies. SHA provides intensive case management, resource and referrals, housing placements, landlord engagement and administers all rental assistance and barrier removal funds for the program.

The Homeless Rental Assistance Program (HRAP) has undergone many changes in 2019. Perhaps the most significant ones have been the addition of both a new Client Service Manager, Ms. Kimmberly McBeth and a new Housing Stability Case Manager, Mr. Jack Elliot-Vermeer.

Ms. Kimmberly McBeth has brought enthusiasm and tenacity to her new position at Salem Housing Authority. She draws upon a diverse background which includes managing a physicians' office for over 15 years. She then took a job with the City of Salem as an Office Manager and Human Resources Coordinator in 2015 before joining us here at SHA. Kimm had no choice but to roll up her sleeves and jump in with both feet. She was engaged with HRAP clients and landlords by day two and she hasn't slowed down yet. It is exciting to see someone discover their passion and Kimm certainly has. She feels she has prepared for this unique opportunity throughout her career. SHA is certainly fortunate to have a solid leader at the helm of HRAP once again.

HRAP also added a new Housing Stability Case Manager to their team, Mr. Jack Elliott-Vermeer. He is not a stranger to the HRAP staff however. Jack has been a homelessness services advocate in Salem for a number of years. Previously a member of the Northwest Human Services team Jack worked in both the HOAP & HOST programs helping to shape and create services uniquely designed for the homeless population. HRAP clients are quick to recognize him and seem happy to see a familiar, yet new face in the HRAP offices. We are fortunate to have a team member who has already worked with many of the HRAP clients

while they were still unhoused. He is excited to support his clients in achieving and maintain housing stability, which has always been his greatest hope for the clients he has served in our community.

HRAP Statistics

Total Currently Enrolled	Housed	Pending Placement	Transitioning to Sect 8 Vouchers	Voluntary Withdraw
230	66	6	51	2

Business Profile:

Salem Housing Authority has recently addressed a need for our Families in the Self Sufficiency program. As summer time is coming upon us, many were wondering what type of programs that they could engage their kiddo's in since daycare is sometimes very hard to obtain for the summer. On May 1, 2019, at the Salem Public Library the Salem Housing Authority hosted our first ever resource fair.

Vendors included the YMCA, Salem Parks and Rec, The Boys and Girls Club, and the Kroc Center!! We had a little over 45 people come and enjoy the free pizza, fruit, vegetables, and other desserts (all food was donated by local business and Marion Polk Food Share). Families were able to see what resources were available in the Salem area for their kids. All the families in attendance reported that they really loved having all the resources in one space where they were able to get information and ask questions. We even had one teenager invited for an interview for a potential job opportunity this summer!

This also provided an opportunity for our families to get together and socialize and get to know one another. As we all know it takes a TRIBE!

This will now be an annual fair that we hope to grow each year and allow all of our families to connect with the resources that are available to them throughout the City of Salem!!