



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Derek Antoine, Executive Director
Knox County Housing Authority
216 W. Simmons Street
309-342-8129 ext. 223

KCHA RECEIVES HIGH PERFORMER DESIGNATION

Galesburg, IL, September 15, 2015 – Knox County Housing Authority has announced that its public housing program was recognized as High Performer by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The agency received an overall score of 91/100 points in the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS). The score is based on physical condition of the properties, financial viability, management aptitude in regard to rent collection and occupancy, and the effectiveness of the Capital Fund Program.

With the High Performer designation, the agency is eligible to receive an additional 3% funding allocation to the agency's Capital Fund, which is used to rehabilitate and modernize the agency's operations, systems, and buildings. Based on this year's Capital Fund allocation, a 3% bonus would result in approximately \$17,000 in additional funding.

"Being a High Performer carries with it a great sense of pride and accomplishment," explained KCHA Executive Director, Derek Antoine. "It is important because the community can rest assured the agency is effectively and responsibly utilizing the federal funding allocated. A well-run public housing program is important to the jurisdiction in which it is located, as the funding we receive is largely put directly to use in the community we serve."

Antoine cites a concerted effort put forth by the entire agency to improve operational effectiveness in all aspects of the programs under the housing authority. "The Knox County Housing Authority is committed not only to maintaining this high standard for our residents and community, but improving it," Antoine stated.

An overall score of 90/100 must be achieved in order for an agency to receive High Performer designation. Antoine, who expects a higher score next year, stated that work has already begun to drive the performance indicators for the next appraisal period.

The Knox County Housing Authority is a dynamic force in our community, providing high-quality affordable housing opportunities for individuals and families, while promoting self-sufficiency, empowerment, and a sense of community development.

For more information, contact Derek Antoine, Executive Director, at 309-342-8129 ext. 223.