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**EL PASO COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE
EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

The El Paso County Housing Authority (EPCHA) provides a quarterly report to the El Paso County Commissioners Court. This document is intended to summarize the EPCHA activities and initiatives to support affordable housing and family self-sufficiency programs in El Paso County of Texas.

1. FYE 2021 Independent Audit Report:

- a. EPCHA zero findings from independent audit report for the sixth consecutive year. EPCHA received its 2021 independent audit report from Novogradac and was presented to EPCHA Board of Directors on April 25, 2022. As per the report, EPCHA's financial statements, cash management, program management, reporting, file management and internal controls were all cleared. A copy of the 2021 report is attached separately and accessible to members of El Paso County Commissioners Court.

2. Projects

- a. Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) update: HUD RAD was created to give public housing authorities (PHAs) a power tool to preserve and improve public housing properties. Additionally, RAD allows PHAs to leverage public and private debt and equity to reinvest in the public housing stock. EPCHA has been preapproved to participate under RAD and must submit various documents and forms for final approval. Many of the documents require certain tasks and reports to be completed within a certain period. The following tasks/inspections have occurred based on RAD requirements:

Date	Task	Summary	Status
02/03/2022	Capital Needs Assessment (CAN)	This assessment was performed in general accordance with the U.S. Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP) Section 223(f) as delineated in the HUD MAP Guide, Chapter 5 and Appendix 5 (revised March 19, 2021), as well as applicable handbooks, HUD Notice H 2012-27, and Mortgagee Letter 2016-26	Completed
03/23/2022	Real Estate Assessment Center Inspection	National Standards for Physical Inspection of Real Estate performed by HUD.	Passed
05/11/2022	Appraisal site visit	Site appraisal required per lender requirements.	Completed
October 2022	ASHRAE Level II Energy Audit	Required due to EPCHAs plan to improve energy efficiency on housing properties located in Fabens.	Pending



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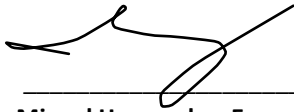
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4. Family Self Sufficiency Program

- a. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program: EPCHA staff has partnered with the IRS to get EPCHA staff trained and certified to provide VITA sites in El Paso County. The VITA program has operated for over 50 years and offers free tax help to people who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns, including:

- Low-income residents
- Persons with disabilities; and
- Limited English-speaking taxpayers

EPCHA staff will have VITA sites and services accessible at the start of the next income tax period.



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