

***HOUSING RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD***  
***SUGGESTIONS***

***Suggestion to expand the supply of Assisted Housing***

1. Work closer with groups like non-profit housing developers or other type of housing agencies to provide units to residents.
2. Look into buying dilapidated and/or abandoned homes and refurbish them and rent the units to HCV participants
3. Access older properties and figure out reasonable ways and means of improvement.
4. Purchase hotels, motels or vacant homes and rent rooms to single persons.
5. Encourage landlords to lease their property to family's HCV programs.
6. Improve success rate of finding housing for voucher holders.
7. More Project Based Voucher partnerships with developers.
8. Seek more funding opportunities for more vouchers/housing.
9. Form partnerships with private entities to help finance the purchase of properties for rent to low income families.

***Suggestion to improve the quality of Assisted Housing***

1. Look into using other federal funding (if possible), CDBG, private investors (who could contribute labor and materials as a tax write-off).
2. Explore the idea to have tenants work with agencies to receive funding to purchase and rebuild units in areas they currently live.
3. Work with banks to supply low-interest loans to residents to purchase a home.
4. Change filters in the furnace and air conditioner in units.
5. When tenants move into units provide helpful hints and tips on cleaning the stove and areas in the kitchen.
6. Provide tenants trash rules to avoid the trash from being spread throughout the complex.
7. Install fire extinguishers on the outside of buildings at all Senior/Disable properties
8. Expand security camera program to all sites.
9. Property Managers or Assistants should walk the property at least twice of week to have cars tagged and have areas cleaned up.
10. Have training for some maintenance to improve the quality of work.
11. Retrofit all units with energy saving improvements such as double pane windows, electric stoves and weather stripping on doors and windows.
12. Continue to repair uneven sidewalks and concrete along walking paths.
13. Assess properties for physical needs and make improvements.
14. Improving landscaping at properties

***Suggestion to provide an improved Living Environment***

1. For repair work hire outside contractors willing to donate time and materials in lieu of financial compensation, but they could get a tax write-offs.

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### ***SUGGESTIONS (CONT)***

#### ***Suggestion to provide an improved Living Environment(cont)***

2. Begin training programs for interested tenants that teach them how to perform their own small maintenance needs. Some expenses incurred could be deducted from tenant's rent. Repairs would be done under HA supervision and with prior consent of management.
3. Work with county to rid properties of raccoons, feral cats, opossums, wasps' nests, etc
4. Residents need to get involved in improving their complexes.
5. Explore options to improve landscaping at properties.
6. Work with local police agencies to get police logs for troubled tenants.
7. Upgrade all appliances in the units.
8. Improve the sewer lines at properties.
9. Expand the tenant involvement in activities at property and activate tenant resident councils at all sites
10. Explore having picnic tables with chess or checkers board built in for residents to play on.
11. Look into have lawn activities at Senior/Disable properties.
12. Restore Friday Night Movies for residents in Senior buildings
13. Upgrade lighting at properties.
14. Remove glass shower doors for Senior/Disable clients and get tub with lower sides.
15. Improve signage at El Pueblo so deliveries and medical responders know where units are. Addresses are not clear or obvious.
16. Open up community centers at all properties and help residents utilize the facilities.
17. Have Town Hall meetings and workshops to get more feedback, opinions and concerns from residents.
18. Encourage all properties to share resources such as expansion of social programs and resident networking.

#### ***Suggestion to promote Self-Sufficiency and Asset Development of Assisted Households***

1. Organize a program where tenants are taught how to survive after a natural disaster.
2. Properties should have a community newsletter.
3. Expand resource centers at more properties.
4. Organize more social activities at Disable/Senior properties.
5. Allow tenants to pay rent electronically
6. Create a homeownership program for public housing residents
7. Host job fairs at properties and make tenants aware of the various social programs HACCC has.