

## **City Heights**

April 15, 2024 was a bittersweet day for the Housing Authority of Covington (HAC) as our last tenant moved from City Heights. April 15 closed the chapter on a community that has been part of our story for more than 70 years.

HUD approved disposition of City Heights on September 30, 2021, after it was determined it would be too costly to be modernized to today's standards.

For the last 3 years, one by one, families relocated. The first tenant moved out in December 2021.

During this time, HAC staff worked closely with federal and local officials, and partnered with Brighton Center, Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission, and St. Vincent DePaul to assist City Heights families in relocating to their new homes.

In total, eligible City Heights families received more than \$270,000 in financial assistance through HAC's relocation process, averaging between \$1100-\$1700 per family, based on size of household.

Many families also received financial assistance through federal ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act 2021) funding, administered by the City of Covington. In total, nearly \$50,000 in ARPA funds were provided to eligible City Heights families to help pay outstanding utility debt.

Surveys received from relocated residents were overwhelmingly positive about the support received during the relocation process.

In total, 216 tenants were assisted with relocation. 71 moved prior to disposition approval, 3 moved voluntarily without assistance, and 70 were ineligible for assistance.

Of the 216 tenants assisted with relocation:

120 moved to HAC-owned communities

32 moved with Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) – 15 within Kenton County and 17 to other HCV jurisdictions (Cincinnati, Campbell County, others)

64 moved to market rate housing

We extend our sincerest appreciation to our HAC staff for their hard work and undivided attention in support of our City Heights residents during the relocation process. We are also sincerely grateful for the financial assistance and community of support provided to our residents from the Brighton Center, NKY Community Action Commission and St. Vincent de Paul during this time. Finally, we are extremely thankful to each of the following agencies for their on-going support of City Heights families for more than 25 years: St. Augustine Parish Outreach Center, the Ida Spence Mission Church, and NKU's Nurse Advocacy Center for the Underserved (NACU). Their dedication and service to the City Heights community made a lasting difference in the lives of many residents.