











Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh

PROVIDING A HAND UP AND A HIGHER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR 20,000 PITTSBURGHERS



ANNUAL REPORT 2014



AGENCY OVERVIEW

Throughout 2014, the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) worked toward two major long-term goals established during our participation in the Moving to Work (MTW) Program beginning in 2001.

These goals include:

- To reposition HACP's housing stock in order to produce housing that is more competitive in the local housing market, is cost effective to operate, provides a positive living environment for HACP residents and provides more variety and higher quality housing options available to low-income families; and,
- To promote independence for residents through programs and policies
 designed to promote employment, education and self-sufficiency for those
 who are able; and, to promote independent living for senior citizens and
 persons with disabilities.

Since launching our Moving to Work initiative, a major component of HACP's strategy has been to reposition our existing housing stock through the preservation of successful developments; and, the revitalization of distressed developments through strategic investments.

Throughout our current and recent redevelopment efforts, we have strived to re-connect public housing communities to their surrounding neighborhoods while serving as a driver of additional public and private investments. The primary goal of these efforts is to revitalize not just public housing communities, but to reinvigorate and revitalize entire Pittsburgh neighborhoods.

The Authority has made significant advancements toward these goals throughout 2014, while striving to realize our vision of creating vibrant, sustainable communities where family members of all ages can thrive and where life choices and opportunities are not limited.





A Message from the Mayor

As Pittsburgh begins to experience population growth for the first time in decades, we face the challenge of how to best ensure that our City's progress remains inclusive to all. In order to meet this challenge we must address housing issues at the community level to ensure that an adequate supply of affordable housing exists and that we are strategically investing in neighborhoods that have been excluded from our recent economic revival.

We are a City that values racial, ethnic and economic diversity. As our economy prospers and our City grows, we seek to employ policies and practices that ensure that we maintain the diversity that makes Pittsburgh such a strong and special community.

In order to meet this goal, it is imperative to not only maintain but to expand the supply of affordable housing throughout the City and to ensure that families are not displaced from their homes as a result of soaring rents and gentrification.

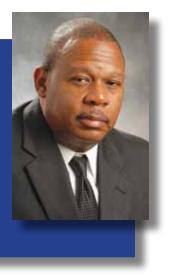
In 2014, Pittsburgh made a substantial commitment to the preservation of affordable housing by launching the Affordable Housing Task Force — which has been created to ensure an adequate supply of housing for people of all income levels. The Task Force will seek to develop new strategies for financing affordable housing development and to leverage opportunities for affordable housing development in growth areas.

Pittsburgh can also boast of another major accomplishment in 2014 – the rebirth of the Larimer community, signified by the receipt of a \$30 million federal Choice Neighborhoods Grant. Pittsburgh was one of just four cities in the nation to earn a Choice Neighborhoods award, which speaks to the commitment and organization skills of the residents of Larimer and the organizations who helped to create the long-term vision for a revitalized Larimer. The Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh worked diligently with a team of partners including the City, the URA, and a host of nonprofits and community organizations based in Larimer and East Liberty to develop a plan that is poised to produce an estimated \$400 million investment in the Larimer community.

The Larimer Choice Neighborhoods award represents Pittsburgh's commitment to affordable housing. It also solidifies Pittsburgh's standing as a national leader in its Green development practices. This collaborative effort will ultimately produce some of the most environmentally-sustainable affordable housing in the nation.

William Peduto

Mayor, City of Pittsburgh



A Message from the Executive Director

Throughout 2014, the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) has strived to provide its 20,000 residents with housing that is safe and of the utmost quality; while working to provide additional housing opportunities to the thousands of Pittsburgh families currently waiting to find suitable housing accommodations.

HACP is pleased to report on our rapid progress at two historic community revitalization projects: the Larimer Choice Neighborhoods redevelopment; and, the redevelopment of Addison Terrace, now known as Skyline Terrace. These redevelopment efforts are poised to produce some of the most vibrant, livable mixed-income housing in the City of Pittsburgh and to serve as cornerstones for neighborhood-wide transformations. In

Skyline Terrace, nearly 70 families have already moved into recently completed Phase I housing units, which includes 186 units of mixed-income housing.

The Larimer / East Liberty redevelopment plan, led by HACP in partnership with the City of Pittsburgh, the URA, the Larimer Consensus Group and a wide-assortment of nonprofits and community organizations, was announced as one of four projects in the nation to earn a 2014 Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Grant. This award will provide a federal investment of \$30 million to the Larimer/ East Liberty community, while the overall redevelopment process will generate roughly \$400 million in economic activity.

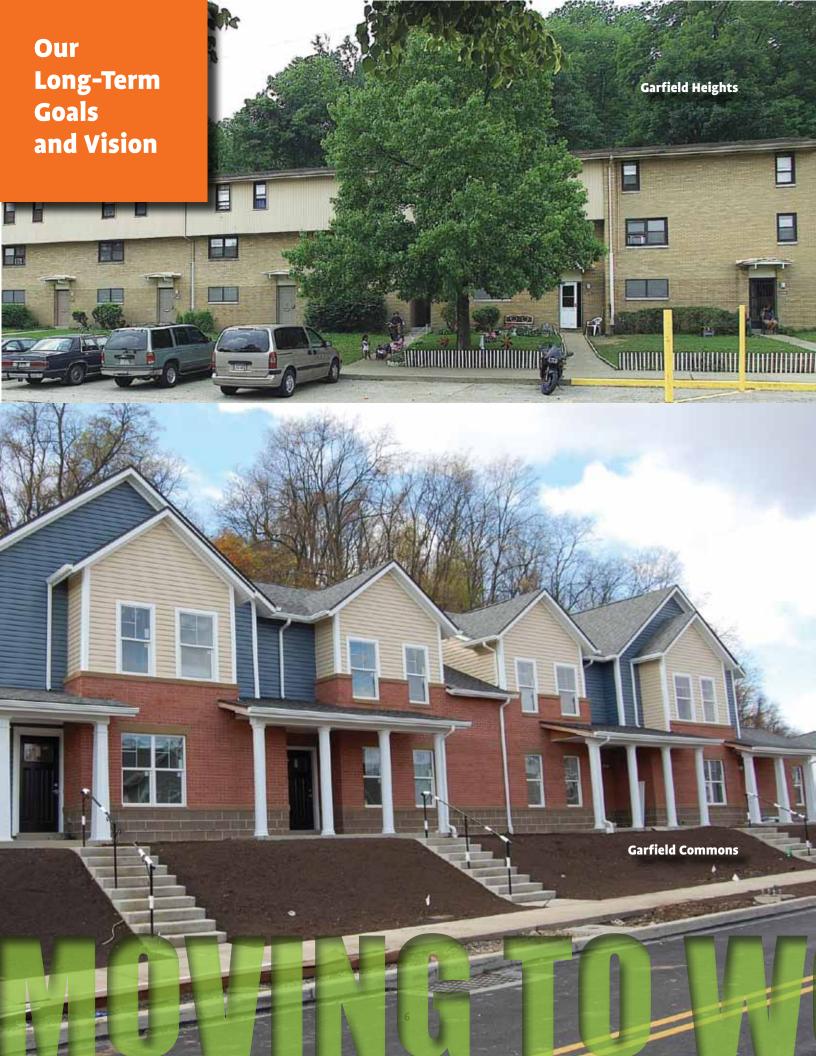
In addition to serving as the City's largest landlord and developer of affordable housing, HACP is also actively working to provide our residents with access to the programs and services needed to maintain a high quality of life. Large-scale redevelopment projects like Larimer and Skyline Terrace will generate numerous employment opportunities as they advance. HACP residents will be provided with ample opportunity to fill job openings on the construction projects taking place in their back yards.

To ensure that HACP residents are prepared for these upcoming opportunities, the Authority is set to launch a construction training program early this year. This program will effectively bridge the gap between the technical requirements of contractors with the skills and experience of the job seekers. The program will offer training in a variety of construction related trades, such as carpentry, masonry and heavy equipment operation.

HACP is committed to building better communities in Pittsburgh and improving the lives of the families who call our communities home. We anxiously look forward to making progress toward both these goals in the coming months and years.

Caster D. Binion

Executive Director



REPOSITIONING OF HOUSING STOCK

Since 2001, when HACP began its participation in the Moving to Work Initiative, a major component of the Authority's operating strategy has been to reposition HACP's housing stock through the preservation of successful developments and the revitalization of distressed developments. By integrating revitalized affordable housing into the greater community, HACP's development activities act as a driver for other public and private investments contributing toward the revitalization of entire neighborhoods.

HACP has achieved great success in its development efforts initiated during the federal HOPE VI program and continued through the Moving to Work Program. Allequippa Terrace, Manchester Apartments, Bedford Additions and Garfield Heights have been replaced by Oak Hill, multiple



properties across Manchester that are virtually indistinguishable from their neighbors, the Bedford Hill apartments, and Garfield Commons, respectively. Silver Lake, the new senior-citizen buildings, the Fairmont, the Commons at North Aiken and the Legacy are new positive anchors in their neighborhoods, replacing the distressed, and neighborhood distressing, East Hills, Garfield, Auburn Towers and Addison Terrace High Rises.

A by-product of these redevelopment efforts, which feature reduced densities, mixed income, and modern conveniences, is a reduced number of traditional public housing units. This was an appropriate strategy to deploy in Pittsburgh in the

late 90s through the early 2000s, as the city continued to see its population decline and many of the Authority's older public housing communities experienced high rates of vacancy. During this period, as new public housing units were created they were balanced by the addition of new affordable units supported by tax credits, and these new units rented at market rates which helped to achieve a mix of incomes in the HACP's new developments.

Housing Choice vouchers also support low income families, provide them choices in the housing market, and support occupancy of units available in the private market. These combinations of approaches have enabled HACP to continue serving substantially the same number of families as would have been served absent our MTW participation.

In 2014, as in prior years, and in light of continued erosion of funding available for affordable housing development and redevelopment, HACP engaged in extensive collaborative work with HUD and other partners to develop new mechanisms for financing redevelopment of distressed properties. The Step Up To Market Financing Program is designed to be a key component of HACP repositioning activities, and has been essential in the financing of the ongoing redevelopment of Addison Terrace.



REPOSITIONING OF HOUSING STOCK continued

HACP has also invested in its own successful housing in recent years, including modernization activities at Northview Heights, Murray Towers, Morse Gardens, Bedford, and many other improvements at various locations within the City. Additional modernization work at many sites continues, with highlights noted in other sections of this report. HACP continues to create additional accessible units each year and make improvements to the fully accessible units available at all of its properties. HACP also continues to benefit from an implemented Energy Performance Contract for improvements that include the installation of energy efficient and cost saving geothermal heating (and cooling) systems at several developments.

HACP is committed to continuing these preservation and revitalization efforts, to the greatest extent feasible with the funding available.

Promoting Self-Sufficiency and Independent Living

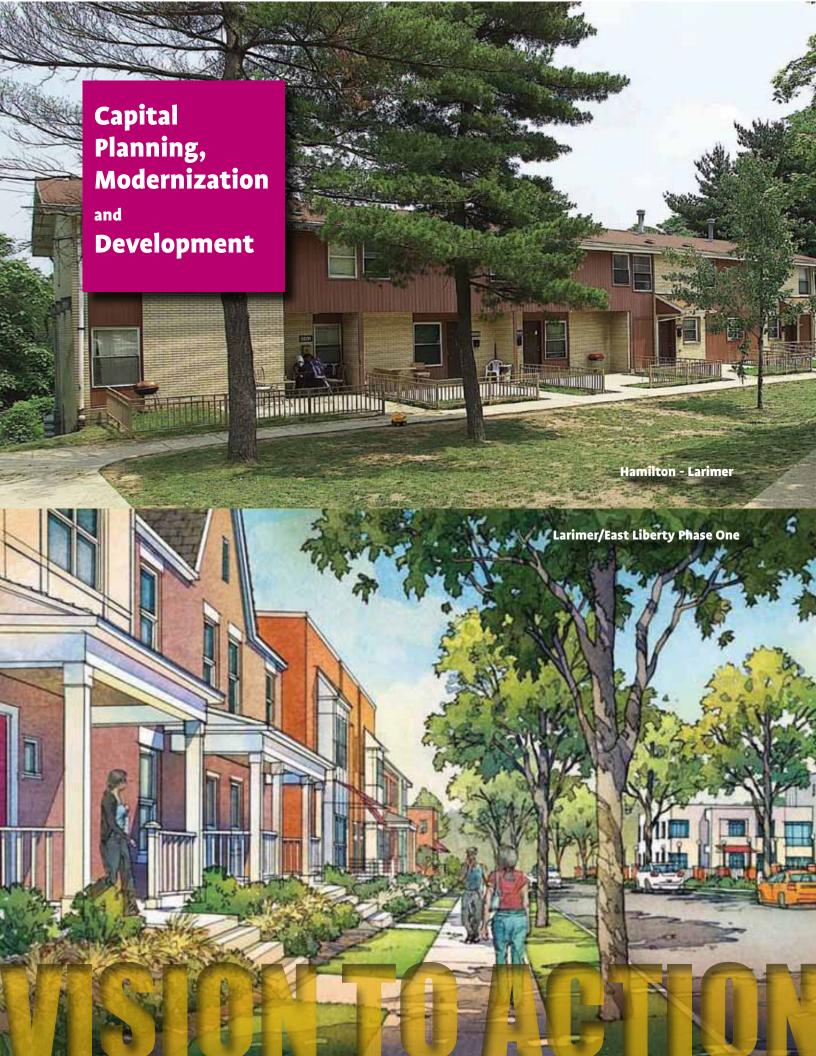
HACP is committed to the continuing pursuit of programs and policies that promote self-sufficiency and independent living. HACP's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program and Resident Employment Program (REP) provide a variety of supports, services, and referrals to residents to assist them in preparing for, seeking, finding, and retaining employment.

The Authority also works constantly to link with other social programs, leverage additional services, and create positive environments for families, adults, seniors, and children. The FSS and REP programs are complemented by the programs provided by HACP and its partners that focus on youth of various ages, including the Beverly Jewel Wall Lovelace (BJWL) after school and summer programs, YouthPlaces, the Clean Slate Program, and the Creative Arts Corner audio/video studios at Northview Heights and the Bedford Hope Center. HACP's investments in resident services have leveraged more than \$4,000,000 per year in additional programs and services in recent years.

The goal of these initiatives is to create an environment where work is the norm and personal responsibility is expected. Gradually, HACP is seeing positive results in this effort. Capital Planning, Modernization and Development



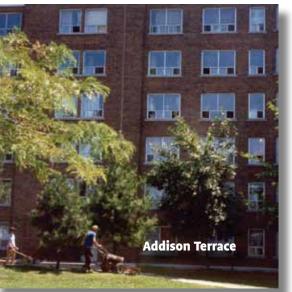




CAPITAL PLANNING

Revitalize Addison Terrance

Addison Terrace is only two blocks from the key Centre Avenue corridor in the Hill District which includes the Legacy Apartments, the Hill Public Library, and a branch of the YMCA, all new facilities. HACP worked closely with the larger Hill District Master Planning Process to plan redevelopment



of Addison Terrace. Because of projected high costs for this redevelopment effort, including substantial infrastructure costs, and the scarcity of HOPE VI and other major grant programs, HACP worked with HUD and other partners to develop innovative financing strategies through Moving To Work to support this effort, resulting in the Step Up To Market Financing Program. HACP and its partners are working diligently to develop financing and other plans for one or two additional phases to achieve approximately 400 total units.

Redevelopment of Addison Terrace has been underway since 2013 and significant progress has been made throughout 2014. Phase I, the first of a three-phase housing redevelopment plan, is currently leasing, and the Phase II area has been vacated in preparation for demolition and new construction. Located in the Hill District, Addison Terrace is the oldest public housing community in the city and one of the oldest in the nation. The HACP's redevelopment effort is being implemented in partnership with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Redevelopment, Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, and Keith B. Key Enterprises.

The total development cost for the planned 400-unit development, including significant upgrades to local public utilities and streets, is approximately \$160 million, making Addison Terrace one of the largest redevelopments of affordable housing within the City of Pittsburgh. The development also represents the largest contract award issued to a minority-owned firm in the city's history. The new development will replace 734 units of public housing built in the 1940s. The Addison Terrace redevelopment has been designed with the goal to integrate and reconnect surrounding communities by introducing new buildings, improving existing neighborhood streets, enhancing walkability and safety, and providing neighborhood connectivity.



CAPITAL PLANNING continued

Plan for new development in the East End, including Hamilton-Larimer

In parts of the East Liberty neighborhood of Pittsburgh, a significant market and development rebound has occurred. In the adjoining Larimer neighborhood, a long term and ongoing grassroots community planning process led to the completion of the Larimer Vision Plan. The Vision Plan, which focuses on the Larimer Avenue corridor spanning parts of both East Liberty and Larimer, is the basis for a growing consensus around neighborhood revitalization strategies in these neighborhoods.

In July 2014, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) and their planning and redevelopment partners from the community of Larimer and adjoining areas of East Liberty were awarded a \$30 million Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Implementation Grant (CNIG).

This award was a huge victory for the Larimer community and a portion of neighboring East Liberty including East Liberty Gardens and the surrounding neighborhood. In contrast to the boom in commercial and housing development, socio-economic conditions in the Larimer and East Liberty target area have stood in direct contrast. The restoration of the neighborhood has now become a priority for the HACP, the City of Pittsburgh, the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), local and state politicians, the philanthropic community and other public, private, and nonprofit groups.



CAPITAL PLANNING continued

The Choice Neighborhoods community transformation plan is built upon a comprehensive strategy that addresses the major foundations for a healthy community — housing, neighborhood and people. Through this strategy, the redevelopment team will address issues such as infrastructure, recreational space, walkability, business and commerce, education, public safety and housing. Key to the plan is the stipulation of a one-to-one ratio for replacing units which will ensure that the neighborhood does not lose any affordable housing.



Development will take place in phases over the next six years, ultimately producing 334 units of mixed-income housing, ranging from market rate units to affordable units designated for low and moderate income families. HACP Executive Director Caster D. Binion said "the Choice Neighborhood Plan is truly comprehensive. It is going to provide market rate housing, sorely needed affordable housing and it will also address the community's social needs. The finished product will be a fully rebuilt, fully revitalized Larimer."

The Vision To Action Plan is the basis for a Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Implementation grant that was awarded in June 2014. The plan includes redevelopment of the nearby East Liberty Gardens, a project based voucher property, in the East Liberty portion of the Vision area in addition to redevelopment of Hamilton-Larimer and the former Auburn Towers site. Low Income Housing Tax Credits were secured

for a first phase of construction on the former Auburn site and other adjacent parcels in February 2014 with construction slated to begin in 2015. Additional information on the Choice Neighborhoods activity, including the current "Vision to Action Plan" can be found at www.larimerplan.com.

MODERNIZATION OF HOUSING STOCK

Build on investments in Northview Heights

After completing the conversion of 63 units into 26 new units built to Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) and 26 new non-UFAS units, and a geothermal heating and cooling system, HACP continues to build on these investments to solidify Northview Heights' rebound.

Since 2010, HACP has made significant renovations and upgrades to the Northview Heights Community. In 2010 and 2011, HACP completed the replacement siding on all of the family buildings, began to replace roofs and, HACP's Force Account staff renovated an additional 30 units in the buildings that received new UFAS units. Continued investment in modernization of additional units, completing replacement of roofs, upgrading electrical systems and other improvements continued in 2012 and 2013. The remaining roof replacements and significant site work was completed in 2014.

Additional site work including updates to kitchens and bathrooms in family units will begin in 2015. As site improvements and modernization activities have progressed, demand for this property has steadily increased.

MODERNIZATION OF HOUSING STOCK continued

Modernize other successful but aging properties

HACP recognizes that in addition to the need to expand its housing portfolio it is also essential to maintain and improve the housing properties that have proven to be successful. HACP continues to pursue larger modernization efforts at other properties, including window replacement and façade repairs to several senior citizen/disabled high rises and continued investment in its scattered sites portfolio.



Morse Gardens, one of the 11 high-rise communities owned and operated by the HACP, received major renovations and construction upgrades that will not only improve quality of life for the building's residents, but will enhance the durability of this historic South Side building.

HACP worked diligently on Morse Gardens throughout 2014, completing renovations in December.

The project consisted of a variety of upgrades to the building's exterior and interior common areas, including the replacement of historic windows, façade improvements, upgrades to the trash and fire alarm systems, and enhancements

to the building's atrium. The completed work should ensure that Morse Gardens will continue to serve as a model community for the Housing Authority for years to come.

"It is beautiful. I've lived in other high rise buildings and I wouldn't want to live anywhere else," said Morse Gardens resident Ella Miller. "The atrium is just amazing; it is just a beautiful space. They kept the historic character while making everything much more comfortable. There is more space for us to get together and I can't wait until I can sit outside in the new court yard. If I were to grade it, I'd give it an A-plus."

The building was originally constructed as a school in 1874. In 1983, HACP purchased the historic school and converted it into a 30-dwelling apartment building. An addition was eventually constructed, bringing the total number of units in the building to 70. Morse Gardens currently has five accessible units, one of which was created as part of the 2014 renovations.

Pursuit of Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Conversions

In order to secure the long-term viability of its existing housing stock, HACP continues to evaluate and pursue conversion of some public housing units to HUD contracts for multi-family housing rental assistance through the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program. To this end, HACP has submitted RAD applications and is anticipating formal approval of Glen Hazel and Glen Hazel High Rise, Murray Towers and Oak Hill.

Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh

STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013	2014	2013
ASSETS Current assets: Cash and cash equivalents: Cash:		
Cash - unrestricted Cash - other restricted	\$ 46,670,624 48,642,560	\$ 52,901,071 20,612,115
Cash - restricted - tenant security deposits	229,968	247,634
Total cash	95,543,152	73,760,820
Investments (cash equivalents): Investments - unrestricted Investments - restricted	27,867,654 20,785,612	26,428,586 26,477,692
Total investments (cash equivalents)	48,653,266	52,906,278
Total cash and cash equivalents	144,196,418	126,667,098
Accounts receivable, net of allowances for doubtful accounts: Accounts receivable - PHA projects	10 /20	11,995
Accounts receivable - FIA projects Accounts receivable - HUD other projects	19,430 8,319,314	10,994,990
Accounts receivable - miscellaneous	82,359	1,188,489
Accounts receivable - tenants - dwelling rents	480,662	533,592
Allowance for doubtful accounts - dwelling rents	(247,283)	(264,792)
Mixed finance notes receivable - current	764,537	1,882,313
Fraud recovery	261,859	126,347
Allowance for doubtful accounts - fraud recovery	(261,859)	(126,347)
Accrued interest receivable Total accounts receivable, net of	88,229	85,936
allowances for doubtful accounts	9,507,248	14,432,523
Prepaid expenses and other assets - current	66,085	149,473
Inventories, net of allowance Assets held for sale	146,221	143,868
Total current assets	208,657 154,124,629	208,657 141,601,619
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Noncurrent assets: Capital assets:		
Land	21,530,620	21,351,063
Buildings	264,165,682	278,570,973
Furniture, equipment, and machinery - administration Accumulated depreciation	9,738,902 (216,771,482)	9,584,458
Construction in progress	8,018,366	(221,328,859) 2,782,883
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	86,682,088	90,960,518
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Prepaid expenses and other assets - noncurrent	575,000	575,000
Mixed finance notes receivable - noncurrent	7,028,993	1,470,137
Other notes receivable - noncurrent	230,771	290,116
Investment in mixed finance development activities, net of accumulated amortization	127,295,518	124,874,981
Total noncurrent assets	221,812,370	218,170,752
Total Assets	\$ 375,936,999	\$ 359,772,371

Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh *continued*

STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013	2014	2013
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION Liabilities:		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	\$ 3,235,492	\$ 4,626,476
Accrued wage/payroll taxes payable	949,833	
Accrued compensated absences - current	416,037	
Accrued contingency liability	1,165,129	
Accrued interest payable	28,330	
Accounts payable - other government	58,700	162,308
Tenant security deposits	229,968	
Deferred revenue	110,631	
Current portion of capital lease liability	2,292,921	
Other current liabilities	968,837	1,177,343
Total current liabilities	9,455,878	10,460,837
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Capital lease liability - noncurrent	15,790,160	18,083,080
Accrued compensated absences - noncurrent	2,148,479	
Other noncurrent liabilities	6,314,577	6,432,270
Total noncurrent liabilities	24,253,216	26,538,968
Total Liabilities	33,709,094	36,999,805
Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets Restricted for:	68,599,007	70,695,194
Mixed financing activities	201,491,052	159,851,930
Guarantee corporation	5,046,757	4,970,458
Addison Terrace site	245,990	343,907
Workers compensation	728,464	
Oak Hill site	747,302	
Housing assistance payments	237,861	2,354,119
Total restricted net position	208,497,426	169,023,608
Unrestricted net position	65,131,472	83,053,764
Total Net Position	342,227,905	322,772,566
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 375,936,999	\$ 359,772,371



RESIDENT EMPLOYMENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Through our Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) and Section 3/ Resident Employment Programs, HACP provides a variety of programs and services designed to help residents achieve their self-sufficiency goals. The Authority is firmly committed to helping all able-bodied adults, age 62 and under, improve their lives through better employment, education and training.

HACP continues to explore additional policy adjustments toward this end. Our commitment to bettering the lives of our residents has produced a proven record of success in recent years and shows continual improvement. The number of residents obtaining employment through HACP's Section 3 Program has

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OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT THROUGH
HACP'S SECTION 3 PROGRAM
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IN 2012 AND FROM 64 RESIDENTS IN
2013 TO 75 RESIDENTS IN 2014.

steadily increased from 35 residents in 2011 to 61 residents in 2012 and from 64 residents in 2013 to 75 residents in 2014.

HACP is pleased with the growth of the Section 3 Program and looks forward to continued success in 2015, as we advance a full slate of development activities including the comprehensive redevelopment of Addison Terrace, and planning and preparation for the redevelopment of Hamilton-Larimer and the surrounding neighborhood.

Furthermore, HACP is preparing to advance its resident employment services by launching a formal construction and skilled trades training program, designed to prepare and connect residents with long-term employment in a variety of skilled trade professions.

Through our Resident Employment Program, HACP hosts regular job fairs and a variety of training sessions throughout the year. All HACP residents are eligible to participate in these job placement, training and education activities. Meanwhile, supportive services are available to residents at the Development and Opportunities Center and the Bedford Hope Center. At either location, HACP residents can obtain training in the areas of green jobs technology, hospitality, home health aide, asbestos abatement and construction.

HOMEOWNERSHIP

HACP has made resident homeownership an agency-wide priority since 2004. Since that time, 120 Housing Authority residents — some coming from traditional low-income public housing, some coming from the Housing Choice Voucher Program — have attained the dream of home ownership. In 2014, four HACP families successfully purchased their own homes through participation in the Authority's Homeownership Program.

HACP is proud to offer its qualified residents access to a program with a proven record of success. In light of low prices and low interest rates, HACP is willing to work with any LIPH or HCV resident interested in working toward the opportunity to buy their own home.

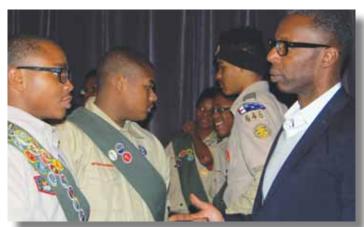
HOMEOWNERSHIP continued



HACP works with partner organizations such as The Bartko Foundation and the Urban Redevelopment Authority, in order to provide down payment assistance and closing cost grants available to low income buyers that can be coordinated with the Homeownership Program benefits. HACP also works with the Urban League to provide Home Buyer Education and Credit Counseling services for program participants. HACP also works with the East Liberty Development Inc., Garfield Jubilee, Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America and others in our efforts to support the dream of homeownership.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING

The Housing Authority and Clean Slate E3 (the Authority's non-profit affiliate) maintain three core education and outreach programs, designed to promote educational advancement and improve quality of life for residents of public housing. These include Clean Slate, the Creative Arts Corner and the Clean Slate E3 Scholarship Program. Highlights for these programs include:



On November 20, 2014, the HACP and its non-profit affiliate Clean Slate E3 hosted the 17th Annual **Clean Slate Program** at the Carnegie Science Center, featuring writer, editor and director James D. Wilcox. Approximately 300 public housing residents, ages 10 to 16, attended the Town Hall Meeting. Mr. Wilcox spoke to the audience about his childhood — spent largely on Bedford Avenue in the City's Hill District — as well as his experiences working in the film industry in Los Angeles.

The Creative Arts Corner Program (CAC)

continued in both Northview Heights Estates and Bedford

Dwellings. In 2013, students were introduced to a more formal curriculum that required them to develop their skills in four unique areas Audio Production, Video Camera Training, Video Editing, and General Production Studio Skills.

The Creative Arts Corner currently instructs students age 8 and up. HACP encourages any resident interested in exploring their creative side, through audio/video production, music, or photography, to contact the CAC staff for more information on the program. The program is free of charge to HACP residents. Program highlights from 2014 include a collaboration with Duquense University's City Music Center. Throughout the fall, students from the Bedford Avenue Beverly Jewel Wall Lovelace (BJWL) and CAC programs collaborated with instructors at the Mary Pappert School of Music at Duquesne University to attend a musical instruction and discovery class called *Musical Creations*.

Over a 10-week span, students were able to experience music through singing, playing instruments, and creating music in a group setting. Based on an approach to music learning which focuses on

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING continued

active music-making experience, the children had the opportunity to sing as well as play recorders, xylophones, drums, and various other classroom instruments, with special emphasis on improvisation and composition. All children attending the class received a soprano recorder which they were able to take home upon the completion of the program.

Clean Slate E3 was the recipient of a \$25,000 grant from McAuley Ministries that will fund The Pittsburgh Black History & Culture Series, a youth Black History project. This project hosted by the Creative Arts Corner kicked off in September 2014 with a target completion date of February 2015.

The program aims to engage a group of approximately 20 Pittsburgh area high school students to participate in an 8-week educational series designed to bring high school students from across the region together to learn about Black History and then pass on their experiences to larger audiences. The program was provided with in-kind support from the HACP with the majority of class work taking place at the HACP's Bedford Hope Center, located in the Hill District. Roughly 50 percent of participating students reside in the City's Hill District, with the remaining 50 percent representing a diverse mix of public and private schools from the Greater Pittsburgh Region.

Upon completion of the classroom project, the program will be compiled into an online/electronic format in order to achieve a wider distribution. Participating students will be given copies of the finished product and asked to serve as ambassadors between the program and their high school. This will provide each school with an opportunity to further bolster their African American/ Black History curriculum without incurring any costs.

The Clean Slate E3 Scholarship Program provided 23 well-deserving students college scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year. In all, a total of \$57,250 in scholarships was awarded.

The Clean Slate E3 Scholarship Program is designed to reward students who maintain good grades and set an example for their peers. The opportunity is open to students who reside in HACP housing. Clean Slate E3 has provided \$81,000 in scholarship contributions since 2009. Since 2012, NEED has provided a 50 percent match to students receiving the Clean Slate E3 Scholarship, which produces an

annual award of \$2,250 for eligible students. Students are eligible to receive funding for up to four years of consecutive college education by maintaining program standards including a minimum GPA of 2.5.



This year's scholarship recipients hail from various Pittsburgh neighborhoods, including Glen Hazel, Addison Terrace, Stanton Heights, Homewood North and the North Side. Students will be attending universities such as Penn State University, Temple University, Lincoln University, Robert Morris University, Clark Atlanta University, LaRoche College, California University of Pennsylvania, Clarion University, and the Community College of Allegheny County.

HACP COMMUNITIES



FAMILIES

Addison Terrace
Allegheny Dwellings
Arlington Heights
Bedford Dwellings
Glen Hazel
Hamilton-Larimer
Homewood North
Northview Heights Estates



SENIOR CITIZENS

Caliguiri Plaza
Carrick Regency
Finello Pavilion
Glen Hazel/Bernice Crawley Manor
Gualtieri Manor
Mazza Pavilion
Morse Gardens
Murray Towers
Northview Heights High Rise
Pennsylvania Bidwell
Pressley Street High Rise



PRIVATELY MANAGED

Bedford Hill
Commons at North Aiken
Fairmont Apartments
Garfield Commons
The Legacy
Manchester
Oak Hill
Silver Lake Commons
Skyline Terrace



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