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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF ELGIN RECEIVES 'HIGH-PERFORMER' RATING FROM HUD

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has rated the Housing Authority of Elgin's (HAE) Housing Choice Voucher program as a 'High Performer' for the second straight year. HAE is among a select number of housing authorities, of approximately 3,200 across the country, to achieve a high-performer designation.

HAE Chief Executive Officer, Damon E. Duncan said, "HAE is proud to have achieved this designation at a time when the agency is simultaneously shifting its business model. Our staff has worked hard while balancing a multi-faceted program that includes Project Based Vouchers for other development in Kane county and the commonly known Tenant Based program."

In conjunction with its HCV program administration, the Authority has completed over \$50 million in redevelopment using HUD's Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program, converting its entire public housing portfolio in the city of Elgin to Tax Credit Affordable housing.

The recent designation of 'High Performer' is the highest honor bestowed by HUD to housing authorities. HUD requires that all housing authorities meet strict requirements and full compliance with regulations in the operations of their rental assistance program.

Annually, housing authorities undergo the Section 8 Management Assessment (SEMAP) review. Fourteen (14) key areas are evaluated in this review, including the proper selection of applicants from the Housing Choice Voucher waiting list; the determination of reasonable rent for each unit leased; ensuring that units comply with Housing Quality Standards (HQS); and the enrollment of families in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program. Housing authorities scoring at 90% or higher receive the High Performer designation for the year. HAE received a score of 100% during one of the most transformative years in its existence.

The Housing Authority of Elgin is the largest provider of affordable housing in Kane county and was created in 1966.

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