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### **HUD assessment rates WHA a ‘high performer’**

**WORCESTER, Massachusetts** – The Worcester Housing Authority is proud to be named a “high performer” by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through its Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) for the 11th consecutive year.

The WHA scored 92 out of a possible 100 in the annual evaluation this year to capture another “high performer” designation. The score, which was released publicly by HUD August 22, measures a housing authority’s performance in four key areas: physical, financial, management, and capital fund.

The PHAS is considered a key indicator of a housing authority’s overall management.

The consistent high ranking of the WHA by HUD is a source of pride for the agency, which oversees more than 3,000 units across 24 sites and administers more than 4,000 rental vouchers.

The WHA is the second-largest housing authority in New England, behind only Boston.

“The WHA’s consistent high performance through PHAS is a source of immense pride and a reflection of the dedication of our entire staff for their hard work and belief in our mission,” **WHA CEO Alex Corrales** said. “We also owe a deep debt of gratitude to our Board of Commissioners, who empower us in our mission through their support and vision, and to our residents, who take pride on their community.”

Ranked in four PHAS indicators, the WHA registered a max score of 10 out of 10 in Capital Fund, 24 of 25 in Management, 23 of 25 in Financial, and 35 of 40 in Physical.

“We hold ourselves to a high standard,” Corrales said. “Assessments like this let us know we are doing it right. We will not rest on our laurels. We are already looking at how we can improve our scores for the next PHAS report.”

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