

WHA RATED A HIGH PERFORMER BY HUD



Worcester, MA —The Worcester Housing Authority is thrilled to announce that it has received high marks in its most recent performance evaluation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The WHA earned a score of 93 out of a possible 100 points on HUD's most recent evaluation through its Public Housing Assessment System, receiving a "high performer" designation. The score, released publicly on April 16th, measures the authority's performance in areas such as management and the condition of its housing units. Last year, the WHA was also designated a high performer with a score of 91.

"This is certainly great news and I am very proud of the hard work by the WHA staff in order to accomplish this feat,"

— WHA Executive Director, Alex Corrales.

"Receiving a high performer designation is a reflection of how dedicated and committed our

staff, Board of Commissioners, and residents are. The score demonstrates how working as a team towards common goals will produce great results."

HUD's annual report, known as the Public Housing Assessment System or PHAS, represents an in-depth look at all aspects of a housing authority, including the physical condition of housing developments, management systems, occupancy rates, rent collections and accounts payable, financial condition and systems, and capital fund programs.

"With the designation, the WHA can be eligible for a bonus in its capital funding, a reduction in certain inspection requirements, and better positioning for certain HUD grants, among other advantages" said Corrales.

The Worcester Housing Authority manages almost 3,000 public housing apartments spread across 24 sites in Worcester and administers over 4000 rental vouchers, making the WHA the 2nd largest authority in New England. The housing authority has a total staff of 220 and an annual budget of \$66 million.

A VIEW FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"It's a fantastic team and this score really encompasses that it's a team effort to achieve this. We are scored on all facets of our agency operations. Not one person is responsible for this... it takes an entire team to perform at a high level to score this well."

— Alex Corrales, WHA Executive Director