

ATTACHMENT B

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF PROGRESS AGAINST THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES ESTABLISHED IN THE PREVIOUS 5-YEAR PLAN FOR THE PERIOD FY 2003-2004.

Marion County Housing Authority has made progress against the goals and objectives established in the previous 5-Year Plan for the period FY 2003-2004 in the following areas:

Increased the availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing by expanding the supply of assisted housing:

- Applied for the maximum rental vouchers allowable by HUD
- Reapply for approximately \$8 million dollars of tax credits, grants and loans for the development of two (2) senior housing projects.

Improved the quality of assisted housing by:

- Increasing customer satisfaction by holding additional meetings to increase resident participation.
- Planning for disposition and sale of 3 public housing units in FY 2005, which will eventually be replaced with newer housing units.
- Planning for partition and sale of a portion of one larger public housing lot, which will improve the management of the property.
- Planning the rehab of 52 units of farm labor housing.

Improved the safety of public housing by:

- Developing and implementing an agency cooperation agreement between the Marion County Sheriff's Department and Marion County Housing.

Increased assisted housing choices by:

- Providing voucher mobility counseling to explain the choices available and how the program works.
- Conducting outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords by holding landlord meetings to inform and assist future landlords, who may be interested in participating in the assisted housing programs.

Promoted self-sufficiency and asset development of families and individuals by:

- Providing supportive services to improve assistance recipients' employability through the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program.

MCHA ensured equal opportunity in housing for all Americans by:

- Marion County has undertaken affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, family status and disability by ensuring that staff was trained in fair housing requirements.
- Marion County has undertaken affirmative measures to provide a suitable living environment for families living in assisted housing, regardless of race, color religion, national origin, sex, family status and disability by making capital improvements to several major projects. Improvements were made to provide easier access to the garbage disposal area for seniors. Accessible routes were created from parking areas to walkways.
- Marion County has undertaken affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all varieties of disabilities regardless of unit size required. The Housing Agency has renovated both family and senior housing units to accommodate wheelchair accessibility. The types of improvements included lowering hood range controls, creating clear knee space under kitchen sinks, modifying kitchen countertops for knee clearance, lowering thresholds for wheelchairs, creating an accessible route to playground equipment and widening bathroom doorways.