

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Lisa Osanka, Executive Director

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT UNDER MOVING TO WORK (MTW)  
FOR FY 2020

DATE: June 16, 2020

The Executive Director’s monthly report contains information and statistics for the previous month’s activities as reported by staff and current information from the Executive Director. Underlined/ italicized portions show changes from last month.

GOALS	MAY ACTIVITIES & JUNE UPDATES
<p><b>GOAL 1</b> <b>Implement capital plan</b></p>	<p><b>Capital Projects</b> (new e-procurement has been adopted) The following projects are under contract:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u><i>Scattered Site Re-Paving Phase I -closing</i></u></li> <li>▪ <u><i>Scattered Site Re-Paving Phase III - closing</i></u></li> <li>▪ United Building First Floor Offices</li> <li>▪ Sanitary Sewer Modifications at 760 S. Hancock Street - closing</li> <li>▪ Dosker Manor Hot Water Replacement</li> <li>▪ Porter Paints Demolition</li> </ul> <p>Upcoming Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Foundation Repairs at 8018 Third Street Road</li> <li>▪ Parkway Place Re-Roofing Phase I – re-bidding</li> <li>▪ Parkway Place Re-Roofing Phase II</li> <li>▪ Lourdes Hall Renovations &amp; Maintenance Shop Addition</li> <li>▪ Will E. Seay Plaza Exterior Renovations</li> <li>▪ Temple Spears Roof Replacement</li> <li>▪ Temple Spears Renovations</li> <li>▪ Scattered Sites Bathroom Renovations</li> <li>▪ 2754 Montana Avenue Renovations</li> <li>▪ Five Year Energy Audit</li> </ul>

## **GOAL 2**

### **Create new housing stock**

- LMHA staff continues to work with the Executive Director on acquisitions for additional housing. Efforts to “scatter” new units throughout the Metro area have been particularly successful. The Newbridge Place Property with 27 PBV units to be counted towards Beecher Terrace replacement housing closed in June 2019.

#### **Beecher Terrace Demolition and New Construction**

- Cardinal Demolition, the contractor for the first phase of demolition (Buildings 51-59), began work in August 2018. Demolition of these first nine buildings was completed in January 2019.
- Site prep, infrastructure and construction on the Phase I building began in March 2019. The official groundbreaking for the Phase I building occurred March 29, 2019.
- Messer is overseeing the demolition and abatement processes for the Phase II demolition area (Buildings 22-50), which has been sub-contracted to Innovative Demolition and NEC. Notices to proceed were issued on February 1, 2019. Work on Phases 2a, 2b and 2c has been completed.
- Phase 2 construction Notice to Proceed was issued on July 30, 2019.
- Phase 3 construction contract documents were bid on November 6, 2019; bid opening occurred on December 19, 2019; work is scheduled to begin in July 2020.
- The work on Phase III Demolition which is between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets and Jefferson Street and Muhammad Ali Blvd., will begin subsequent to archeological work on the site.

LMHA is reviewing multiple sites as PBV replacement housing for Beecher Terrace.

#### **Sheppard Square Home Ownership New Construction**

- An RFQ for a homeownership developer was issued on June 4, 2015 and one proposal was received on July 8, 2015. The one respondent withdrew their proposal. LMHA has prepared 23 individual lots for private development. Lots will be sold to individuals/builders that are ready to construct. A LOI was issued on February 8, 2017 to secure builders.

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- A new LOI has been assembled to reflect current information regarding Homeownership opportunities and new Point of Contact.

LMHA is accepting applications from potential homeowners. Habitat has been approved to build 2 homes and permit applications have been submitted. Habitat is planning to start construction of lot #22 (755 John Little St.)

LMHA continues to work with River City Housing to obtain the documents needed prior to signing the Construction Agreement for Lot #15.

**Friary**

- A proposal to redevelop the Friary was received from the Marian Group and approved by the LMHA Board of Commissioners on April 21, 2015. The Marian Group proposal has been approved by the local HUD office and also by the HUD-Strategic Applications Center (SAC) for the Friary disposition approval. A revised proposal that included the updated construction/rehab costs was received on November 15, 2017 and was submitted to the LMHA Board of Commissioners for approval on December 12, 2017. LMHA provided a commitment letter to the Marian Group for this project, subject to the HUD approval conditions. Marian Group has received the requested FY 2017 tax credits for the Friary project and has met with LMHA staff to determine the next steps to commence the rehabilitation project. The LMHA Staff and the Marian Group submitted the Development Proposal to HUD-DC on November 16, 2018. The HUD-DC Development Proposal and Mixed Finance Evidentiary documents were approved. The transaction closed in February 2019. Construction is now in progress. Monthly site meetings will occur until project completion which is scheduled for 2020. Project completion will be delayed as the Kentucky State Historical Preservation Office only recently approved the replacement for windows.

**Liberty Green Development**

- The Louisville Chemical Building has been purchased by City Properties/Bill Weyland (which is now Weyland Ventures, WV). The building is being converted to a Micro-Boutique Hotel with 16 rooms. It will be called Hancock House and should be completed in 2020.

WV has developed 268 units plus the 100-unit extended

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<p><b>GOAL 3</b>  <b>Develop and implement</b>  <b>management improvements</b></p>	<p><b>Moving to Work</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ LMHA's FY 2019 MTW Annual Report was submitted to HUD on September 30, 2019. There is no specific timetable for HUD review and acceptance of the Report.</li> <li>▪ LMHA's FY 2021 MTW Annual Plan was approved at the April Board meeting. The Plan was submitted to HUD on April 23, 2020, and is awaiting HUD review and approval. <u>As part of the Plan review process, on May 26, 2020, HUD requested additional information on the Vision Russell target area homeownership demographics. As per the Board approved Plan, LMHA proposes to provide voucher program assistance to housing cost-burdened low-income homeowners in the Vision Russell Transformation Plan target area who purchased their homes prior to the June 2016 submission date of the Transformation Plan. LMHA provided HUD with the requested data on May 28.</u></li> </ul>

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#### Smoke-Free Housing

- On December 5, 2016 HUD published a final Smoke-Free Housing Rule in the Federal Register that requires each public housing agency to implement a smoke-free policy. The effective date of this policy was July 30, 2018. More specifically PHA's were mandated to implement a policy banning the use of prohibited tobacco products in all public housing living units and in agency administrative office buildings. The smoke-free policy must also extend to all outdoor areas within 25 feet of public housing and administrative office buildings.

LMHA has completed its implementation of a mandatory smoke-free policy in accordance with HUD regulations. LMHA will continue its ongoing efforts to properly enforce the policy. Additionally, LMHA received a grant through the American Cancer Society to work with Shawnee Christian Health Center and the Kentucky Quitline on tobacco cessation classes and data collection. The Freedom from Smoking classes were offered to public housing residents at housing facilities by Shawnee in conjunction with the American Lung Association. All public housing residents have access to nicotine replacement therapy and counseling through the Kentucky Quitline and Shawnee. Seven (7) residents are enrolled in the Will E. Seay Freedom from Smoking Class. Shawnee has been working with the resident councils to coordinate dates for additional classes and to identify health champions to attend Freedom from Smoking facilitator classes with the goal of conducting classes for residents at public housing properties.

Shawnee with the assistance of the Plan to Be Tobacco Free of U of L conducted health fairs at public housing properties to promote Quitline services during May-July. The mid-year report was submitted and accepted by the American Cancer Society. The Great American Smokeout Event occurred on November 21 at 5-7 PM at Parkhill Community Center to capture Parkway Place families. While the primary goal was to focus attention on smoking cessation, other vendors offered oral health screening and education on carbon monoxide detection. 311 people attended the event and 50 people committed to quit smoking ACS extended the grant activity period to May 31, 2020. Shawnee continues to work with staff at the United Building to offer classes to Housing Choice Voucher participants. Given operational holds, Shawnee is working on methods of outreach to HCV participants taking social

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distancing measures into account.

**Section 3**

- See attached report.

**Special Programs**

- We currently have 322 homeowners who have purchased with the homeownership program (111 of which were in the FSS program). There has been 1 default and 62 homebuyers have left the program successfully (7 had a reduction in income and returned to our program). Currently 25 potential homebuyers are in the process or in the pipeline applying for this program. Participants continue to buy homes in nearly all areas of Louisville Metro except council districts 16 and 17.
- The Special Program staff held no (0) FSS (Family Self-Sufficiency) recruitment orientations in May due to the coronavirus pandemic. No (0) residents attended and none enrolled in the FSS program. Staff holds monthly orientations to encourage resident participation. The Department also publishes a monthly FSS newsletter for active participants, keeping them up to date on the FSS program activity.

**Family Self-Sufficiency Program Agency-Wide**

- Totals as of 5/31/2020  
Signed contracts of participation:  
Public Housing—71  
Section 8—149  
# employed\*:  
Public Housing – 48 or 67%  
Section 8 –89 or 59%  
\*work 20 hrs. minimum  
PH escrow accounts: 68 (\$319,572.74)  
Section 8 escrow accounts: 90 (\$329,320.84)
- LMHA was awarded ConnectHomeUSA cohort status in August 2017. The goal of this program is to connect 35% of HUD-assisted housing residents to low-cost Internet service. To help achieve this goal, LMHA's ConnectHomeUSA staff offers low-cost internet sign-ups at all public housing sites. As of May 2020, a total of 488 laptops and desktop computers have been distributed to public housing residents, including 148 BT residents. LMHA is working with Urban Strategies to continue distribution of computers to former BT residents. LMHA

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ConnectHomeUSA staff continually look to acquire donated computers to be reimaged with Google or Linux Mint Operating System. Computer use, and Digital skills training is offered at a computer center in Parkway Place (There were no sign-ins in May) to provide HUD-assisted housing residents with an opportunity to learn basic computer functions, etc. In May, no (0) residents received computer training. Computer training and computer lab hours are on hold during the COVID-19 crisis.

#### **LMHA IDA Program**

- A total of eight (8) LMHA families are enrolled in IDA. No new accounts were opened.

#### **Parkway Works**

- Parkway Works update: LMHA created a resident services program to address the needs of the residents at Parkway Place. Parkway Works is designed to connect residents to various supportive services through case management provided by an onsite Social Worker. She works closely with the residents to identify job training and educational opportunities, to secure employment, and to obtain any other goals the families identify as they move towards being self-sufficient. In May, fifty-two (52) residents received services.

During May, no (0) needs assessments were completed (to-date 103 completed). No families were transferred to LMHA's FSS Program (to-date 29 families transferred). No families transferred to Scattered Sites or Section 8. No Parkway residents obtained employment in May and one (1) Parkway resident was enrolled in the AT&T Access Program or Spectrum low cost Internet programs; 111 to date. Forty-Five (45) residents were contacted for wellness checks. Thirty-one (31) referrals were made to various resources and employers: AT&T, TARC, JCPS, YMCA, LMHA's FSS program and area employers.

#### **Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI)**

#### **CNI IMPLEMENTATION GRANT:**

- \$29.575M awarded to LMHA/LMG on December 12, 2016 and leveraged with over \$205M in additional funding sources to provide relocation and supportive services for Beecher Terrace (BT) households including case management; raze and revitalize the BT site and create off-

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site BT replacement housing units in neighborhoods of opportunity; and make other critical community improvements (CCIs) within the Russell neighborhood.

**CNI SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING GRANT:**

- \$4M was awarded to LMHA on December 23, 2019 to help cover increased costs related to the construction of Beecher Terrace replacement units. All supplemental grant funds must be expended by September 30, 2025.

**People Component, Urban Strategies, Inc. (USI):**

- USI is leading the People Plan component of the Choice grant, including working with our extensive supportive service provider network to ensure that leverage commitments and the CNI grant funds are used to best support the needs of BT residents. USI reports separately to the LMHA Board (see attached for the People section). Their May report is attached, as well as a survey results on COVID-19 related needs of Beecher residents.

**Beecher Terrace Relocation:**

- LMHA received HUD approval for three phases of relocation with multiple Initiations of Negotiations (ION) dates. LMHA also applied for and received Section 8 Total Tenant Protection Vouchers (TPVs) for each phase, which were all utilized within the required timeframe.

-Phase I (Buildings 51-59, 117 units/107 occupied as of ION date) families relocated from May-December 2017.

-Phase II (Buildings 21-50, 384 units/296 occupied as of ION date) relocated from February 2018 – February 2019.

Phase III households (Buildings 1-20, 253 units/168 occupied as of ION date) relocated from February-October 2019.

Initial Housing choices among all relocated families:

Housing Choice Vouchers – 219  
Public Housing including Scattered Sites – 276  
Privately managed HOPE VI Sites– 38  
Market-Rate Units – 3  
Home Purchase – 2  
Other – 33

**Reoccupancy and Wait List:**

Reoccupancy packets were mailed out to Original Beecher Terrace residents the first week in April 2020. Residents



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were provided with a pre-application and postage-paid envelope to return to LMHA. The waiting list for replacement units will be developed from responses to this mailing. The original deadline of April 29 to be entered into a lottery for placement on the waiting list was extended to May 13 due to COVID-19. A virtual Beecher Terrace Resident Reoccupancy Meeting took place on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 from 6-7:30 pm, using ZOOM technologies. The meeting presentation, packet contents, and a FAQ are available at [www.VisionRussell.org](http://www.VisionRussell.org).

The lottery was held just prior to the May board meeting and was made public via Zoom in real-time. There were 202 pre-applications included in the lottery, and over 50 residents were in attendance. A brief Q&A followed the lottery.

#### **Development Activities by McCormack Baron Salazar (MBS):**

- Messer Construction continued work on the Phase I housing development, which closed on March 4-5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Construction on the four-story 117-unit (114 PBV/Replacement and 3 Other Affordable) building for persons age 55+ is progressing on schedule and anticipated to be ready for occupancy in early Fall 2020.

Phase 2A (Buildings 32-36) and Phase 2B (Buildings 37-50) demolition is complete. Phase 2C (Buildings 21-31) demolition is complete except for Building 21. Demolition was initially delayed on Building 21 as it contained the heating control system for the entire site. Building 21 demolition will proceed shortly. Through coordination efforts, the abatement process and the archaeology dig for Phase III are both underway. Upon completion of archaeology in specific areas, Phase III building demolition will begin. The archaeological timeframe is expected to be 3-4 months; however, it is dependent upon what is found during exploration. As of May 21, 2020, 5 of the 7 sites on the southside has been explored, with no significant findings due to the amount of disruption the sites have seen over the years. Once complete with the southside, they will then move to the 6 sites on the northside.

Progress continues on the mitigation activities outlined within Programmatic Agreement and Letter of Resolution (LOR) that were developed with Consulting Parties for the first development stage at BT. A Consulting Parties meeting

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was held on June 4, 2020. Presentation and notes from all consulting meetings are available at [www.visionrussell.org](http://www.visionrussell.org). The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for September 3.

The Year 3 CDBG application was approved and executed in August 2019. Funds in the amount of \$3.125M were awarded on July 11, 2019 and will be used towards demolition and infrastructure costs.

The closing for Phase II housing development took place on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Nine percent (9%) tax credits from KHC are being leveraged with CNI grant funds and other sources to develop a total of 108 units family units (43 PBV/Replacement, 15 Other Affordable/50 Market rate). Construction began on June 29, 2019, is moving forward as expected, and it is anticipated that buildings will be ready for occupancy in Fall 2020, soon after Phase I is complete.

A pre-bid contractor's informational meeting for Beecher Terrace Phase III was held on November 11, 2019 at Liberty Green. Architectural drawings were released on November 4, and bids were submitted to MBS on December 19, 2019. Messer Construction was selected and approved by the LMHA Board in February.

LMHA's Board of Commissioners and the Kentucky Housing Corporation previously approved a request to merge Housing Phases III and Phase IV into one combined Phase III that will result in 185 units. The combined Phase III will require two set-asides of 9% credits from KHC. MBS and the architectural team have updated the cost estimates for the combined Phase III and HUD approved the revised housing plan on October 1, 2019.

**Baxter Community Center / Porter Paints / Old Walnut Park**

LMHA and LMG are continuing to work with MBS and Urban Design Associates to gather community input and further develop conceptual plans for the future uses of Baxter Community Center and the Porter Paints site, and the replacement of Old Walnut Park. Conference calls were held with a Russell Leadership group on April 20<sup>th</sup> and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to further refine the master planning process and determine any design parameters. Additional meetings with the Russell Leadership group and the SHPO will be held in mid-June, and outreach with the broader community is

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anticipated to begin in late June.

**Critical Community Improvement Projects:**

- In addition to housing redevelopment, the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation program allows for a portion of the grant to be used towards Critical Community Improvement (CCI) projects within the Russell neighborhood.

A total of \$2,495,750 in Choice funds has been allocated to the CCI projects. LMG is contributing an additional \$2,050,000 to the CCI projects and another \$7,034,073 is being contributed by other partners, including \$230,000 from LMHA. Two resolutions detailing the Choice funding and leverage commitments between LMG and LMHA per Interagency Government Agreements were approved by the Board at the July 16, 2019 meeting and fully executed on August 26, 2019. LMHA staff developed the attached report to depict the status of each step that must be completed prior to implementing each CCI project.

**Historic Quinn Chapel:**

- CCI funds in the amount of \$300,000 will be used to stabilize the historic Quinn Chapel, which is owned by the YMCA. Develop Louisville of LMG will lead the implementation. Stabilization efforts will address structural issues so that the building can be preserved for future uses. LMG has also been granted \$450,000 from the National Park Service for this project. LMG selected EOP Architects to manage the stabilization work, which began in January 2020 and is anticipated to conclude by July 2022.

Emergency stabilization work on the front porch is complete. All of the decorative tiles have been removed from the front porch and placed into storage. The arches have been temporarily supported with wood to preserve the porch, and will be repaired during the stabilization work. LMG has submitted a Section 106 review to the National Park Service for the remainder of the work and is awaiting a response before work may proceed. The National Register of Historic Places nomination went to the state review board in April. LMG was awarded an additional \$500,000 grant from the National Park Service for a second phase of stabilization work to the Quinn Chapel. The goal of the Phase II is to have a complete watertight shell.

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#### **18th Street Corridor CCI Project:**

- CCI funds in the amount of \$1,236,250 will be used to implement block-by-block improvements to the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor and nearby blocks. This CCI activity includes owner-occupied rehab, rental rehab, vacant lot acquisition and rehab for commercial use. LMG is leading implementation of these initiatives.

Louisville Metro Government's Louisville Forward team is working with One West and Chef Space, two community partners in West Louisville, to revitalize the 18th Street commercial corridor. OneWest has received general contractor RFP submissions for the rehab of the shotgun houses at 516, 518, and 520 S. 18th Street, and will be meeting with an architect during the next quarter. OneWest is finalizing the purchase of 518 S. 18th Street from Community Ventures Corporation, which will also be complete in the first quarter, 2020. The shotgun houses will be transformed into "white box" retail space, serving as incubators for Chef Space's food entrepreneur graduates. An adjoining vacant lot will serve as outdoor seating / patio space.

LMHA and LMG staff met with OneWest on September 5, 2019 regarding a potential mixed-use property to be included in the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor CCI project. OneWest recently purchased a commercial building at the corner of 18<sup>th</sup> and Broadway and is interested in using some of the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor CCI funds to stabilize the structure. Staff has drafted a proposal for the project and anticipates submitting it to HUD for review in Spring or Summer 2020, once confirmation of leverage contributions to the project are received from LMG and OneWest.

Regarding homeowner and rental rehab, the Office of Housing started taking new applications for the Russell Homeowner Repair Program (RHRP) on July 1, 2019. The program will leverage approximately \$600,000 in CCI funds for façade improvements to properties located along the 18th Street Corridor and in the project area. Over 253 applications have been received, many of which qualified for the Emergency Repair Program. There are currently 27 qualified RHRP projects in the inspections / construction phase. LMG is reassessing all applications received from Russell residents to determine if there are eligibility rules that can be relaxed or removed to qualify more homeowners. The staff is also working on strategies to

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allow the purchase of vacant units/homes in Russell with the repairs/rehab being done post-closing. LMG is tracking the impact of Down Payment assistance in various neighborhoods.

LMG has increased their leverage commitment to Owner-Occupied Rehab on the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor CCI Project by \$390,000, allowing LMHA to reallocate CNI funds towards Commercial Rehab, which will work to bring new services and amenities to the neighborhood. LMHA submitted a proposal to HUD requesting approval for this budget revision, and expects a response by mid-June.

**The Village at West Jefferson:**

- CCI funds in the amount of \$331,000 will be used for buildout of retail and office spaces in a new 30,000 square foot office and retail building at 12<sup>th</sup> and West Jefferson, led by MOLO Village. Urban Initiatives, CDC – a division of McCormick Baron Salazar - has committed to contribute funds as a New Market Tax Credit investor in the The Village at West Jefferson CCI project as of October 31, 2019. Other funding sources committed to this project include the United Church of Christ (UCC) Church Building and Loan Fund, LMG & LMHA funding, and philanthropic support. The Part 58 Environmental Review has been completed by LMG staff, and Request for Release of Funds was granted by HUD on October 16, 2019. A resolution to enter into a MOA with MOLO for this project was approved by LMHA’s Board on December 3, 2019. MOLO closed on their project financing on December 20, 2019 and held a groundbreaking ceremony on January 28, 2020. The concrete foundation walls on the west and south sides are complete, insulation has been installed on the exterior of the walls, as well as backfilling the walls. The west and south stair have been completed, as has the trenching and piping for storm sewer. Over the next several weeks, the north and east foundation walls will be formed and placed, the underground plumbing rough-in work will commence and the prep work for the reinforced steel will be completed. The GC, Koetter Construction, is awaiting the steel to begin this work. Due to shipping delays, the GC anticipates an overall construction completion delay of approximately one month. The projects are at over 70% leased with an additional 10% of space leasing in process. Tenants who have signed their final leases are working with Kovert Hawkins Architects to develop preliminary floor plans for their individual spaces. The LMHA Choice Team will be

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moving to MOLO once construction is complete. That lease has been signed by LMHA and sent to AIM developers for review by lenders, and then to Rev. Dr. Jamesetta Ferguson of MOLO Village for full execution.

**LCCC Business Center:**

- CCI funds in the amount of \$228,500 will be used for build out of retail and office space at the Louisville Central Community Center's (LCCC) Old Walnut Street campus. Tenants must be neighborhood-serving small businesses and non-profit service providers. Release of funds was granted by HUD on July 30, 2019 and the drawdown agreement was executed on August 8, 2019. Work is nearing substantial completion in finishing out all suites to a "vanilla box" state.

**Smart City Framework:**

- CCI funds in the amount of \$400,000 will be used to install infrastructure to provide free neighborhood Wi-Fi for residents of the Russell neighborhood. This project is led by LMG Department of Information Technology. The Part 58 Environmental Review has been completed by LMG staff for this project, and HUD has granted permission for grant funds to be used, therefore the project may proceed. CCI funds originally budgeted for public safety cameras have been reallocated to double the number of Wi-Fi hotspots in the neighborhood from 30 to 60. LMG issued an RFP for the Public Wi-Fi network which closed in April. A vendor has been chosen, and LMG anticipates finalizing the contract in June 2020 after the FY2021 city budget hearings conclude.

**CNI ACTION GRANT:**

- \$1M was awarded to LMHA on June 28, 2016. LMG is contributing an additional \$375,000 in leverage to four Action Activities including new TARC bus shelters called "SmART Stops", improvements to Sheppard Park, repurposed vacant lots, and large-scale gateway murals on select railway overpasses along 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Russell. Because of extensive delays related to several of the projects, LMHA sought and received HUD approval to extend the Action Activity grant deadline to June 30, 2020.

**SmART Stops:**

- Contracts were originally awarded to three design groups for five SmART Stops. All stops are now complete and in use.

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<p><b>GOAL 5</b>  <b>Identify area for possible expansion</b></p>	<p><b>Additional Prospects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We continue to find new purchase opportunities. These would be off-site replacement units. The Newbridge Place Property with 27 PBV units closed in June 2019.</li> </ul>

<p><b>GOAL 6</b> <b>Housing for the elderly</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Property Mgmt. Dept. makes every effort to maintain a high occupancy rate at all of the developments. The overall occupancy rate for all LMHA units is at 88%.</li> </ul> <p>The special leasing incentives continue at Dosker Manor.</p> <p>There has been a vast improvement with the quality and level of security at the high-rises. Incident reports and crime appear to be reduced. The occupancy rate at the elderly high-rise developments is at 93%.</p>
<p><b>GOAL 7</b> <b>Adopting “green” concepts and initiatives – alternative fuel sources</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recycling stations are being planned at the United Building as part of the relocation of the Vine Street Office.</li> <li>▪ The Beecher Terrace Redevelopment Team continues to work on completing the forms and obtaining the necessary supporting documents needed for submitting the LEED ND application to USGBC.</li> </ul>