

APPENDIX Q: Initiative Summary

Housing Authority of the City of Charlotte
Moving Forward Initiatives Summary

APPROVED HUD INITIATIVES	DESCRIPTION	FISCAL YEAR IDENTIFIED	STATUS
Biennial Review	Re-certifications for all CHA households are conducted bi-annually; criminal background checks are conducted at recertification for family members 16 years of age or older.	2008-2009	Implemented FY2010-2011 Ongoing
Rent Reform and Work Requirement	Rent calculation modified and minimum rent increased. A hardship policy is in place. A Work Requirement Initiative was implemented in FY 2010 – 2011 for households receiving case management.	2009-2010	Implemented FY2010-2011 Ongoing
Site-based waiting lists Public Housing and Project Based Section 8.	All public housing and Project-based Section 8 property waiting lists are managed at the site level. Applicants must apply at the site for occupancy.	2008-2009	Implemented FY2008-2009 Ongoing
Occupancy Training	CHA provides "Good Neighbors" type training for all new and existing Housing Choice Voucher and public housing participants to assist families in their acclimation into a neighborhood.	2007-2008	Implemented FY2007-2008 Ongoing
Adopt investment policies consistent with state law	CHA adopted investment policies that are consistent with state law to achieve a portfolio which is safer, more liquid and obtains competitive yield.	2008-2009	Implemented FY2008-2009 Ongoing
Modify Project-Based Section 8 inspection procedures	CHA received approval from HUD to waive the requirement for an initial Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspection on newly constructed Project-Based Section 8 units and utilize local building standards inspection and subsequent issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) as a substitution of the initial or move-in inspection.	2008-2009	Implemented FY2008-2009 Ongoing
Community Based Rental Assistance (Project-Based Section 8 Process)	Simplified the selection process in order to maximize the number of quality Section 8 assisted units throughout Charlotte.	2008-2009	Implemented FY2008-2009 Ongoing
Housing for persons with disabilities, special needs and homeless	CHA created and enhanced relationships with local social service provider agencies by working with nonprofit providers on new supportive housing projects.	2008-2009	Implemented FY2008-2009 Ongoing
Resident Safety Initiatives	The Resident Safety Department expanded the types of crime prevention initiatives and program enforcement initiatives for CHA public housing sites.	2009-2010	Implemented FY2009-2010 Ongoing
Moving Forward Supportive Services	The Moving Forward Supportive Services is designed to stabilize and improve families by fortifying them through education, life skills, motivation and employment training to compete in the economic marketplace.	2008-2009	Implemented FY2008-2009 Ongoing
Youth Initiatives	CHA is focused on providing services for youth that connect them to programs and services that address truancy, post-secondary education preparation, and academic performance improvement.	2008-2009	Implemented FY2008-2009 Ongoing
Participant and landlord tracking program	The University of North Carolina at Charlotte's (UNCC) utilized a Geographic Information Science (GIS) mapping system to identify voucher holders within Mecklenburg County in order to analyze the	2007-2008	Implemented FY2007-2008 Ongoing

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	census tracts with a large number of Housing Choice voucher holders to assist with deconcentration.		
Increase acquisition and rehabilitation of existing multi-family properties	CHA established a strategy and adopted a policy to increase the acquisition and rehabilitation of existing multifamily properties.	2008-2009	Implemented FY2008–2009 Ongoing
Land Acquisition for Future Use	CHA designed local standards to guide land purchases in desirable, rapidly growing areas to provide more housing choices.	2008-2009	Implemented FY2008–2009 Ongoing
Local Non-Traditional Initiatives	CHA used funds outside of Sections 8 and 9 to: Acquire general partnership interest; construct mixed-income housing; renovate, construct and operate supportive housing; implement a local rental subsidy program and convert units to public housing.	2010-2011	Implemented FY2010–2011 Ongoing