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Annual Plan Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

ATTACHMENT (A)

FY2024 – FY2028 GOALS and OBJECTIVES

The BHA is committed to the communities we serve throughout the City of Boston. We view our role as a partner with each resident interaction. We embrace the goals of the affordable housing community, understand the challenges of resource constraints, and are equally committed to delivering quality, value, accountability, fiscal stewardship, and integrity in every aspect of our operations.

The main vision guiding the BHA's CIP FY 2024 – FY2028 is to pursue housing and community development goals that create strong and vibrant communities through a range of affordable housing options and opportunities for all residents. Further, the strategies across all goal areas will help promote equity, with a special emphasis on helping households at the lowest income levels, underserved protected classes, and persons with special needs, and provide housing and related support in BHA's diverse and inclusive communities. Given the severe cost burden of housing and risk of homelessness experienced by those at the lowest income levels with limited funding resources, the BHA prioritizes the stabilization and expansion of affordable housing. The objective is to increase the supply of affordable units across its State Portfolio to enable low to moderate income households from the public to live and be productive citizens within Suffolk County. To the extent possible, priority will be given to projects and programs that allow the BHA to meet this goal and provide a high quality of life to their residents. As in previous years, increasing affordable housing options through various methods continues to be a priority.

The BHA strives to provide our residents with superior service as we deal with the management challenges presented by our diverse State portfolio, which include family, elderly developments, scattered sites and special occupancy units.

The BHA's decades of experience has resulted in sound organizational structure and proven processes as one of the most successful and respected Public Housing Authorities.

To provide a further insight and overview into the CIP projects included in the Annual Plan, FY2024 – FY2028 GOALS & OBJECTIVES highlights specific projects included in the Annual Plan, which were broken out into the following categories: 1) Current Projects, 2) Sustainable Initiatives, and 3) BHA's First Home Ownership Program (pilot).

1 PROJECT NAME	HVAC & Energy Upgrades - Monsignor Powers – Phase II	
Development	Monsignor Powers	
Neighborhood	South Boston	
Needs Addressed	Modernization Replace Existing HVAC Systems, Improve Occupants Comfort, and System Reliability, Increase Efficiency, and Decrease BHA's Carbon Footprint	
Funding	Formula Funded: \$10,508,089.81	
Description	 Scope of work includes Replacement of radiant baseboard heating with a ductless air-to- air heat pump system to provide both heating and cooling to the occupants, venting modification, and Electrical panel box upgrades. The System will provide space heating / air- conditioning for each occupant. The System will provide space heating / air- conditioning to all communal areas Individual climate controls for each occupancy unit. Installation of ductwork, bathroom exhaust fans, and kitchen hoods with venting to the exterior. New communal area lighting New Switch gear Under a separate project: Closure in-place of an existing 3,000-gallon, single wall steel 	
	underground storage tank, which was closed—in place according to Mass DEP standards and regulations.	
Completion Date	05/30/2024	
The number of units affected and type of development that will benefit from the proposed activities	68 units Elderly	

2 PROJECT NAME	Urgent Roofing Repairs at South Street and Archdale	
Development	South Street and Archdale Development	
Neighborhood	Jamaica Plain Roslindale	
Needs Addressed	System Component Replacement to Improve, Maintain and/or Preserve Existing	
	Building Envelope Asset and Prevent Interior Infrastructure damage.	
Funding	Formula Funded: \$657,852	
Description	Correct Roof Deficiencies that were identified in the 2021 Authority Roof Survey	
	included, but not limited to:	
	 Roof membrane covering exceeding exceeded useful life, 	
	 Damage to the membrane, seams, and/or flashing 	
	 Multiple leaks including at Penthouses and Chimneys; 	
	Water habitually pools in certain areas;	
	 impact if damage from a fallen tree branch or other debris. 	
Completion Date	05/30/2024	
The number of units	South Street 68 units Family	
affected and type of	Archdale 68 units Family	
development that will		
benefit from the		
proposed activities		

3 PROJECT NAME	Auth-Wide: Mechanical Systems (Survey)	
Development	Development Wide [State Portfolio]	
Neighborhood	Boston	
Needs Addressed	<u>Create Action Plan</u> to Replace Existing HVAC Systems, Improve Occupants Comfort and Systems Reliability, Increase Efficiency, and Decrease BHA's Ca Footprint.	
Funding	Formula Funded: \$87,500	

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 The Auth-Wide: Mechanical Systems (Survey) documents the existing state of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing defects, and their associated repairs based on variable sets of criterion, priorities, and costs. The survey created will enable the BHA to identify high priority mechanical systems, electrical, and plumbing deficiencies, which may require immediate repair or designated as medium to low priority, which deficiencies is safely deferred, but should be monitored. Each system's deficiencies is provided with an action plan for their repair and/or replacement. Systems include, but not limited to: Boilers, Furnaces, circulating pumps, air separators, expansion tanks and indirect hot water storage tanks, Electric service panels, emergency shut off switches and disconnects, Flue Pipe venting, Main feeders, vertical and horizontal risers Pipe insulation Terminal Heating units convectors, finned tube baseboard, cast iron radiators, and radiant panels Valves, controllers, and thermostats Vents and bathroom exhaust fans
05/30/2024
2194 Units Family, Elderly, Special Occupancy, and Scattered Sites

4 PROJECT NAME	Auth-Wide: Stair Hall Systems (Survey)	
Development	Development Wide [State Portfolio]	
Neighborhood	Boston	
Needs Addressed	<u>Modernization</u> Life and Safety	
Funding	Formula Funded: \$98,800	
Description	The Auth-Wide: Stair Hall Systems (Survey) documents the existing stair halls	
	deficiencies, and their associated repairs based on variable sets of criterion,	
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	priorities, and costs, [ageing staircases show signs of failure due to corrosion, rust and other factors which affects their structural integrity.] The survey created will enable the BHA to identify high priority stair deficiencies, which may require immediate repair or designated as medium to low priority, which deficiency is safely be deferred, and should be monitored. Each system's deficiencies is provided with an action plan for their repair and/or replacement.
	 Systems components include, but not limited to: Metal treads, risers, and pans, Metal carriers, stringers, railings, and balusters Tile at treads and landings Vinyl coverings at the treads and landings Crumbling and cracked concrete in stair pans
Completion Date	04/15/2024
The number of units affected and type of development that will benefit from the proposed activities	2194 Units Family, Elderly, Special Occupancy, and Scattered Sites

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5 PROJECT NAME	Transformer Replacement	
Development	West Broadway	
Neighborhood	South Boston	
Needs Addressed	Modernization, Life and Safety Reliability, and Maintenance	
Funding	Formula Funded: \$526,935	
Description	 Replace two 500KVA transformers with primary and secondary feed cables. Noted deficiencies include, but not limited to Structural failure in the transformer housing show signs of due to corrosion Rodents' infestation inside the transformer housing [gnawing away at 	
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		 settle around the base of the transformer housing. Transformer and feeders' cables are both past their useful life [Date of installation not known, but is estimated to be 50 years or older]
Ō	Completion Date	06/30/2025
-	The number of units affected and type of development that will benefit from the proposed activities	485 units Family and Special Occupancy

BHA's SUSTAINABLE INITATIVES

BHA' current energy portfolio is more than 95% reliant on fossil fuels, resulting in greenhouse gas emissions of 53,730 metric tons per year at an estimated annual cost of \$38,292,876 [determined as a 3-year average from 2018-2020]. As the resident population continues to reside and grow within BHA's community, and despite recent green energy initiatives, the environmental impact of energy consumption will increase significantly.

BHA often utilizes opportunities created by redevelopment and major renovation projects to upgrade buildings' ventilation, reduce energy consumption, and introduce higher efficiency systems. BHA Goals and Objectives to create Sustainable Buildings, include, but not limited to:

- Eliminate the use of fossil fuels in public housing developments by 2030
- Upgrade buildings to support BHA's de-carbonization policy
- Utilize BHA's purchasing power to advance energy efficiency and clean energy goals
- Implement renewable energy technology where possible
- Ensure new buildings and renovations follow certain energy and sustainability standards
- Utilize green infrastructure techniques at BHA developments
- Support the adoptions of renewable and energy efficient technology in buildings in greater Boston through BHA's voucher program

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1 PROJECT NAME	Standby Emergency Generator System	
Development	Monsignor Powers	
Neighborhood	South Boston	
Needs Addressed	Life and Safety Sustainability, Systems Reliability, Increase Efficiency,	
	Maintenance, and Decrease BHA's Carbon Footprint	
Funding	Action for Boston Community Development \$354,328	
Description	Replacement of Diesel Standby Emergency Generator, ATS [automatic transfer	
	switch] and associated electrical work, which services the sprinkler pumps,	
	elevators, door fobs, and intercom system, and communal area lights.	
	Reviewing installation of a UPS (uninterrupted power supply) to replace existing Diesel Back Generator.	
	UPS systems produce zero carbon emission	
	UPS systems are entirely noiseless	
	UPS also requires no maintenance	
Award Period	FY23–FY24	
Project Type	Non-Dwelling	
2 PROJECT NAME	HVAC & Energy Upgrades - Monsignor Powers – Phase II	
Development	Monsignor Powers	
Neighborhood	South Boston	
Needs Addressed	<u>Sustainability</u> : Energy Efficiency Utility Reduction / Decrease of BHA's Carbon Footprint	
Funding	Action for Boston Community Development \$750,000	
Description	HVAC Equipment / Installation & Energy Upgrades for the Roof Insulation	
	Supplemental Funding for Energy Conservation Measures	
Award Period	FY23	
Project Type	Non-Dwelling	

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3 PROJECT NAME	Building Envelope Restoration Building Electrification	
	Comprehensive Property Rehabilitation	
Development	21 Maryland Street [Triple Decker]	
Neighborhood	Dorchester	
Needs Addressed	<u>Sustainability</u> Modernization Energy Efficiency Utility Reduction / Decrease of BHA's Carbon Footprint	
Funding	Formula Funded \$430,000 MassCEC \$120.00 ARPA TBD	
Description	Identifying cost effective measures that can enhance the efficiency of the existing building to meet BHA's extremely aggressive sustainable goals.	
	 Building Envelope: Energy-saving strategies include insulating composite clapboard siding, high-performance windows, close cell insulation, and air sealing to ensure conditioned air is kept inside the condition space. Building Electrification: Disconnecting the building from natural gas and switching over the appliances to operate solely on electricity, i.e., switching the existing fossil fuel infrastructure to the electric equivalents, which includes, but not limited to Electrical Service Upgrades Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades Heat Pump Space Heating and Cooling Systems Heat Pump Water Heaters Electric Cooking Induction Ranges Electric Clothes Dryer Outlets Rooftop Solar PV Panels Net Metering Sub Metering Interior Renovation: Revised Floor Plan for better utilization of the space, Kitchen, Bathroom, and Unit Modernization, low-flow water fixtures, Led Lighting and Programmable thermostats. The BHA will secure the funding, select contractors, develop work write-ups and specifications, manage the construction process, and ensure quality work is completed in a timely manner. 	

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Award Period	FY23-FY25
Project Type	Dwelling Non Dwelling Site

HOME OWNERSHIP

6 PROJECT NAME	First Home Program
Development	Scattered Sites
Neighborhood	Boston
Needs Addressed	Sustain affordable homeownership opportunities that are accessible and
	inclusive for low to moderate-income residents.
Funding	City of Boston ARPA-Homeownership \$5,000,000
Description	The Boston Housing Authority has <u>119</u> public housing units located in <u>62</u> individual scattered sites addresses across Boston. The severity of the problems experienced by the BHA in managing its scattered site portfolio, given its size and the fact that individual properties are spread across the entire 48.4 square miles of the city.
	The Scattered Site Units are the most expensive of the Authority's public housing units to operate, and some repairs in the Scattered Site Units are being delayed given the shortage of Formula Funding dollars being Awarded from DHCD. As of 2023 approximately []% of the formula funded is expended for capital construction, or nearly \$[] per unit, an amount that compares to [] for our Family and Elderly Developments]; this matter is further compounded after decades of deferred maintenance, where the estimated repair costs are far more than the value of these properties.
	The Authority recognizes that without a transformation plan for this portfolio these units, which represent a critical affordable housing resource for the city of Boston, will be lost. Looking to the future, BHA is interested in creating new, high quality affordable rental housing at Old Colony and other developments throughout the BHA portfolio. [All units in the plan will be replaced one-for- one, and the BHA will utilize the proceeds of any rental income or property sales to repair, manage, maintain, and provide services to the remaining Scattered
	Site Units and/or develop or acquire replacement units] While at the same
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time, the BHA will begin to transition away from managing scattered site properties. This plan would represent BHA's best hope to preserve this critical housing resource for low-income affordable housing. BHA will be finalizing program details for the scattered site homeownership program in the coming months. Under BHA's First Home Program, the residents of scattered sites will be offered an opportunity to purchase the home they currently occupy. Additionally, eligible BHA residents can receive enhanced down payment assistance of up to \$75,000, contingent on funding availability, for a Scattered Sites home or a home purchased within the City of Boston. This assistance program can be used alongside other assistance programs such as MassDreams, STASH and other first time homebuyer programs and Livable Communities. Program Goals and Objectives Increase supply of quality affordable owner-occupied housing in inclusive communities Increase and sustain affordable homeownership opportunities that are accessible and inclusive for low to moderate-income residents. Increase sustain affordable homeownership opportunities that are accessible and inclusive for low to moderate-income residents. Increase sustain affordable homeownership opportunities that are accessible and inclusive for low to moderate-income residents. Increase sustainable homeownership and wealth building opportunities through programming for first time homebuyers Examples include: O Implement support services and programs that help tenants access and retain housing O exemptions will be granted to elderly and disabled participants O homebuyer and credit counseling.	Boston Housing Authority (LHA)	Annual Plan Draft Plan for Public Posting Improvement Plan
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	 Property rehabilitation 	
	 Energy efficiency improvements 	
	 Create accessibility modifications and improvements 	
	Eligibility Requirements	
	 Be a current BHA resident and in Good Standing 	
	 Be employed working at least 30 hours per week 	
	 Have at least \$6,000 in savings 	
	 Meet the minimum income requirement based on your 	
	household size	
	Year Outcome Project Goal 20-25 unit s	
Award Period	FY23 -FY25	
Project Type	Non-Dwelling Dwelling Site	

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