

**EL PASO COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY  
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, Texas.*

**❖ Section 1 Housing Programs:**

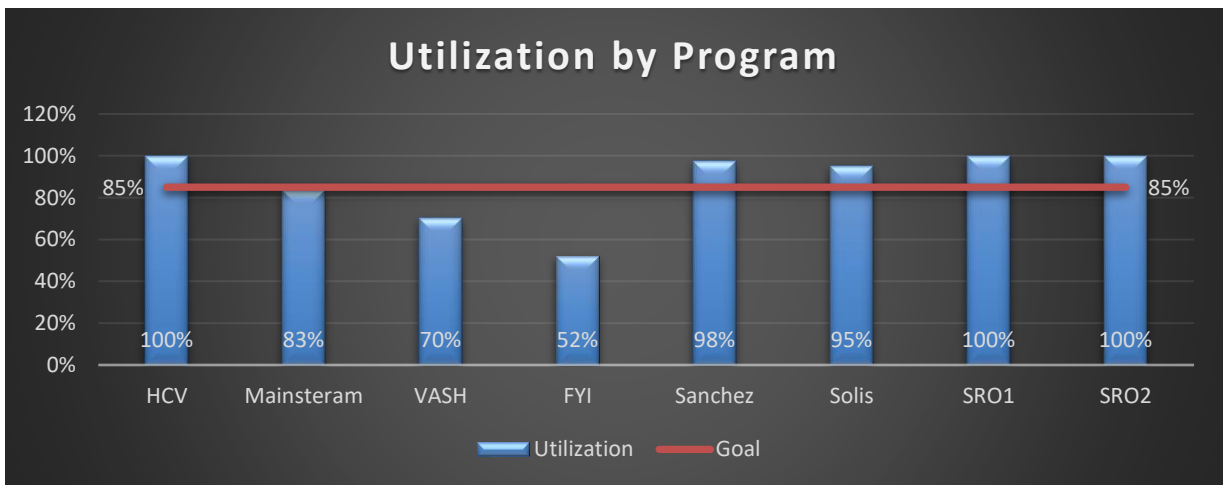
EPCHA administers the following eight (8) housing programs:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Target Group</b>
Housing Choice Voucher	Tenant Base	Open to all low-income families
Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing	Tenant Base	Veterans only, requires referral from local VA case manager and requires case management.
Mainstream Voucher	Tenant Base	For non-elderly persons with disabilities.
Foster Youth Initiative Voucher	Tenant Base	Youth at least 18 years and not more than 24 years of age who left foster care or will leave foster care within 90 days. Requires referral from Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)
Sanchez Apartments	Project Base	Low-income families. Project location: 650 NE G, Ave, Fabens, TX 79838
Solis Manor	Project Base	Low-income families. Project location: 650 NE G, Ave, Fabens, TX 79838
Single Room Occupancy (SRO) 1	Project Base	Elderly sick/disabled men and women who are homeless. Project location: 1101 Yann Rd. El Paso, TX 79901
Single Room Occupancy (SRO) 2	Project Base	Homeless Single Women. Project location: 1220 Myrtle Ave., El Paso, TX 79901

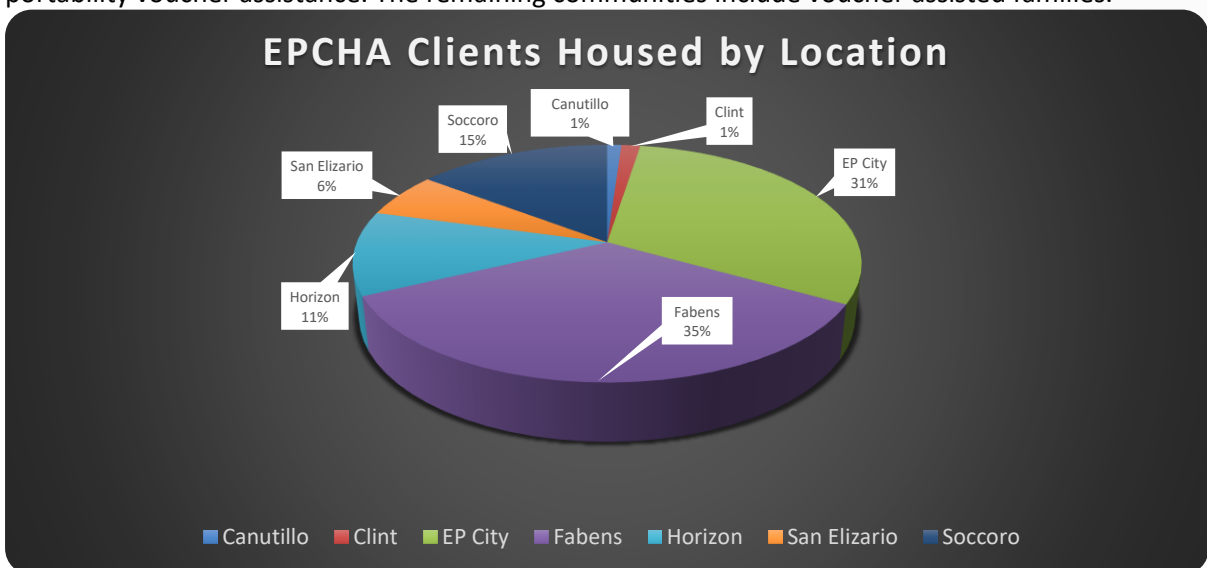
\* *Tenant-based vouchers are fixed to individuals or families. This means that the household can take or keep vouchers when moving to a new location. A project-based voucher is fixed to a specific property.*

## Housing Programs Continued:

EPCHAs goal is to keep utilization above 85% for each program. Utilization for the Mainstream program increased from 75% to 83% due to an increase of eligible families. The Foster Youth Initiative (FYI) program is steadily increasing utilization. The FYI is a vulnerable group that requires additional assistance that prolongs the lease up process. FYI clients are assigned caseworkers to assist with transportation and facilitation of documents between landlord and housing authority.



The Chart below illustrates EPCHA clients housed by location. Fabens continues to hold the majority of families housed which includes the public housing units and voucher assistance. El Paso City holds the second largest location of housed families due to EPCHAs project-based SROs in downtown and portability voucher assistance. The remaining communities include voucher assisted families.



## ❖ Section 2 Current Projects:

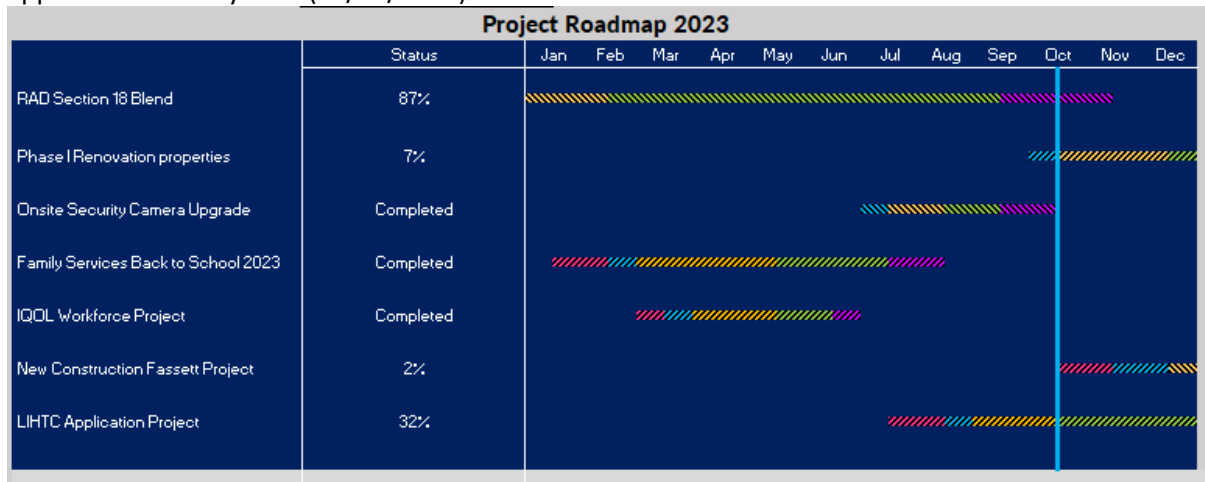
The visuals below denote EPCHAs current project objectives, timelines, and project team.

### Objectives

- **Reposition Public Housing** to convert program into Section 8 platform resulting a higher and reliable long term funding steam.
- **Renovate Fabens Units** to upgrade appliances and improve living conditions for its residents.
- **Upgrade security services** on Fabens complexes due to increase of theft and vandalism.
- **Implement an employment opportunity program** that provides incentives for both employment seekers and business with partnership with Texas Workforce.
- **Increase number of affordable housing units** through LIHTC program and other funding opportunities.

### Project Timeline

The RAD Section 18 Blend is now at 87% completion. The last phase requires the HUD regional office to transfer Fabens Public Housing Units to the Section 8 Platform. New subsidies from RAD will begin next quarter. Also, EPCHA has started tasks regarding 9% Housing Tax Credits project to meet pre-application delivery date (01/06/2024).



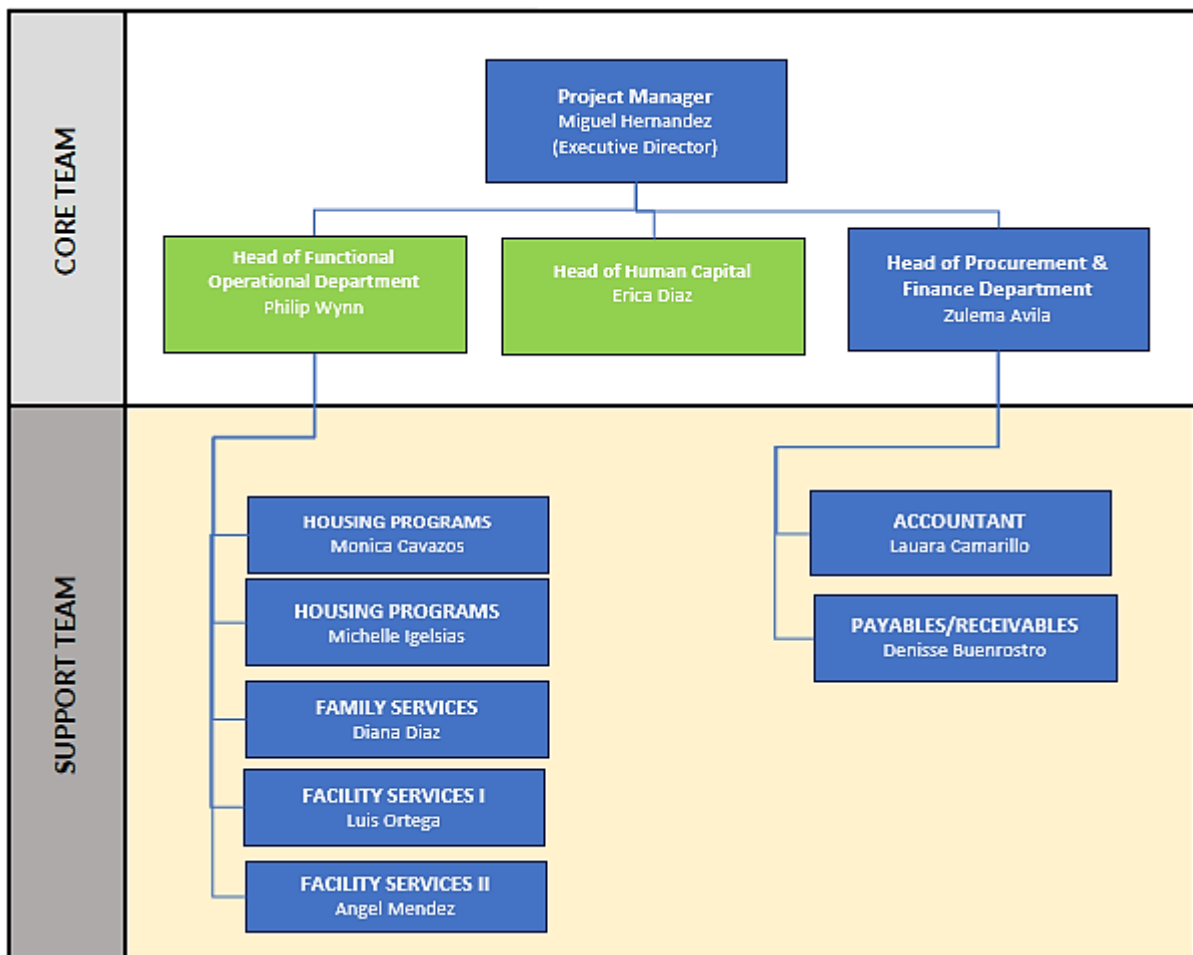


## Project Team Org Chart

The chart below outlines the current staff at EPCHA and their project function. Staff in green denote new to EPCHA. Withing the next four months EPCHA will be hiring to fill new positions to assist with new affordable housing projects.

All staff has completed the following training requirements to fulfill their project roles:

- Introduction to Project Management
- Organization Roles and Responsibilities
- Gantt chart for starters
- Risk management
- Cost allocation
- Conflict management





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### ❖ Latest Quarter Highlights:

- 1. August 17, 2023:** In partnership with Guidance Star, EPCHA held the family support event that provided free diapers, free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds. All medical screening and services were facilitated using a mobile unit by Guidance Star. Additional organizations in attendance assisted residents apply for food stamps and employment services.
- 2. September 5, 2023:** EPCHA staff held an event In partnership with Mental Health Public (MHP) to provide free services to renew or obtain various federal assistance and/or enroll for medical services. Resident mothers with infants were issued a gift bag containing diapers and other free infant products. The local WIC office also joined this event and provided classes on educational nutrition program.
- 3. September 14, 2023:** In partnership with AYUDA Inc, EPCHA staff hosted an event that provided free products and services such as diapers, sanitation wipes, baby power and other infant products. In addition to this event, AYUDA provided training that certified residents as a community health worker. This certification is highly sought after in various local businesses that provide case management. The certification training is free to the residents and then referred to the Texas Workforce for job opportunities.
- 4. TBD in October 2023:** EPCHA staff will commence their VITA training with the IRS to once again offer free basic tax return preparation for it housing program resident and surrounding communities.



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