

# LOWELL HOUSING AUTHORITY



2016 IPA



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# 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

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## Executive Department



The LHA was designated a High-Performer by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), scoring a 97% on the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP), and a 92% for the Public Housing Assessment Score (PHAS).

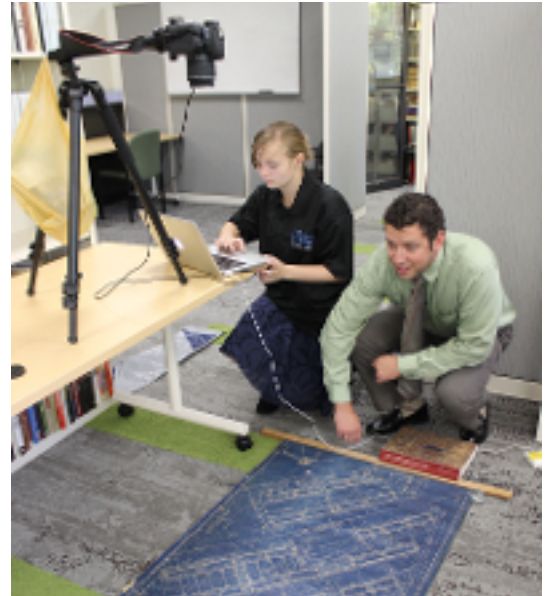
## Capital Planning



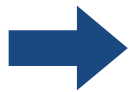
The LHA collaborated with students of Umass Lowell to begin to digitize aging blueprints for all developments. The projected is expected to be completed by the end of 2017.



Mapped out essential property data for all developments, and conducted conditional assessments of critical infrastructure agency-wide.



## The Learning Zone



The Lowell Youth Activities Program received a \$3,500 grant from the Greater Lowell Community Foundation to provide Traveling Science Workshops emphasizing STEM curriculum.





## Community Collaborations



The Housing Authority recognized the need for temporary housing within the city due to the increasing numbers of homeless families, and acquired a vacant space, converting it to 3 bedroom apartments leased by Community Teamwork, Inc. for temporary, emergency shelter placements.

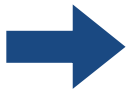


The Authority paid 50% of the salary for a part-time, Veterans Peer Specialist of Community Teamwork, Inc., who is responsible for assisting homeless veterans with the public housing application process and providing support to veterans once housed.



The LHA paid a portion of the salary for a Lowell police officer to be stationed outside Dewey Archambault towers during overnight hours to ensure the safety of elderly residents .

## Training



In 2016, LHA employees received training from Fair Housing, along with trainings and certifications offered by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) ,the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) training for maintenance staff.

## Communications



In August, the LHA began an initiative to engage residents and stakeholders through social media, including the establishment of a Facebook page, Twitter account, and with the publishing of its first e-newsletter, the *The Moody News*.

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