

Mesa Housing Services Governing Board Report

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To: Housing Services Governing Board

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Subject: Approvals for Mesa Housing Services Programs

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is for the Mesa Housing Services Governing Board (“Board”) to:

1. Hear a presentation from staff on Mesa Housing Services programs and FY 2026/2027 Annual Plan and revision(s) to the Administrative Plan.
2. Conduct a public hearing and take action on a resolution approving the City of Mesa Public Housing Agency (PHA) Annual Plan for FY 2026/2027 and authorizing the Chairman of the Board to submit the City of Mesa PHA Annual Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
3. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) annual grant in the amount of \$86,000.

1 – Hear a presentation on Mesa Housing Services programs and updates to the Administrative Plan, and FY 2026/2027 Annual Plan.

Background

The City of Mesa Housing Authority submitted a Five-Year Housing Plan in April 2025 that outlines its goals and objectives from 2025-2030 to assist families in the City of Mesa with rental subsidy under the Housing Choice Voucher Program. The Annual Plan provides an update on the 5-Year Plan.

As part of the requirements for continued funding the Housing Plan must be reviewed and approved by the Housing Governing Board before submission to HUD.

The Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan (Admin Plan) is a HUD-required document that establishes the policies governing the administration of the Housing Choice Voucher Program. The revision(s) to the Admin Plan are attached for review and are scheduled to become effective July 1, 2026.

2 - Conduct a public hearing and take action on a resolution approving the City of Mesa PHA Annual Plan for FY 2026/2027 and authorizing the Chairman of the Board to submit the Annual Plan to the U.S. Department of HUD.

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose is for the Mesa Housing Services Governing Board (“Board”) to open a Public Hearing to review and solicit comments from the general public regarding Mesa Housing Authority’s proposed FY 2026/2027 PHA Annual Plan.

Staff are recommending that the Board adopt a resolution for the approval of the FY 2026/2027 PHA Annual Plan.

Background

The 1998 Federal Housing Act requires all Public Housing Authorities to complete and submit an Annual Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and that the public be given the opportunity to provide comments. The purpose of the Plan is to outline the goals, objectives, and methodology the agency will use to provide assisted and affordable housing through the use of federal funds in Mesa.

Since February 1, 2026, the proposed FY 2026/2027 PHA Annual Plan has been available electronically for review by the general public and can be found on the City’s Housing Services website at: <https://www.mesaaz.gov/housing>

A 45-day public comment period regarding the proposed FY 2026/2027 PHA Annual Plan began on Sunday, February 1, 2026, and concluded at the end of business on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. Public comments were accepted anytime during the 45-day public comment period.

Discussion

The FY 2026/2027 PHA Annual Plan has been drafted and attached for review and approval.

Staff have incorporated input from the Resident Advisory Board in the FY 2026/2027 PHA Annual Plan on January 26, 2026.

The FY 2026/2027 PHA Annual Plan is attached to this report with the following HUD required attachments to the Plan:

Mesa Housing Authority PHA Annual Plan
Attachment A: Resident Advisory Board Minutes January 26, 2026
Attachment B: HUD 50077-SL Certification by State of Local Officials of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidation Plan
Attachment C: HUD 50077-CR Civil Rights Certificate
Attachment D: Modifications to the Administrative Plan
Attachment E: Public Notice February 1, 2026

City staff are recommending that the Board approve the FY 2026/2027 PHA Annual Plan. Upon Board approval, the entire package will be submitted to HUD for final approval.

3 - Adopt a resolution authorizing acceptance of the Family Self-Sufficiency Program Grant

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose is for the Mesa Housing Services Governing Board (“Board”) to adopt a resolution authorizing acceptance of the annual Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program grant.

Background

The FSS Program supports the HUD strategic goal of increasing economic opportunity for HUD-assisted families. The FSS grant, in the amount of \$86,000, provides funding to support the salary of one FSS Program Specialist who assists families receiving housing assistance through the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. The FSS Program Specialist develops local strategies to connect participating families to public and private resources to increase their earned income and financial empowerment, reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance, and make progress toward self-sufficiency.

Mesa Housing Services administers the FSS Program, a voluntary program designed to help Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) participants work towards self-sufficiency. Housing Services applies for the FSS grant annually to fund the FSS Specialist position that supports participating families.

Coordinated With

These meetings meet the Citizen Participation requirements set by HUD for participation in these federal programs.