



**2021 ANNUAL REPORT**  
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# **HOLLYWOOD HOUSING AUTHORITY MISSION**

For over 47 years Hollywood Housing Authority has worked to achieve its mission of creating affordable housing and opportunities for self-sufficiency that enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Hollywood, Florida. We will continue our mission while serving our residents with the highest degree of professional courtesy, empathy, and respect.

## **Public Housing Properties**

2021 continued a year of changes and adapting for our Housing Authority. Reducing the risk of COVID-19 community spread continued to be our top priority.

Throughout 2021, we continued providing as much information as possible to all our residents of the importance of maintaining social distancing, always wearing a face mask, and the distribution of written materials directly from the CDC website.

For Apollo Terrace (Family Public Housing Residents), we continued to encourage our residents to correspond through e-mail and/or fax to provide documentation needed to comply with HUD's rules regarding changes that residents needed to report. For Driftwood Terrace (Elderly Public Housing Residents), our residents continued to drop-off rent payments, documents needed to conduct their annual recertification renewals, work orders, or if residents wanted to report any other changes.

In addition, hand sanitizing stations were added to Driftwood Terrace's lobby area, a large flat screen wall mounted TV was also added, in which CDC guidelines are constantly displayed for our residents, guests and employees. Furthermore, Driftwood Terrace's parking lot area lights were also updated with LED lights to increase safety for our residents and guests. To increase curb appeal, and for the overall enjoyment of our Driftwood Terrace residents, the landscaping was updated.

The Apollo Terrace and Driftwood Terrace community rooms continued to be closed to our residents due to COVID-19, and no events were held.

The Apollo Terrace parking lot area lights were updated to LED and additional security cameras were installed at the property.

The Hollywood Housing Authority continued to request a police detail for our Apollo Terrace property, thereby increasing safety for our residents and their guests.

## **Section 8 Vouchers**

The Hollywood Housing Authority continued to assist over 700 families through the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP), also known as Section 8. In addition, we continued to administer over 200 Section 8 families who transferred their Section 8 voucher to our jurisdiction.

The Housing Authority continued to adapt on how we handled our day-to-day operations due to COVID-19. To achieve this, we added additional user-friendly interactive tools and maps for our residents and our community to our Hollywood Housing Authority website. This allowed for our Housing Authority to continue to provide our community with these extra interactive tools needed for our families to better assist them with the information they need to continue to participate in the HCVP.

## **SRO**

The Hollywood Housing Authority worked in partnership with Henderson Behavioral Mental Health Clinic. We continued to administer over 35 1- bedroom Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units for formerly homeless individuals within the City of Hollywood.

## **Hollywood Village Apartments**

Throughout 2021 Hollywood Village apartments continued to be fully leased. We have begun the preliminary process of the 40-year certification inspection. Additional security cameras were installed throughout the property for the security of the residents.