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Subject: ORR

This is an Open Records Request. There is a letter dated May 9, 2012 from Texas Appleseed and TxLIHIS to GLO with questions regarding the GHA rebuilding. I've attached a copy, and excerpted the portion with questions for GHA below my signature.

This ORR is for any information that GHA has generated that addresses those questions or could be used as full or partial responses to those questions.

If there are any problems with this request or if there's a simpler request that could cover the same information, please let me know.

Answer via email and electronic documents is preferred.

Sincerely,
Susan Fennewald
[REDACTED]

**Questions and information requests of Galveston Housing Authority
Location and characteristics of tenants and units (waiting or assisted)**

1. State GHA's geographic area of jurisdiction. **Attached is our jurisdiction**
2. State whether GHA has ever sought, formerly or informally, to expand its geographic area of jurisdiction? State the details and the result.
3. Provide a copy of the waiting list for public housing immediately prior to Hurricane Ike and the current public housing waiting list. Include information indicating the census block group where the applicant currently resides, the required bedroom size, the status of the family (single person, family, elderly, disabled), and the race/ethnicity of the head of household.
4. Provide a copy of the waiting list for Housing Choice Vouchers immediately prior to Hurricane Ike and the current waiting list. Include information indicating the census block group where the applicant resides, the required bedroom size, the status of the family (single person, family, elderly, disabled), and the race/ethnicity of the head of household. **My current WL report does not provide census block group, required bedroom size, a confirmed status or race/ethnicity.**
5. Provide a copy of the current waiting list for DHAP vouchers. Include information indicating the census tract where the applicant resides, the required bedroom size, the status of the family (single person, family, elderly, disabled), and the race/ethnicity of the head of household. **There is no such WL**
6. Provide a list of GHA's public housing units with addresses indicating the race/ethnicity of the head of the household and disability status immediately prior to Hurricane Ike and today.
7. Provide a list by Census block group of Housing Choice Voucher holder occupied units immediately prior to Hurricane Ike and today indicating the race/ethnicity of the head of the household and disability status. **I cannot provide the census block group before Ike. Attached is a spreadsheet with the census tract and race/ethnicity. The report does not provide the disability status.**
8. Provide a list by Census block group of DHAP Voucher holder occupied units indicating the race/ethnicity of the head of the household and disability status. **Included in the information provided for #7**
9. We understand that some former DHAP vouchers have been converted to permanent vouchers that are term limited to use by the current voucher holder. For these voucher holders, provide a list indicating the Census block group of the voucher units. Also indicate the race/ethnicity of the head of the household. **Included in the information provided for #7**
10. State the current number of DHAP vouchers administered by the Galveston Housing Authority or by any other Housing Authority or entity upon behalf of an individual or

household displaced from the city of Galveston as a result of Hurricane Ike. Provide a summary of the ethnic/racial composition of DHAP Voucher holders, the bedroom composition, the disability/elderly status, and the current location where the voucher is utilized (street address or Census block group). 644 as of 8.31.12 and they are included in the information provided for #7

11. State the status of the objective on page 4 of the GHA five-year plan to, "Implement public housing site based waiting lists". Is it GHA's intention to carry out this policy with regards to the proposed mixed-income developments?

12. State the instances in which GHA has made application to HUD for additional subsidized housing during the period February 5, 1997 to the present. Detail the nature of the requests and result.

13. Provide a report for the pre-Hurricane Ike period and a report for the past 24 months on HCV and DHAP voucher utilization and turnback rates.

14. State the household size, income category, disability status, elderly status, race/ethnicity of the current occupants of the Oaks IV Initiative.

15. Provide a schedule of the rents paid by HCV and DHAP voucher holders by ZIP code. We do not have a schedule by zip codes

16. State the number of HQS inspections GHA has carried out in the past 24 months and summarize the results

Since 2010, Galveston Housing Authority and its agents have conducted more than 8,338 inspections. Approximately 16% of those units have failed inspection. A detailed report is available, however due to the nature of information requested; it was not feasible to print 39,399 pages. The goal of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program is to provide "decent, safe and sanitary" housing at an affordable cost to low-income families. Housing Quality Standards help HUD and local Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) accomplish that goal by defining "standard housing" and establishing the minimum quality criteria necessary for the health and safety of program participants. HQS inspections are conducted to ensure that potential and current HCV housing units meet the minimum performance and acceptability criteria for each of the 13 key housing quality aspects. All HCV housing units must meet these housing quality standards in order to participate in the HCV program. The 13 key aspects of housing quality covered by the HQS include:

- Sanitary facilities
- Food preparation and refuse disposal
- Space and security
- Thermal environment
- Illumination and electricity
- Structure and materials
- Interior air quality
- Water supply
- Lead-based paint
- Access
- Site and neighborhood
- Sanitary condition
- Smoke Detectors/Keyless dead bolt locks