BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SINGLE AUDIT

of the

BELMONT METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

for the

Year Ended March 31, 2008



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Board of Directors Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority 100 South Third Street Martins Ferry, Ohio 43935

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of the Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority, Belmont County, prepared by Jones, Cochenour & Co., for the audit period April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

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November 12, 2008



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority Martins Ferry, Ohio Regional Inspector General of Audit Department of Housing and Urban Development

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority, as of and for the year ended March 31, 2008, as listed in the table of contents. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of the Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority, as of March 31, 2008, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary funds activities for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated September 30, 2008 on our consideration of Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion thereon.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the basic financial statements of the Authority taken as a whole. The FDS is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of the Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority. The accompanying Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States*, *Local Government and Non-Profit Organizations* and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Jones, Cochenour & Co. September 30, 2008

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It is a privilege to present for you the financial picture of Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority. The Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority's (the "Authority") management's discussion and analysis is designed to (a) assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, (b) provide an overview of the Authority's financial activity, (c) identify changes in the Authority's financial position (its ability to address the next and subsequent year challenges), and (d) identify individual fund issues or concerns.

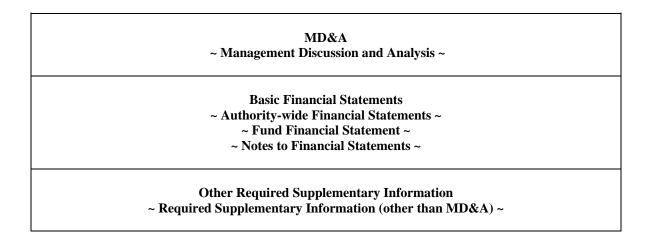
Since the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is designed to focus on the current years activities, resulting changes and currently known facts, please read it in conjunction with the Authority's financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Net assets were \$16.0 million for both 2007 and 2008. The Authority-wide statements reflect a decrease in total net assets of \$33,434 during 2008.
- The business-type activity revenue decreased by \$178,543 (or 3.5%) during 2008, and was \$5.0 million and \$5.2 million for 2007 and 2008, respectively.
- The total expenses of all Authority programs remained stable and decreased slightly by \$93,121, less than 2%. Total expenses were \$5.1 million and \$5.2 million for 2007 and 2008, respectively.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The following graphic outlines the format of this report:



The focus is on both the Authority as a whole (authority-wide) and the major individual funds. Both perspectives (authority-wide and major fund) allow the user to address relevant questions, broaden a basis for comparison (year to year or Authority to Authority) and enhance the Authority's accountability.

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Authority-Wide Financial Statements

The Authority-wide financial statements are designed to be corporate-like in that all business type activities are consolidated into columns, which add to a total for the entire Authority.

These statements include a <u>Statement of Net Assets</u>, which is similar to a Balance Sheet. The Statement of Net Assets reports all financial and capital resources for the Authority. The statement is presented in the format where assets, minus liabilities, equal "Net Assets", formerly known as equity. Assets and liabilities are presented in order of liquidity, and are classified as "Current" (convertible into cash within one year), and "Non-current".

The focus of the Statement of Net Assets (the "<u>Unrestricted</u> Net Assets") is designed to represent the net available liquid (non-capital) assets, net of liabilities, for the entire Authority. Net Assets (formerly equity) are reported in three broad categories:

<u>Net Assets, Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt</u>: This component of Net Assets consists of all Capital Assets, reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

<u>Restricted Net Assets</u>: This component of Net Assets consists of restricted assets, when constraints are placed on the asset by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, laws, regulations, etc.

<u>Unrestricted Net Assets</u>: Consists of Net Assets that do not meet the definition of "Net Assets Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt", or "Restricted Net Assets". This account resembles the old operating reserves account.

The Authority-wide financial statements also include a <u>Statement of Revenues</u>, <u>Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets</u> (similar to an Income Statement). This Statement includes Operating Revenues, such as rental income, Operating Expenses, such as administrative, utilities, and maintenance, and depreciation, and Non-Operating Revenue and Expenses, such as grant revenue, investment income and interest expense.

The focus of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets is the "Change in Net Assets", which is similar to Net Income or Loss.

Finally, a <u>Statement of Cash Flows</u> is included, which discloses net cash provided by, or used for operating activities, non-capital financing activities, and from capital and related financing activities.

Fund Financial Statements

Traditional users of governmental financial statements will find the Fund Financial Statements presentation more familiar. The focus is now on Major Funds, rather than fund types. The Authority consists exclusively of Enterprise Funds. Enterprise funds utilize the full accrual basis of accounting. The Enterprise method of accounting is similar to accounting utilized by the private sector accounting.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the funds be maintained by the Authority.

Business Type Funds:

<u>Conventional Public Housing (PH)</u> – Under the Conventional Public Housing Program, the Authority rents units that it owns to low-income households. The Conventional Public Housing Program is operated under an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD, and HUD provides Operating Subsidy to enable the PHA to provide housing at a rent that is based upon 30% of adjusted gross household income.

<u>Capital Fund Program (CFP)</u> – This is the current primary funding source for the Authority's physical and management improvements. While the formula funding methodology used for the CGP was revised for the CFP, funds are still provided by formula allocation and based on size and age of your units.

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Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) – Under the Housing Choice Voucher Program, the Authority subsidizes rents to independent landlords that own the property. The Authority subsidizes the family's rent through a Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) made to the landlord. The program is administered under an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD. HUD provides funding to enable the Authority to structure a lease that requires the participant to pay a rent based on a percentage of their adjusted gross household income, typically 30%, and the Housing Authority subsidizes the balance.

AUTHORITY-WIDE STATEMENT

Statement of Net Assets

The following table reflects the condensed Statement of Net Assets compared to prior year. The Authority is engaged only in Business-Type Activities.

TABLE 1 STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

		2008 (in millions of dollars)		2007 (in millions of dollars)	
Current and Other Assets		\$	3.0	\$	2.6
Capital Assets			13.6		13.9
	Total Assets	\$	16.6		16.5
Current Liabilities			0.5		0.4
Long-Term Liabilities			0.1		0.1
	Total Liabilities	\$	0.6	\$	0.5
Net Assets:					
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt			13.6		13.9
Restricted			0.2		0.0
Unrestricted			2.2		2.1
	Total Net Assets	\$	16.0	\$	16.0

For more detailed information see the Statement of Net Assets.

Major Factors Affecting the Statement of Net Assets

Current assets were increased by \$.4 million while liabilities increased by \$.1 million.

Capital assets decreased by \$.3 million, from \$13.9 million to \$13.6 million.

The unrestricted net asset account, which resembles the old operating reserves account, increased by \$363,386.

While it was a very stable year the Authority's unrestricted net assets increased, indicating a positive change in the financial well being of the Authority.

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TABLE 2

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

The following schedule compares the revenues and expenses for the current and previous fiscal year. The Authority is engaged only in Business-Type Activities.

		2008 (in millions of dollars)		2007 (in millions of dollars)	
Revenues		·			
Tenant Revenue - Rents and Other		\$	1.3	\$	1.3
Operating Subsidies and Grants			3.0		2.7
Capital Grants			0.9		1.0
Investment Income			0.0		0.0
	Total Revenue		5.2		5.0
Expenses					
Administrative			0.9		0.8
Utilities			0.9		0.8
Maintenance			1.1		1.1
General			0.1		0.1
Housing Assistance Payments			0.9		0.9
Depreciation			1.3		1.4
-	Total Expenses	\$	5.2	\$	5.1
	Net Increase (Decrease)	\$		\$	(0.1)

Major Factors Affecting The Statement Of Revenue, Expenses And Changes In Net Assets

There really were not any major factors affecting this statement. Tenant revenue and operating subsidies and grants increased modestly and the Capital Funds decreased modestly while expenses increased only slightly.

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CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

As of year end, the Authority had \$13.6 million invested in a variety of capital assets as reflected in the following schedule, which represents a modest net decrease (additions, deductions and depreciation) of \$.3 million from the end of last year.

TABLE 3

CAPITAL ASSETS AT YEAR-END (NET OF DEPRECIATION)

		2008		2007	
Land and Land Rights		\$	1,446,016	\$	1,446,016
Buildings			32,212,764		31,447,636
Equipment - Administrative			1,191,017		1,054,889
Accumulated Depreciation			(22,705,780)		(21,443,532)
Construction in Progress			1,417,219		1,415,722
	TOTAL	\$	13,561,236	\$	13,920,731

Debt Administration

The Authority's only debt is listed in the current liabilities in the form of accounts payable, and in long-term liability in the form of compensated absences. See page 7.

The following reconciliation summarizes the change in Capital Assets.

TABLE 4 CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS

		ısiness-Type Activities
Beginning Balance	\$	13,920,731
Additions and transfers-CFP		905,784
Depreciation		(1,265,279)
Ending Balance	\$	13,561,236
This year's major additions are: Business-Type Activities Admin Equipment: Purchased two vehicles, a snow plow and a new computer server. Buildings: Water line repair, generator switch, dry valve	\$	54,029
replacement		16,354
Capital improvements (CFP) completed on a variety of the		
Authority's Public Housing complexes		835,401
	\$	905,784

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ECONOMIC FACTORS

Significant economic factors affecting the Authority are as follows:

- Federal funding of the Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Local labor supply and demand, which can affect salary and wage rates
- Local inflationary, recessionary and employment trends, which can affect resident incomes and therefore the amount of rental income
- Inflationary pressure on utility rates, supplies and other costs

IN CONCLUSION

The Authority had a very good year financially as reflected in the \$363,386 increase in unrestricted net assets.

Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority takes great pride in its financial management and is pleased to report on the sound financial condition of the Authority.

FINANCIAL CONTACT

If you have any questions regarding this report, you may contact Jody Geese, Executive Director of the Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority at (740) 633-5085.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Robinson Geese

Jody Robinson Geese Executive Director

BELMONT METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS March 31, 2008

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,209,757
Investments	401,817
Receivables - net of allowance	225,342
Inventories - net of allowance	44,107
Prepaid expenses	144,299
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	3,025,322
CAPITAL ASSETS	
Land and construction in progress	2,863,235
Other capital assets - net	10,698,001
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS	13,561,236
TOTAL ASSETS	16,586,558
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	212,692
Accounts payable - other government	39,135
Accrued wages and payroll taxes	21,348
Accrued compensated absences - current	86,790
Tenant security deposits	128,642
Deferred revenue	43,120
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	531,727
Accrued compensated absences - noncurrent	106,077
TOTAL LIABILITIES	637,804
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets - net of related debt	13,561,236
Restricted net assets	176,437
Unrestricted net assets	2,211,081
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 15,948,754

BELMONT METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS Year Ended March 31, 2008

OPERATING REVENUES		
Tenant revenue		\$ 1,334,333
HUD operating grants		2,953,120
Other operating revenues		 18,711
	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	4,306,164
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Administrative		859,425
Tenant services		7,554
Utilities		928,357
Maintenance		937,600
Protection services		128,908
Depreciation		1,265,279
PILOT		39,136
Insurance		110,749
Bad debts		13,905
Housing assistance payments		 930,691
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	 5,221,604
	OPERATING LOSS	(915,440)
NON-OPERATING REVENUE		
Interest income		68,146
HUD CAPITAL GRANTS		 835,401
	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(11,893)
Net Assets Beginning of Year		 15,960,647
	NET ASSETS END OF YEAR	\$ 15,948,754

BELMONT METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS Year Ended March 31, 2007

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Cash received from tenants	\$ 1,340,979
Cash received from HUD	2,836,706
Cash received from other revenue	10,779
Cash payments for housing assistance payments	(930,691
Cash payments to employees	(995,944
Cash payments for other operating expenses	(1,880,469
Cash payments to HUD and other governments	(42,024
NET CASH PROVIDED BY	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	339,336
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Capital grants received	835,401
Acquisition of capital assets	(905,784
NET CASH (USED) BY	
CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(70,383
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Proceeds on sale of investments	873,152
Purchase of investments	(68,146
NET CASH PROVIDED BY	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES	805,006
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,073,959
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING	1,135,798
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, ENDING	\$ 2,209,757
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	
TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Operating (loss)	\$ (915,440
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by	ψ (>10,110
operating activities	
Depreciation	1,265,279
(Increase) decrease in:	_,_ ;_ ;
Receivables - net of allowance	(139,640
Inventories - net of allowance	793
Prepaid expenses	(11,762
Increase (decrease) in:	(,
Accounts payable	99,327
Accrued wages and payroll taxes	2,113
Accrued compensated absences	20,407
Accounts payable - other government	(2,888
Tenant security deposits	5,366
Deferred revenue	15,781
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 339,336

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority (the "Authority") have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The Authority also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations issued on or after November 30, 1989, to its business-type activities and to its proprietary fund provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant of the Authority's accounting policies are described below.

In June 1999, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statement and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Government. The effective date of the statement is for periods beginning after June 15, 2002. The statement requires enhanced disclosures and changes to the presentation of financial statements.

The Authority has implemented GASB 34, noting that the inclusion of Management's Discussion and Analysis, the presentation of net assets, and the utilization of the direct method of cash flows are the changes made to the financial statements to comply with the requirement.

Reporting Entity

The Authority was created under the Ohio Revised Code, Section 3735.27. The Authority contracts with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide low and moderate income persons with safe and sanitary housing through subsidies provided by HUD. The Authority depends on the subsidies from HUD to operate.

The accompanying basic financial statements comply with the provision of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 14, the Financial Reporting Entity, in that the financial statements include all organizations, activities and functions for which the Authority is financially accountable. This report includes all activities considered by management to be part of the Authority by virtue of Section 2100 of the Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards.

Section 2100 indicates that the reporting entity consists of a) the primary government, b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The definition of the reporting entity is based primarily on the notion of financial accountability. A primary government is financially accountable for the organizations that make up its legal entity.

It is also financially accountable for legally separate organizations if its officials appoint a voting majority of an organization's government body and either it is able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or to impose specific financial burdens on, the primary government. A primary government may also be financially accountable for governmental organizations that are fiscally dependent on it.

A primary government has the ability to impose its will on an organization if it can significantly influence the programs, projects, or activities of, or the level of services performed or provided by, the organization. A financial benefit or burden relationship exists if the primary government a) is entitled to the organization's resources; b) is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the obligation to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or is obligated in some manner for the debt of the organizations.

Management believes the financial statements included in this report represent all of the funds of the Authority over which the Authority is financially accountable.

Basis of Presentation

The Authority's basic financial statements consist of a statement of net assets, a statement of revenue, expenses and changes in net assets, and a statement of cash flows.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

The Authority uses a single enterprise fund to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the determination of the change in net assets, financial position and cash flows. An enterprise fund may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods and services.

Measurement Focus

The enterprise fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the Authority are included on the statement of net assets. The statement of changes in net assets presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Authority finances and meets the cash flow needs of its enterprise activity.

Enterprise Fund

The Authority uses the proprietary fund to report on its financial position and the results of its operations for the Section 8 and public housing programs. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. The Authority uses the proprietary category for its programs.

The following are the various programs which are included in the single enterprise fund:

Conventional Public Housing (PH) – Under the Conventional Public Housing Program, the Authority rents units that it owns to low-income households. The Conventional Public Housing Program is operated under an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD, and HUD provides Operating Subsidy to enable the PHA to provide the housing at a rent that is based upon 30% of adjusted gross household income.

<u>Capital Fund Program (CFP)</u> – This is the current primary funding source for the Authority's physical and management improvements. While the formula funding methodology used for the CGP was revised for the CFP, funds are still provided by formula allocation and based on the size and age of the units.

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Accounting and Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions

The Authority adopted GASB 33 effective for the year ended March 31, 2002. Nonexchange transactions occur when the Public Housing Authority (PHA) receives (or gives) value without directly giving equal value in return. GASB 33 identifies four classes of nonexchange transactions as follows:

- > Derived tax revenues: result from assessments imposed on exchange transactions (i.e., income taxes, sales taxes and other assessments on earnings or consumption).
- > Imposed nonexchange revenues: result from assessments imposed on nongovernmental entities, including individuals, other than assessments on exchange transactions (i.e. property taxes and fines).
- > Government-mandated nonexchange transactions: occur when a government at one level provides resources to a government at another level and requires the recipient to use the resources for a specific purpose (i.e., federal programs that state or local governments are mandated to perform).
- > Voluntary nonexchange transactions: result from legislative or contractual agreements, other than exchanges, entered into willingly by the parties to the agreement (i.e., certain grants and private donations).

PHA grants and subsidies will be defined as a government-mandated or voluntary nonexchange transactions.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

GASB 33 establishes two distinct standards depending upon the kind of stipulation imposed by the provider.

- > Time requirements specify (a) the period when resources are required to be used or when use may begin (for example, operating or capital grants for a specific period) or (b) that the resources are required to be maintained intact in perpetuity or until a specified date or event has occurred (for example, permanent endowments, term endowments, and similar agreements). Time requirements affect the timing of recognition of nonexchange transactions.
- > Purpose restrictions specify the purpose for which resources are required to be used. (i.e. capital grants used for the purchase of capital assets). Purpose restrictions do not affect when a nonexchange transaction is recognized. However, PHAs that receive resources with purpose restrictions should report resulting net assets, equity, or fund balance as restricted.

The PHA will recognize assets (liabilities) when all applicable eligibility requirements are met or resources received, whichever is first. Eligibility requirements established by the provider may stipulate the qualifying characteristics of recipients, time requirements, allowable costs, and other contingencies.

The PHA will recognize revenues (expenses) when all applicable eligibility requirements are met. For transactions that have a time requirement for the beginning of the following period, PHAs should record resources received prior to that period as deferred revenue and the provider of those resources would record an advance.

The PHA receives government-mandated or voluntary nonexchange transactions, which do not specify time requirements. Upon award, the entire subsidy should be recognized as a receivable and revenue in the period when applicable eligibility requirements have been met.

Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue arises when revenues are received before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied.

Prepaid expenses

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond March 31, 2007, are recorded as prepaid expenses using the consumption method. A current asset for the amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and expense is reported in the year in which the services are consumed.

Investments

Investments are restricted by the provisions of the HUD Regulations (See Note 2). Investments are valued at market value. Interest income earned in fiscal year 2008 for both programs totaled \$64,146.

Capital Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost and depreciation is computed using the straight line method over an estimated useful life of the assets. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs, that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset life, are not capitalized. The Authority's capitalization policy is \$2,000. The following are the useful lives used for depreciation purposes:

Buildings – residential	27.5
Buildings – non residential	40
Building improvements	15
Furniture – dwelling	7
Furniture – non-dwelling	7
Equipment – dwelling	5
Equipment – non-dwelling	7
Autos and trucks	5
Computer hardware	3
Computer software	3
Leasehold improvements	15

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Due From/To Other Programs

On the basic financial statements, inter-program receivables and payables listed on the FDS are eliminated.

Accrued Liabilities

All payables and accrued liabilities are reported in the basic financial statements.

Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets – net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net assets are recorded as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either by internal or external restrictions.

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary fund. For the Authority, these revenues are tenant revenues, operating grants from HUD and other miscellaneous revenue.

Operating expenses are those expenses that are expended directly for the primary activity of the proprietary fund. For the Authority, these expenses are administrative, utilities, maintenance, PILOT, insurance, depreciation, bad debt and housing assistance payments.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include all highly liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less.

Compensated Absences

The Authority accounts for compensated absences in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16. Sick leave and other compensated absences with similar characteristics are accrued as a liability based on the sick leave accumulated at the balance sheet date by those employees who currently are eligible to receive termination payments. To calculate the liability, these accumulations are reduced to the maximum amount allowed as a termination payment. All employees who meet the termination policy of the Authority for years of service are included in the calculation of the compensated absences accrual amount.

Vacation leave and other compensated absences with similar characteristics are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned by the employees if both of the following conditions are met: 1) The employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee, 2) It is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means, such as cash payments at termination or retirement.

In the proprietary fund, the compensated absences are expensed when earned with the amount reported as a liability.

Budgetary Accounting

The Authority annually prepares its budget as prescribed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This budget is submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development and once approved is adopted by the Board of the Housing Authority.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Receivables - net of allowance

Bad debts are provided on the allowance method based on management's evaluation of the collectability of outstanding tenant receivable balances at the end of the year. The allowance for doubtful accounts was \$4,289 at March 31, 2008.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Inventories

Inventories are stated at cost on first-in, first-out basis. The allowance for obsolete inventory was \$4,901 at March 31, 2008.

Capital Grant

This represents grants provided by HUD that the Authority spends on capital assets.

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash

State statutes classify monies held by the Authority into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the Authority's Treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Authority has identified as not required for use within the current twoyear period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use, but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

Protection of Authority's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, but surety company bonds deposited with the treasurer by the financial institution or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

At fiscal year end March 31, 2008, the carrying amount of the Authority's deposits totaled \$1,420,845 and its bank balance was \$1,562,517. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure," as of March 31, 2008, \$1,462,517 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$100,000 was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Authority will not be able to recover the deposits. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at the Federal Reserve Banks or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the Authority.

Investments

HUD, State Statute and Board Resolutions authorize the Authority to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies and instrumentalities, certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, money market deposit accounts, municipal depository fund, super NOW accounts, sweep accounts, separate trading of registered interest and principal of securities, mutual funds, bonds and other obligations of this State, and the State Treasurer's investment pool. Investments in stripped principal or interest and principal of securities, mutual funds, bonds and other obligations of this State, and the State Treasurer's investment pool. Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose or arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED

specific obligation or debt of the Authority, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specific dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian. The Authority had investments of mutual funds in the amount of \$401,817 at March 31, 2008.

The Authority's investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the entity at year-end. Category A includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the Authority or its agent in the Authority's name. Category B includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the counterparty's Trust department or agent in the Authority's name. Category C includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which securities are held by the counterparty or its Trust department but not in the Authority's name. The investments of the Authority are classified as Category A.

3. NOTE TO SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES

The accompanying schedule of federal awards expenditures is a summary of the activity of the Authority's federal award programs. The schedule has been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority maintains comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for health, real property, building contents and vehicles. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage. There was no significant reduction in coverage and no settlements exceeded insurance coverage during the past three years.

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of capital assets:

	Restated Balance 3/31/2007			Additions		Transfers/ Corrections		Balance 3/31/2008	
CAPITAL ASSETS,		_		_				_	
NOT BEING DEPRECIATED									
Land	\$	1,446,016	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,446,016	
Construction in Progress		1,415,722		835,401		(833,904)		1,417,219	
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS,									
NOT BEING DEPRECIATED	\$	2,861,738	\$	835,401	\$	(833,904)	\$	2,863,235	
CAPITAL ASSETS, BEING DEPRECIATED									
Buildings and Improvements	\$	32,029,569		16,353		833,904	\$	32,879,826	
Furniture and equipment	,	472,956		50,999		-	,	523,955	
Totals at Historical Costs		32,502,525		67,352		833,904		33,403,781	
Less: Accumulated		, ,		,		,		, ,	
Depreciation		(21,443,532)		(1,265,279)		3,031		(22,705,780)	
TOTAL CAPITAL									
ASSETS, NET,									
BEING DEPRECIATED	\$	11,058,993	\$	(1,197,927)	\$	836,935	\$	10,698,001	
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TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS	\$	13,920,731	\$	(362,526)	\$	3,031	\$	13,561,236	

6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans as described below:

- a. The Traditional Pension Plan (TP) cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan.
- b. The Member-Directed Plan (MD) a defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20% per year.) Under the Member-Directed Plan members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of member and (vested) employer contributions plus any investment earnings thereon.
- c. The Combined Plan (CO) a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. Under the Combined Plan employer contributions are invested by the retirement system to provide a formula retirement benefit similar in nature to the Traditional Plan benefit. Member contributions, the investment of which is self-directed by the members, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the Member-Directed plan.

OPERS provides basic retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the Traditional Plan and Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by statement statute per Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report which may be obtaining by writing to the Public Employee Retirement system, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-6705 or 1-800-222-7377.

The Ohio Revise Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. For 2007, member and employer contribution rates were consistent across all three plans (TP, MD and CO). Plan members are required to contribute 8.5 percent of their annual covered payroll to fund pension obligations and the Authority was required to contribute 13.55 percent of covered payroll during 2007. The Authority's required contributions, including the pick up portion for certain employees for the years ended March 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 were \$142,499, \$138,289, and \$133,294, respectively. All required payments of contributions have been made through March 31, 2008.

7. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

In addition to the pension benefit obligation described above, the OPERS provides postemployment health care coverage to age and service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit with either the Traditional Plan or Combined Plan. Heath care coverage for disability recipients and primary survivor recipients is available. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for postemployment health care coverage. The health care coverage provided by the retirement system is considered another postemployment benefit as described in *GASB Statement No. 12*. Other postemployment benefits are advance-funded on an actuarially determined basis. A portion of each employer's contribution to the Traditional Plan or Combined Plan is set aside for the funding of postemployment health care. The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for employer contributions. The 2007 contribution rate for local government employers was 13.7% of covered payroll and increased to 13.85% of covered payroll effective January 1, 2007. Of the employer contribution rate, 4.5% was the portion that was used to fund health care until January 1, 2007, at which time 5.0% was the portion used to fund health care.

Benefits are advance-funded using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Significant actuarial assumptions based on OPER's latest actuarial review performed as of December 31, 2005, include a rate of return on investments of 6.5%, an annual increase in active employee total payroll of 40% compounded annually (assuming no change in the number of active employees) and an additional increase in total payroll of between .50% and 6.3% based on additional annual pay increases. Health care premiums were assumed to increase between .50% and 6.0% annually for the next nine years and 4.0% annually after nine years.

All investments are carried at market. For actuarial valuation purposes, a smoothed market approach is used. Assets are adjusted to reflect 25% of unrealized market appreciation or deprecation on investment assets annually.

At December 31, 2007, the number of active contributing participants in the traditional and combined plans was 369,214. Actual employer contributions for 2007 which were used to fund postemployment benefits were \$5,914. The actual contribution and the actuarially required contribution amounts were the same. OPERS' net assets available for payment of benefits at December 31, 2007 (the latest information available) were \$11.1 billion. The actuarially accrued liability and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability were \$31.3 billion and \$20.2 billion, respectively.

7. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - CONTINUED

On September 9, 2005, the OPERS Retirement Board adopted a Health Care Preservation Plan (HCPP) with an effective date of January 1, 2007. The HCPP restructures OPERS' health care coverage to improve the financial solvency of the fund in response to increasing health care costs.

8. FDS SCHEDULE SUBMITTED TO HUD

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008, the Authority electronically submitted an unaudited version of the balance sheet, statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net asset and other data to HUD as required on the GAAP basis. The schedules are presented in the manner prescribed by Housing and Urban Development.

9. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Under the terms of Federal grants, periodic audits are required and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenses under the terms of the grants. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenses which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the Authority expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

10. RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008, the Authority had \$176,437 in its HAP reserve account for the Section 8 program.

BELMONT METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS FDS SCHEDULE SUBMITTED TO HUD PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE ENTERPRISE FUND March 31, 2008

FDS Line Item No.	Account Description	Low Rent Public Housing 14.850	Sect. 8 Housing Choice Vouchers 14.871	Capital Fund Program 14.872	TOTAL
111	ASSETS	ф 174 ССОС	ф 114.0 <i>(</i> 2	ф	ф 1 9 <i>(</i> 1 55 9
111	Cash - unrestricted Cash - Restricted for Payment of Current Liabilities	\$ 1,746,696 43,120	\$ 114,862	\$ -	\$ 1,861,558 43,120
115 113	Cash - other restricted	43,120	176,437	_	176,437
113	Cash - tenant security deposits	128,642	170,437	_	128,642
117	TOTAL CASH	1,918,458	291,299		2,209,757
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	Accounts and Notes Receivables:				
122	Accounts receivable - HUD other proj	-	-	209,126	209,126
126	Accounts receivable - miscellaneous	175	-	-	175
126	A/R tenants - dwelling rents	13,172	-	-	13,172
126.1	Allowance for doubtful accts-Dwelling Rents	(4,289)	-	-	(4,289)
129	Interest receivable	7,158	-	-	7,158
120	TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	16,216	-	209,126	225,342
	Current Investments:				
131	Investments - unrestricted	401,817	_	-	401,817
142	Prepaid expenses and other assets	144,299	_	-	144,299
143	Inventories	49,008	_	-	49,008
143.1	Allowance for obsolete inventory	(4,901)	_	-	(4,901)
144	Interprogram due from	18,168	_	_	18,168
150	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	2,543,065	291,299	209,126	3,043,490
	NONCURRENT ASSETS: Fixed Assets:				
	Land	1,446,016	-	-	1,446,016
162	Buildings	32,212,764	-	-	32,212,764
164	Furniture and equipment - admin	523,955	-	-	523,955
165	Leasehold improvements	667,062	-	-	667,062
166	Accumulated depreciation	(22,705,780)	-	-	(22,705,780)
167	Construction in progress			1,417,219	1,417,219
160	TOTAL FIXED ASSETS, NET	12,144,017	-	1,417,219	13,561,236
180	TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	12,144,017		1,417,219	13,561,236
190	TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 14,687,082	\$ 291,299	\$ 1,626,345	\$ 16,604,726

BELMONT METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS FDS SCHEDULE SUBMITTED TO HUD PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE ENTERPRISE FUND March 31, 2008

FDS Line Item No.	Account Description	Low Rent Public Housing 14.850	•	Sect. 8 Housing Choice Jouchers 14.871	TOTAL apital Fund Program 14.872	TOTAL
	LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
	LIABILITIES:					
	CURRENT LIABILITIES					
312	Accounts payable <=90 days	\$ 21,731	\$	-	\$ 190,958	\$ 212,689
321	Accrued wages/payroll taxes	19,607		1,741	-	21,348
322	Accrued compensated absences	80,336		6,454	-	86,790
333	Accounts payable - other Govt	39,135		-	-	39,135
341	Tenant security deposits	128,642		-	-	128,642
342	Deferred Revenue	43,120		-	-	43,120
345	Other current liabilities	-		3	-	3
347	Interprogram due to	-		-	18,168	18,168
310	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	332,571		8,198	209,126	 549,895
	NONCURRENT LIABILITIES:					
354	Accrued Compensated absences, Non Current	98,189		7,888	-	106,077
350	TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	98,189		7,888	-	106,077
300	TOTAL LIABILITIES	430,760		16,086	209,126	655,972
	EQUITY/NET ASSETS:					
	Contributed Capital:					
508.1	Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	12,144,017		-	1,417,219	13,561,236
	Reserved Fund Balance:					
511.1	Restricted Net Assets	-		176,437	-	176,437
512.1	Unrestricted Net Assets	2,112,305		98,776	-	2,211,081
513	TOTAL EQUITY/NET ASSETS	14,256,322		275,213	1,417,219	15,948,754
600	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 14,687,082	\$	291,299	\$ 1,626,345	\$ 16,604,726

BELMONT METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FDS SCHEDULE SUBMITTED TO HUD PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE

ENTERPRISE FUND YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

FDS Line Item No.	Account Description	Low Rent Public Housing 14.850	Sect. 8 Housing Choice Vouchers 14.871	Capital Fund Program 14.872	TOTAL
703	REVENUE Net Tenant Rental Revenue	\$ 1,319,83	1 \$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,319,831
703	Tenant Revenue - Other	14,50		φ -	14,502
705	TOTAL TENANT REVENUE	1,334,33		-	1,334,333
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706	HUD PHA Operating Grants	1,559,76	4 1,122,446	270,910	2,953,120
706.1	Capital Grants			835,401	835,401
711	Investment Income - Unrestricted	66,35	5 667	-	67,022
714	Fraud recovery		- 1,392	-	1,392
715	Other Revenue	17,31	9 -	-	17,319
720	Investment Income - Restricted		1,124		1,124
	TOTAL REVENUE	2,977,77	1,125,629	1,106,311	5,209,711
	EXPENSES				
	Administrative:				
911	Administrative salaries	340,85	1 91,428	76,130	508,409
912	Auditing fees	7,02	0 780	-	7,800
914	Compensated absences	13,63	4 3,657	-	17,291
915	Employee benefit contribution - admin	141,54	7 40,983	-	182,530
916	Other operating - administrative	88,59	3 7,098	47,704	143,395
924	Tenant services - other	7,55	-	-	7,554
	UTILITIES				
931	Water	454,58	5 -	-	454,585
932	Electricity	270,62	6 -	-	270,626
933	Gas	115,36	8 -	-	115,368
935	Labor	35,25	7 -	-	35,257
938	Other Utilities Expense	52,52	1 -	-	52,521
	ORDINARY MAINTENANCE & OPERATION:				
941	Ordinary Maintenance & Operation - Labor	487,53	5 -	-	487,535
942	Ordinary Maintenance & Operation - Materials & Other	150,35	5 -	-	150,355
943	Ordinary Maintenance & Operation - Contract Costs	77,97	1 -	-	77,971
945	Employee Benefit Contributions - Ordinary Maintenance Protective Services:	221,73	9 -	-	221,739
952	Protective Services - Other Contract Costs			128,908	128,908
	General Expenses:				
	Insurance Premiums	110,74		-	110,749
963	PILOT	39,13		-	39,136
964	Bad Debts - Tenant Rents	13,90	_		13,905
969	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2,628,94	6 143,946	252,742	3,025,634
970	EXCESS OPERATING REVENUE OVER OPERATING EXPENSE	348,82	5 981,683	853,569	2,184,077

BELMONT METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FDS SCHEDULE SUBMITTED TO HUD PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE ENTERPRISE FUND YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

			Sect. 8		
FDS		Low Rent	Housing		
Line		Public	Choice	Capital Fund	
Item		Housing	Vouchers	Program	
No.	Account Description	14.850	14.871	14.872	TOTAL
973	Housing Assistance Payments		930,691	-	930,691
974	Depreciation expense	1,265,279	-	-	1,265,279
900	TOTAL EXPENSES	3,894,225	1,074,637	252,742	5,221,604
	Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
1001	Operating Transfer In	18,168	-	-	18,168
1002	Operating Transfer Out	-	-	(18,168)	(18,168)
1010	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	18,168		(18,168)	
1000	Excess (Deficiency) of Operating Revenue Over (Under) Expenses Memo Account Information	(898,286)	50,992	835,401	(11,893)
1103	Beginning Equity	14,320,704	224,221	1,415,722	15,960,647
1104	Equity Transfers	833,904	-	(833,904)	-
	ENDING EQUITY/NET ASSETS	\$ 14,256,322	\$ 275,213	\$ 1,417,219	\$ 15,948,754

BELMONT METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES Year Ended March 31, 2008

	FEDERAL CFDA NUMBER		_ E	FUNDS XPENDED	
FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HUD DIRECT PROGRAMS	_				
PHA Owned Housing:					
Public and Indian Housing		14.850a	\$	1,559,764	
Public Housing Capital Fund		14.872		1,106,311	
Housing Assistance Payments: Annual Contribution -					
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers		14.871		1,122,446	
Section o Housing Choice vouchers		14.0/1		1,122,440	
	Total - All Programs		\$	3,788,521	



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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Directors Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority Martins Ferry, Ohio Regional Inspector General of Audit Department of Housing and Urban Development

We have audited the basic financial statements of Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority as of and for the year ended March 31, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2008. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, management, Auditor of State and federal awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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September 30, 2008



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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Board of Directors Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority Martins Ferry, Ohio Regional Inspector General of Audit Department of Housing and Urban Development

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended March 31, 2008. Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended March 31, 2008.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies in internal controls in which there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants caused by error or fraud that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, management, Auditor of State, and federal awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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September 30, 2008

Summary of Auditors' Results and Schedule of Findings OMB Circular A-133 \S .505

Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority March 31, 2008

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

Financial Statements:				
Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified			
At the financial statement level, were there any material weaknesses reported?	No			
At the financial statement level, were there any significant deficiencies identified that are not considered material weaknesses?	No			
At the financial statement level, was there any material noncompliance?	No			
Federal Awards:				
Were there any material weaknesses in internal control over major programs identified?	No			
Were there any significant deficiencies that are not considered to be material weaknesses in internal control over major programs?	No			
Type of Major Program Compliance Opinion	Unqualified			
Are there any audit findings under § .510(a) of OMB Circular A-133?	No			
Major Programs:	CFDA # 14.850a Public and Indian Housing			
Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	\$300,000			
Low Risk Auditee?	Yes			

Summary of Auditors' Results and Schedule of Findings OMB Circular A-133 \S .505 - Continued

Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority March 31, 2008

2. FINDINGS RELATED TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

There are no findings or questioned costs for the year ended March 31, 2008.

3. FINDINGS RELATED TO FEDERAL AWARDS

There are no findings or questioned costs for the year ended March 31, 2008.



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

BELMONT METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY BELMONT COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED NOVEMBER 25, 2008