

MESA HOUSING SERVICES GOVERNING BOARD

September 27, 2018

The Mesa Housing Services Governing Board of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on September 27, 2018 at 7:34 a.m.

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT

John Giles, Chairman*
Mark Freeman
Christopher Glover
Francisco Heredia
David Luna
Gary Nelson
Kevin Thompson
Jeremy Whittaker

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Dee Ann Mickelsen
Jim Smith

(*Chairman Giles participated in the meeting through the use of telephonic equipment.)

1. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

2. Approval of minutes from the June 28, 2018 meeting.

It was moved by Boardmember Freeman, seconded by Boardmember Glover, that the minutes from the June 28, 2018 Mesa Housing Services Governing Board meeting be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles-Freeman-Glover-Heredia-Luna-Nelson-Thompson-Whittaker
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

3-a. Hear a presentation and discuss updates to the City's Housing Choice Voucher Programs including utilization, funding, and expenditures.

Housing and Community Development Director Liz Morales introduced Housing Supervisor Mary Brandon who displayed a PowerPoint presentation. **(See Attachment 1)**

Ms. Brandon provided an update on the number of vouchers distributed so far in 2018. She reported VASH Vouchers utilization currently sits at 76% and the goal is to be at or below 100%

by the end of the calendar year. She stated staff is hoping to meet the goal by working diligently with VA caseworkers. (See Page 2 of Attachment 1)

Ms. Morales highlighted the additional vouchers the City has been awarded. She noted the Mainstream Vouchers will serve individuals that are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, institutionalized, or at risk of becoming institutionalized. She anticipates utilizing the vouchers for community members that are currently homeless in an effort to provide housing resources for these individuals. She explained the Family Unification Vouchers will assist individuals that are at risk or have been separated from their families due to a lack of housing. She reported staff will find out later this year if the Family Unification Vouchers are awarded to the City. (See Page 3 of Attachment 1)

Ms. Brandon detailed the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Grant the City received. She explained the funds from the grant will be used to help homeless individuals and/or families with the application fees. She explained the average cost of the fees is approximately \$50. She added the grant funds will also be used to pay the utility bills for homeless individuals and/or families and vacancy payments will be given to landlords that agree to lease to a homeless individual or family. (See Page 4 of Attachment 1)

In response to a question posed by Chairman Giles, Ms. Morales remarked the VASH Vouchers are not being fully utilized because staff is having a difficult time finding veterans that qualify for the VASH Vouchers due to the eligibility requirements. She added staff and the VA are having discussions with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on how the criteria could be adjusted in order to serve more homeless veterans and fully utilize the VASH Vouchers.

Boardmember Nelson advised he has utilized the VASH program and is very grateful for the assistance provided to veterans.

4. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Mesa Housing Services Governing Board meeting adjourned at 7:46 a.m.

JOHN GILES, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mesa Housing Services Governing Board meeting of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 27th day of September, 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

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(Attachment – 1)

Housing Services Governing Board

Quarterly Update

Liz Morales & Mary Brandon

September 27, 2018



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Housing Services Governing Board Updates

Updates

CY 2018 Voucher Utilization

- Housing Choice Voucher= 100.3%
 - VASH = 76%
- SEMAP was submitted to HUD

Housing Services Governing Board Updates

What's Happening

- Applied for additional vouchers
- Mainstream – **awarded 28**
 - Assistance for disabled families and individuals
 - \$166,858 award
- Family Unification Vouchers
 - Application submitted 7/24/18

Housing Services Governing Board Updates

What's Happening

- Landlord Seminar for East Valley owners/property management/realtors
 - October 11, 2018 9:00am-1:00pm
 - Mesa Convention Center – Palo Verde Room
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Grant award of \$51,000 for Landlord Incentive Program.

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PHA reporting to HGB

Housing Assistance Payments

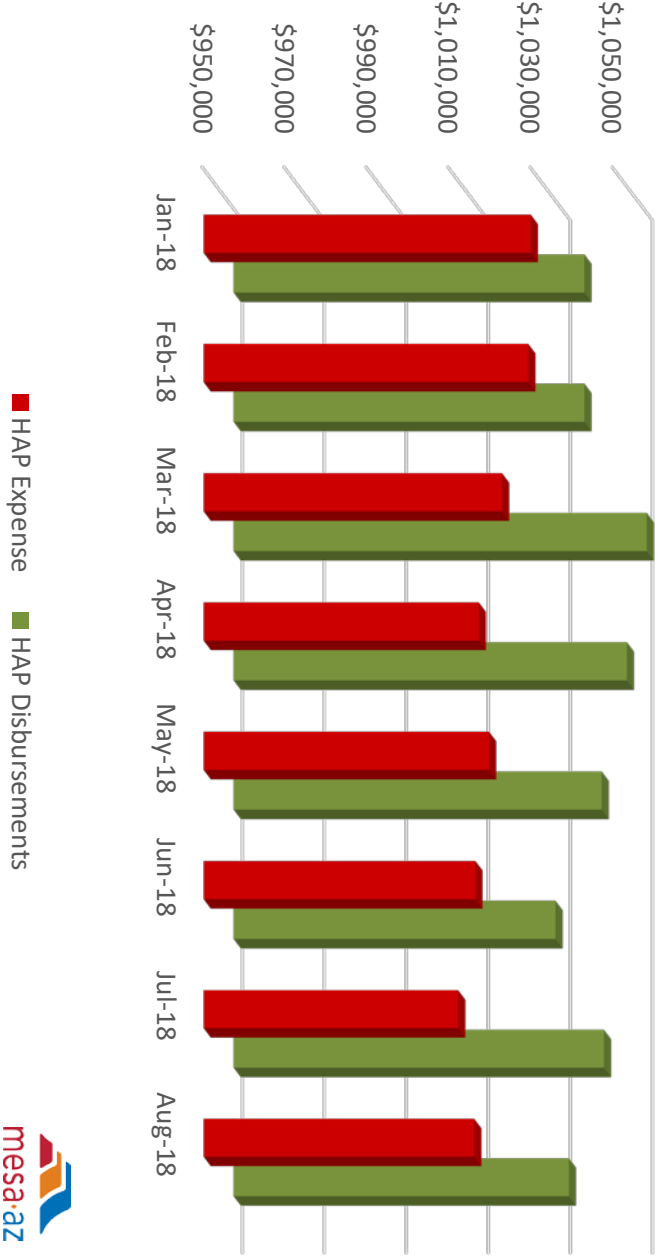
CY2018 Renewal Eligibility	\$12,554,923
CY2018 Pro-Ration Factor	99.745% HCV and 100% MS
CY2018 HAP Funding Allocation	\$12,524,372
Additional HAP Funding Allocated June 15, 2018 for CY2017	\$ 9,302
CY2018 HAP BUDGET AUTHORITY	\$12,533,674

CY 2018 HAP Funding
\$12,533,674

CY 2018 HAP
Expenses to Date
\$8,163,161 (65%)

- 12/2017 Total HAP Reserves \$473,019

**CALENDAR YEAR 2018 HAP
HCV, VASH & MAINSTREAM**

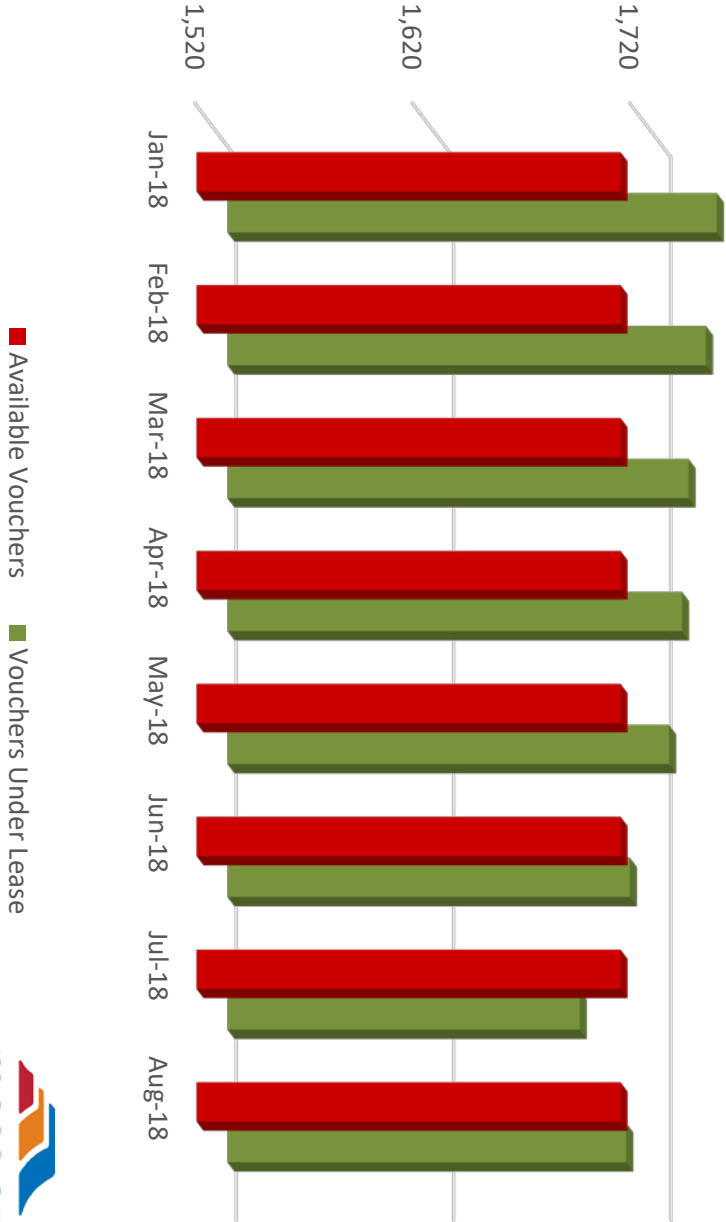


**CY 2018 Unit
Months Available
(Jan-Aug) 13,720**

**CY 2018 Unit
Months Leased
(Jan-Aug) 13,761**

CY 2018 UML 100.3%

**CALENDAR YEAR 2018 UNIT MONTHS LEASED
HCV, VASH & MAINSTREAM**

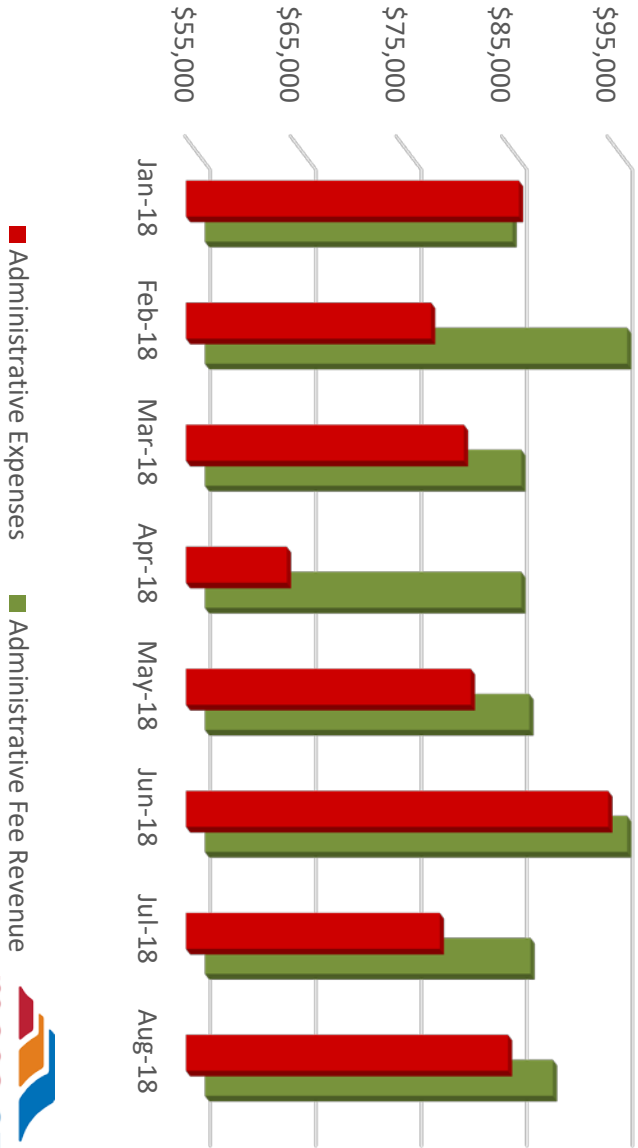


CY 2018 Admin Fee
Funding \$1,108,521

CY 2018 Est. Admin
Expense \$1,046,131

- 12/31/2017 Admin
Reserves \$285,275

CALENDAR YEAR 2018 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE
HCV, VASH & MAINSTREAM



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Questions?