

THE HISTORY OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE UNITED STATES

1910

The National Housing Association was created to address poorly built tenements and absent building codes.



1937

The Wagner-Steagall Act (formally the "United States Housing Act of 1937") provided government subsidies for local housing agencies to remedy the unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions.

1949

The American Housing Act of 1949 was part of President Truman's Fair Deal and promised "a decent home in a decent environment for every American."

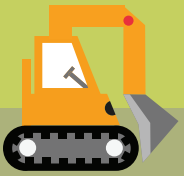
1965

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was created.



1992

The HOPE VI Program was created to eradicate severely distressed public housing.



1990

President George W. Bush signed National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) opening up more HOME funds to increase homeownership and affordable housing opportunities for low and very low-income Americans.

1978

The Section 8 Housing Voucher Program began, allowing tenants to enter the private housing market for homes.



1966

Scattered-Site housing was first implemented providing greater options for low-income families including single family homes and smaller apartment complexes.



1996

The Move-to-Work Program was approved for 30 Housing Authorities to help residents find employment and become more self-sufficient.



1999

GASB 34 was implemented altering how public entities prepare financial statements, leading to greater fiscal transparency and encouraging proper stewardship of tax payer dollars.

2010

HUD issued an interim rule for asset management practice increasing accountability for Public Housing Authorities



2015

How do you want to grow? Today, Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) are changing their communities from the inside out. High performing PHAs can receive greater funding to support initiatives like Move-to-Work or other community and educational programs. If you haven't already, the time is now to plant the seeds for greater fiscal transparency, improved asset management practices, and streamlined operations.