

## Hagerstown Housing Authority

Manages **1,320 Affordable Housing Units**:

Parkside Homes	Douglass Court
Frederick Manor	Noland Village
Walnut Towers	Potomac Towers North & South
Gateway Crossing	C.W. Brooks Mid-Rise
Scattered Sites throughout the City	

Serves **884 families with Housing Choice Vouchers**

**and 59 VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) families**

(used to assist with rent from private landlords in the City) generating

**\$7,048,997.00** into the City each year!

**12%** of the population of Hagerstown receives a rental subsidy from the Authority

Out of the total population of 40,452 (US Census Bureau) in Hagerstown, the Authority currently serves: **2,222 families** with a total number of **4,563 residents** including: **550 disabled, 169 elderly, 55 veterans.**

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### Long Waiting Lists for Rental Assistance

**10,020** applicants on the waiting lists includes, **5,814** families with an income below **30%** of area median income (AMI).

According to the Census Bureau 2016 estimate, Hagerstown has a **27.3%** poverty level with a median per capita household income in the City of **\$21,759.**

### Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS)

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) is a HUD program that encourages communities to develop local strategies to help families obtain employment that will lead to economic independence and self-sufficiency.

- The FSS program currently has 135 participants (with 95 in Public Housing and 40 in the Housing Choice Voucher program).
- Current participants have **increased their earned income from an average of \$4,481.98 to \$29,382.99 per year.** Due to the increase in earned income, these participants have **escrowed (via the FSS program) an average of \$6,988.01** towards a variety of life purchases.
- Over the past 5 years, **12 FSS participants have become homeowners** due to the combination of case management and escrows provided by the program

## Revitalization

- The Authority built **Gateway Crossing** as part of the Hope VI project, revitalizing the West End community in 2003. Replacing 210 “Barrick” style homes with 290 mixed-finance units and 62 homeownership units.
- Revitalizing downtown Hagerstown in 2011, the Authority built the **C.W. Brooks Mid-Rise**. A new construction “green” building that is a nationally recognized state of the art senior housing community.
- Plans are underway to redevelop the Noland Village community. The Authority is beginning this project with the **McCleary Hill** Development which is currently in the pre-construction planning stages. Plans for this development show a newly constructed, visually appealing, Multi-Family affordable housing community on the west side of Hagerstown.

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## Safe, Secure, & Well-Maintained Properties

### Security

The Authority has a **full-time staff of Security Officers** that patrol the communities. A recent crime study was done to compare the crime rate of the City with the rate in the Housing Authority communities. This study showed that the **Housing Authority communities’ per capita crime rate is less than half and, in some communities, less than one third of other areas of the City.**

### Maintenance

Properties are well maintained by a **full-time staff of maintenance workers**. They are also **inspected on a regular basis** by not only Housing Authority inspectors, but also, inspectors from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Department of Housing and Community Development.