



**HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
of the City of Long Beach

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July 8, 2008

## **AGENDA ITEM 4**

HONORABLE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
City of Long Beach  
California

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Conduct a public hearing in respect to the adoption of a Five-Year Housing Plan and Annual Plan, receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the hearing, adopt the attached Plans, and authorize the Executive Director to transmit them to HUD. (Citywide)

### **DISCUSSION**

This hearing is to consider and adopt a Five-Year and an Annual Housing Plan, as required by Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998.

In 1998, Congress enacted legislation known as the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act, requiring each Housing Authority to complete a Five-Year Housing Plan and an Annual Plan (collectively, the Plans) and to update and submit them to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) prior to the beginning of the Housing Authority's fiscal year. The Housing Authority initially approved its first Plans in June 2000 and subsequently submitted them to HUD. This hearing concerns the ninth annual update of the Plans.

The Five-Year Plan describes the mission of the Housing Authority and its long-term goals and objectives for achieving its mission over the subsequent five years. The Annual Plan provides details about the Housing Authority's immediate operations, program participants, programs, and services. The Annual Plan also addresses the Housing Authority's strategy for handling operational concerns, programs, and services for the upcoming fiscal year, as well as residents' concerns and needs. Please note that staff is not recommending any changes to the administration of the program at this time.

HUD regulations require that a Resident Advisory Board be established to provide input regarding the creation and amendment of these Plans. This year, that requirement was met by inviting a number of Section 8 Participants to take part in the Resident Advisory Board. The forum was held on the afternoon of June 4, 2008. The Resident Advisory Board consisted of tenants of all ages from different ethnicities and backgrounds and

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reflected the Housing Authority's diverse clientele. The group was able to provide thoughtful feedback on the Section 8 Program. Their recommendations and insights have been considered and addressed in the Plans prepared by staff. The draft Plans have been available for review by the public at the Housing Authority's Office (521 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street). The Five-Year Plan and the Annual Plan are attached for the Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners' review.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on June 24, 2008 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on June 20, 2008.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

The Housing Authority Commission's action is requested on July 8, 2008, as the Plans must be submitted to HUD no later than July 17, 2008, seventy-five days prior to the beginning of the City's fiscal year.

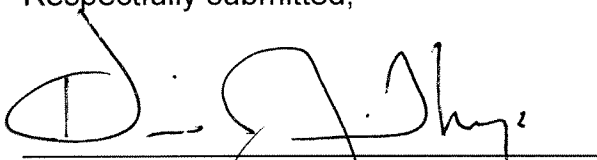
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this request.


SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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DENNIS J. THYS  
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

APPROVED:

  
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Attachment: Five-Year/Annual Plan

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
FIVE – YEAR PLAN 2008 – 2012  
ONE – YEAR PLAN 2008

The mission of the Long Beach Housing Authority is to provide high quality housing assistance for Long Beach’s low-income households through:

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Within the scope of the Housing Authority’s mission, specific goals have been established:

- The Housing Authority will continue to apply for additional vouchers whenever the opportunity is presented.
- The Housing Authority will continue to improve management to better service customers.
- The Housing Authority will continue to reach out to additional property owners.
- The Housing Authority will continue to promote self-sufficiency and asset development of assisted households.
- The Housing Authority will continue to promote financial literacy and homeownership opportunities for Housing Choice Voucher participant families.

There is a great need for rental housing assistance in Long Beach. The Housing Authority’s waiting list was opened and closed in May 2003, and there are still more than 10,000 families on the list. The waiting list will be purged during the fiscal year 2008. As of the last census, sixteen percent of all Long Beach households are considered extremely low-income, or at 30 percent of the area median income or less. The lack of increase in the supply of affordable units has helped to raise rents sharply making housing affordability a serious issue.

Rental housing is unaffordable for many Long Beach residents, thus causing families to double up in small, inadequate units. The Housing Authority, through its programs, provides the financial resources needed to keep families off the street.

The Housing Authority’s Five-Year and One-Year plans are designed to assist our families through the following programs:

**Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program**                      **\$65,000,000**  
6261 Rental Assistance Vouchers

**Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS)**    **\$260,000**  
Maximum program size 1151

**Shelter Plus Care (SPC)**    **\$490,000**  
Program in conjunction with Health Department's Continuum of Care designed to help disabled and homeless clients. Housing Authority contracts with two local agencies, the Mental Health Association (MHA) and the Veterans Administration (Villages at Cabrillo) to provide active case management.

**HOPWA - Housing Families Living with AIDS**    **\$324,000**  
Partnership with the City of Los Angeles Housing Department.  
Housing persons who are HIV positive and provide housing case management.

**VASH – Housing Homeless Veterans Initiative\***    **\$685,000**  
Partnership with Veterans Affairs Medical Center of Long Beach for 70 vouchers to house homeless veterans receiving services from the medical center.

**Section 8 HCV Special Provisions**  
Additionally, we will also provide assistance to those clients seeking to use their vouchers for payment of mortgages under the Homeownership provision of the HCV program. Administrative funding for this process is provided as each escrow closes. Two escrows closed in fiscal year 2007 using this program.

Families who are Homeless and/or victims of domestic violence are referred to the Health Department Multi-Service Center on the Westside for screening and eligibility for Section 8 HCV homeless vouchers. Currently we have 30 vouchers set aside for this purpose.

These are the programs that were highlighted in our Five-Year and One-Year plans to HUD and we will continue to focus on for fiscal year 2008 with special attention to greater outreach efforts to our property-owner community.

\*(new program authorized May 2008)

# **PHA Plans**

## **Streamlined 5-Year/Annual Version**

**U.S. Department of Housing and  
Urban Development**  
Office of Public and Indian Housing

OMB No. 2577-0226  
(exp 08/31/2009)

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This information collection is authorized by Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act, which added a new section 5A to the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 that introduced 5-year and annual PHA Plans. The full PHA plan provides a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the PHA's operations, programs, and services, and informs HUD, families served by the PHA, and members of the public of the PHA's mission and strategies for serving the needs of low-income and very low-income families. This form allows eligible PHAs to make a streamlined annual Plan submission to HUD consistent with HUD's efforts to provide regulatory relief to certain PHAs. Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 11.7 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. HUD may not collect this information and respondents are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

**Privacy Act Notice.** The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Housing Administration, is authorized to solicit the information requested in this form by virtue of Title 12, U.S. Code, Section 1701 et seq., and regulations promulgated thereunder at Title 12, Code of Federal Regulations. Information in PHA plans is publicly available.

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# **Streamlined 5-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2008 - 2012**

## **Streamlined Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2008**

**NOTE:** This PHA Plan template (HUD-50075-SA) is to be completed in accordance with instructions contained in previous Notices PIH 99-33 (HA), 99-51 (HA), 2000-22 (HA), 2000-36 (HA), 2000-43 (HA), 2001-4 (HA), 2001-26 (HA), 2003-7 (HA), and any related notices HUD may subsequently issue. Full reporting for each component listed in the streamlined Annual Plan submitted with the 5-year plan is required.

Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach  
Summary of Five year Plan for Fiscal Years 2008 – 2012  
And  
Annual Plan for 2008

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There is a great need for housing assistance in Long Beach. As of the 2000 census, and as reported in the City's Consolidated Plan, households in Long Beach earned a median household income of \$37,270 (well below the \$42,189 median income for Los Angeles County). In fact, one third of Long Beach households earned less than \$25,000 and nearly two-thirds earned less than \$50,000. Sixteen percent of all Long Beach households are considered extremely low-income, or at 30 percent of the area median income or less.

Housing affordability is a serious issue. Only ten percent of Long Beach households earn the level of income necessary to purchase the median priced home. Additionally, even rental housing is unaffordable for many Long Beach residents, thus causing families to double up in small, inadequate units. According to the City's Consolidated Plan, in order to afford the average monthly rent of \$795 for a one-bedroom apartment plus utilities, a household needs to earn at least \$33,800 a year.

The Housing Authority's waiting list was opened in May 2003, and there are still more than 10,000 families on the list.

The Housing Authority intends to address these needs utilizing the following strategies:

- Maximizing the number of affordable units available by establishing payment standards that will enable families to rent in as broad a market area as possible. However, this need must be balanced by controlling costs so as to serve the maximum number of families.
- Marketing the program to landlords to make the program acceptable to them.
- Within means available, providing counseling to the extremely low-income applicants who have a difficult time finding affordable housing, even with their voucher.

Furthermore, the Housing Authority attempts to address the needs of certain segments of the local population by having adopted certain preferences for selection from the waiting list:

- Veterans and veterans' family members.
- Families unable to work because of age or disability.
- Those who live or work in the City of Long Beach.

The Housing Authority will continue to explore and pursue a Section 8 homeownership option, keeping in mind the very high cost ownership, and the very limited incomes of our participants.

## Streamlined Five-Year PHA Plan Agency Identification

**PHA Name:** Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach

**PHA Number:** CA068

**PHA Fiscal Year Beginning:** (10/2008)

**PHA Programs Administered:**

- Public Housing and Section 8**    
  **Section 8 Only**    
  **Public Housing Only**  
 Number of public housing units:    
 Number of S8 units:    
 Number of public housing units:  
 Number of S8 units:

**PHA Consortia: (check box if submitting a joint PHA Plan and complete table)**

Participating PHAs	PHA Code	Program(s) Included in the Consortium	Programs Not in the Consortium	# of Units Each Program
Participating PHA 1:				
Participating PHA 2:				
Participating PHA 3:				

**Public Access to Information**

Information regarding any activities outlined in this plan can be obtained by contacting:  
 (select all that apply)

- Main administrative office of the PHA
- PHA development management offices
- PHA local offices

**Display Locations For PHA Plans and Supporting Documents**

The PHA Plans and attachments (if any) are available for public inspection at: (select all that apply)

- Main administrative office of the PHA
- PHA development management offices
- PHA local offices
- Main administrative office of the local government
- Main administrative office of the County government
- Main administrative office of the State government
- Public library
- PHA website
- Other (list below)

PHA Plan Supporting Documents are available for inspection at: (select all that apply)

- Main business office of the PHA

- PHA development management offices
- Other (list below)

## Streamlined Five-Year PHA Plan

PHA FISCAL YEARS 20\_\_ - 20\_\_

[24 CFR Part 903.12]

### A. Mission

State the PHA's mission for serving the needs of low-income, very low income, and extremely low-income families in the PHA's jurisdiction. (select one of the choices below)

- The mission of the PHA is the same as that of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: To promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination.
- The PHA's mission is: (state mission here)

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### B. Goals

The goals and objectives listed below are derived from HUD's strategic Goals and Objectives and those emphasized in recent legislation. PHAs may select any of these goals and objectives as their own, or identify other goals and/or objectives. Whether selecting the HUD-suggested objectives or their own, **PHAs ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO IDENTIFY QUANTIFIABLE MEASURES OF SUCCESS IN REACHING THEIR OBJECTIVES OVER THE COURSE OF THE 5 YEARS.** (Quantifiable measures would include targets such as: numbers of families served or PHAS scores achieved.) PHAs should identify these measures in the spaces to the right of or below the stated objectives.

#### **HUD Strategic Goal: Increase the availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing.**

- PHA Goal: Expand the supply of assisted housing  
Objectives:
  - Apply for additional rental vouchers:
  - Reduce public housing vacancies:
  - Leverage private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities:
  - Acquire or build units or developments
  - Other (list below)
- PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing  
Objectives:
  - Improve public housing management: (PHAS score)
  - Improve voucher management: (SEMAP score)
  - Increase customer satisfaction:



- Concentrate on efforts to improve specific management functions:  
(list; e.g., public housing finance; voucher unit inspections)
  - Renovate or modernize public housing units:
  - Demolish or dispose of obsolete public housing:
  - Provide replacement public housing:
  - Provide replacement vouchers:
  - Other: (list below)
- PHA Goal: Increase assisted housing choices
- Objectives:
- Provide voucher mobility counseling:
  - Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords
  - Increase voucher payment standards
  - Implement voucher homeownership program:
  - Implement public housing or other homeownership programs: (Continued  
Outreach and financial literacy classes to FSS clients)
  - Implement public housing site-based waiting lists:
  - Convert public housing to vouchers:
  - Other: (list below)

**HUD Strategic Goal: Improve community quality of life and economic vitality**

- PHA Goal: Provide an improved living environment
- Objectives:
- Implement measures to deconcentrate poverty by bringing higher income public housing households into lower income developments:
  - Implement measures to promote income mixing in public housing by assuring access for lower income families into higher income developments:
  - Implement public housing security improvements:
  - Designate developments or buildings for particular resident groups (elderly, persons with disabilities)
  - Other: (list below)

This goal pertains to public housing; the Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach does not administer any public housing units. However, we encourage voucher holders to look for units outside heavy poverty concentrated areas and the Housing Authority works closely with code enforcement to help clean up blighted neighborhoods through Housing Quality Standards enforcement.

**HUD Strategic Goal: Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of families and individuals**

- PHA Goal: Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of assisted households
- Objectives:

- Increase the number and percentage of employed persons in assisted families:
- Provide or attract supportive services to improve assistance recipients' employability:
- Provide or attract supportive services to increase independence for the elderly or families with disabilities.
- Other: (list below)

**HUD Strategic Goal: Ensure Equal Opportunity in Housing for all Americans**

- PHA Goal: Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing  
Objectives:
  - Undertake affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability:
  - Undertake affirmative measures to provide a suitable living environment for families living in assisted housing, regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability:
  - Undertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all varieties of disabilities regardless of unit size required:
  - Other: (list below)

**Other PHA Goals and Objectives: (list below)**

Improve our image in the community so that the concept of assisted housing is more acceptable and so that landlords will be more receptive to participating in the program.

- Educate our elected officials as to the value of the program.
- Ensure that Tenant Advocacy Groups know what we are doing.
- Find ways to make the program more appealing to owners.
- Partner with non-profits to establish the Housing Authority as a ready base of services to the community.
- Newsletter that shares successes of program to the community.

Provide better services to our landlords and participating families:

- Better educate landlords and tenants so that they know what to expect from us.
- Ensure that landlords and tenants receive our messages.

Continue to find ways to reduce fraud perpetuated by tenants and landlords.

## Streamlined Annual PHA Plan

### PHA Fiscal Year 2008

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b)]

#### Table of Contents

Provide the following table of contents for the streamlined Annual Plan submitted with the Five-Year Plan, including all streamlined plan components, and additional requirements, together with the list of supporting documents available for public inspection.

#### A. ANNUAL STREAMLINED PHA PLAN COMPONENTS

- 1. Housing Needs
- 2. Financial Resources
- 3. Policies on Eligibility, Selection and Admissions
- 4. Rent Determination Policies
- 5. Capital Improvements Needs
- 6. Demolition and Disposition
- 7. Homeownership
- 8. Civil Rights Certifications (included with PHA Certifications of Compliance)
- 9. Additional Information
  - a. PHA Progress on Meeting 5-Year Mission and Goals
  - b. Criteria for Substantial Deviations and Significant Amendments
  - c. Other Information Requested by HUD
    - i. Resident Advisory Board Membership and Consultation Process
    - ii. Resident Membership on the PHA Governing Board
    - iii. PHA Statement of Consistency with Consolidated Plan
    - iv. (Reserved)
- 10. Project-Based Voucher Program
- 11. Supporting Documents Available for Review
- 12. FY 20\_\_ Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor, Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report
- 13. Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan
- 14. Other (List below, providing name for each item)

#### B. SEPARATE HARD COPY SUBMISSIONS TO LOCAL HUD FIELD OFFICE

**Form HUD-50077**, PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations: Board Resolution to Accompany the Standard Annual, Standard Five-Year, and Streamlined Five-Year/Annual Plans;

Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plan Consistency with Consolidated Plan.

For PHAs APPLYING FOR CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM (CFP) GRANTS:

**Form HUD-50070**, Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace;

**Form HUD-50071**, Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions;

**Form SF-LLL & SF-LLLa**, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities.

**Executive Summary (optional)**

[903.7(r)]. If desired, provide a brief overview of the contents of the streamlined 5-Year/Annual Plan.

**1. Statement of Housing Needs** [24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7(a)]

**A. Housing Needs of Families on the Public Housing and Section 8 Tenant- Based Assistance Waiting Lists**

State the housing needs of the families on the PHA’s waiting list/s. **Complete one table for each type of PHA-wide waiting list administered by the PHA.** PHAs may provide separate tables for site-based or sub-jurisdictional public housing waiting lists at their option.

<b>Housing Needs of Families on the PHA’s Waiting Lists</b>			
Waiting list type: (select one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 8 tenant-based assistance			
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Combined Section 8 and Public Housing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing Site-Based or sub-jurisdictional waiting list (optional)			
If used, identify which development/subjurisdiction:			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	10,976		
Extremely low income <=30% AMI			
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)			
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)			
Families with children			
Elderly families		7%	
Families with Disabilities		23%	
Race/ethnicity Black/African-American	6,317	58%	
Race/ethnicity White Caucasian	2,744	25%	
Race/ethnicity Hispanic/Latino	1,643	15%	
Race/ethnicity Other	272	2%	
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)			
1BR			
2 BR			
3 BR			
4 BR			
5 BR			
5+ BR			

Housing Needs of Families on the PHA's Waiting Lists
Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
If yes:
How long has it been closed (# of months)? 60
Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No* <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed?
<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes – Families displaced by governmental action
* Expect to reopen the list possibly at end of FY 08-09

### B. Strategy for Addressing Needs

Provide a brief description of the PHA's strategy for addressing the housing needs of families on the PHA's public housing and Section 8 waiting lists **IN THE UPCOMING YEAR**, and the Agency's reasons for choosing this strategy.

#### (1) Strategies

**Need: Shortage of affordable housing for all eligible populations**

#### **Strategy 1. Maximize the number of affordable units available to the PHA within its current resources by:**

Select all that apply

- Employ effective maintenance and management policies to minimize the number of public housing units off-line
- Reduce turnover time for vacated public housing units
- Reduce time to renovate public housing units
- Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through mixed finance development
- Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through section 8 replacement housing resources
- Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by establishing payment standards that will enable families to rent throughout the jurisdiction
- Undertake measures to ensure access to affordable housing among families assisted by the PHA, regardless of unit size required
- Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by marketing the program to owners, particularly those outside of areas of minority and poverty concentration
- Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by effectively screening Section 8 applicants to increase owner acceptance of program
- Participate in the Consolidated Plan development process to ensure coordination with broader community strategies
- Other (list below)

#### **Strategy 2: Increase the number of affordable housing units by:**

Select all that apply

- Apply for additional section 8 units should they become available
- Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed - finance housing

- Pursue housing resources other than public housing or Section 8 tenant-based assistance.
- Other: (list below)

**Need: Specific Family Types: Families at or below 30% of median**

**Strategy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 30 % of AMI**

Select all that apply

- Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in public housing
- Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in tenant-based section 8 assistance
- Employ admissions preferences aimed at families with economic hardships
- Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- Other: (list below)

**Need: Specific Family Types: Families at or below 50% of median**

**Strategy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 50% of AMI**

Select all that apply

- Employ admissions preferences aimed at families who are working
- Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- Other: (list below)

**Need: Specific Family Types: The Elderly**

**Strategy 1: Target available assistance to the elderly:**

Select all that apply

- Seek designation of public housing for the elderly
- Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to the elderly, should they become available
- Other: (list below)

**Need: Specific Family Types: Families with Disabilities**

**Strategy 1: Target available assistance to Families with Disabilities:**

Select all that apply

- Seek designation of public housing for families with disabilities
- Carry out the modifications needed in public housing based on the section 504 Needs Assessment for Public Housing
- Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to families with disabilities, should they become available
- Affirmatively market to local non-profit agencies that assist families with disabilities

Other: (list below)

**Need: Specific Family Types: Races or ethnicities with disproportionate housing needs**

**Strategy 1: Increase awareness of PHA resources among families of races and ethnicities with disproportionate needs:**

Select if applicable

- Affirmatively market to races/ethnicities shown to have disproportionate housing needs  
 Other: (list below)

**Strategy 2: Conduct activities to affirmatively further fair housing**

Select all that apply

- Counsel section 8 tenants as to location of units outside of areas of poverty or minority concentration and assist them to locate those units  
 Market the section 8 program to owners outside of areas of poverty /minority concentrations  
 Other: (list below)

**Other Housing Needs & Strategies: (list needs and strategies below)**

**(2) Reasons for Selecting Strategies**

Of the factors listed below, select all that influenced the PHA's selection of the strategies it will pursue:

- Funding constraints  
 Staffing constraints  
 Limited availability of sites for assisted housing  
 Extent to which particular housing needs are met by other organizations in the community  
 Evidence of housing needs as demonstrated in the Consolidated Plan and other information available to the PHA  
 Influence of the housing market on PHA programs  
 Community priorities regarding housing assistance  
 Results of consultation with local or state government  
 Results of consultation with residents and the Resident Advisory Board  
 Results of consultation with advocacy groups  
 Other: (list below)

## 2. Statement of Financial Resources

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (c)]

List on the following table the financial resources that are anticipated to be available to the PHA for the support of Federal public housing and tenant-based Section 8 assistance programs administered by the PHA during the Plan year. Note: the table assumes that Federal public housing or tenant based Section 8 assistance grant funds are expended on eligible purposes; therefore, uses of these funds need not be stated. For other funds, indicate the use for those funds as one of the following categories: public housing operations, public housing capital improvements, public housing safety/security, public housing supportive services, Section 8 tenant-based assistance, Section 8 supportive services or other.

<b>Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses</b>		
<b>Sources</b>	<b>Planned \$</b>	<b>Planned Uses</b>
<b>1. Federal Grants (FY 2008 grants)</b>		
a) Public Housing Operating Fund		
b) Public Housing Capital Fund		
c) HOPE VI Revitalization		
d) HOPE VI Demolition		
e) Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance	65,000,000	
f) Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants	260,000	
g) Community Development Block Grant		
h) HOME		
Other Federal Grants (list below)		
<b>2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below)</b>		
<b>3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income</b>		
<b>4. Other income (list below)</b>	490,000	Shelter Plus Care Grants: Provide rental assistance to Homeless and disabled.
	324,000	HOPWA: Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS/HIV
	685,000	VASH: Veterans Program
<b>4. Non-federal sources (list below)</b>		
<b>Total resources</b>	<b>66,759,000</b>	



### **3. PHA Policies Governing Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions**

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (b)]

#### **A. Public Housing**

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer public housing are not required to complete subcomponent 3A.

##### **(1) Eligibility**

a. When does the PHA verify eligibility for admission to public housing? (select all that apply)

- When families are within a certain number of being offered a unit: (state number)
- When families are within a certain time of being offered a unit: (state time)
- Other: (describe)

b. Which non-income (screening) factors does the PHA use to establish eligibility for admission to public housing (select all that apply)?

- Criminal or Drug-related activity
- Rental history
- Housekeeping
- Other (describe)

c.  Yes  No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?

d.  Yes  No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?

e.  Yes  No: Does the PHA access FBI criminal records from the FBI for screening purposes? (either directly or through an NCIC-authorized source)

##### **(2) Waiting List Organization**

a. Which methods does the PHA plan to use to organize its public housing waiting list (select all that apply)

- Community-wide list
- Sub-jurisdictional lists
- Site-based waiting lists
- Other (describe)

b. Where may interested persons apply for admission to public housing?

- PHA main administrative office
- PHA development site management office
- Other (list below)

c. Site-Based Waiting Lists-Previous Year

1. Has the PHA operated one or more site-based waiting lists in the previous year? If yes, complete the following table; if not skip to d.

Site-Based Waiting Lists				
Development Information: (Name, number, location)	Date Initiated	Initial mix of Racial, Ethnic or Disability Demographics	Current mix of Racial, Ethnic or Disability Demographics since Initiation of SBWL	Percent change between initial and current mix of Racial, Ethnic, or Disability demographics

2. What is the number of site based waiting list developments to which families may apply at one time? \_\_\_

3. How many unit offers may an applicant turn down before being removed from the site-based waiting list? \_\_\_

4.  Yes  No: Is the PHA the subject of any pending fair housing complaint by HUD or any court order or settlement agreement? If yes, describe the order, agreement or complaint and describe how use of a site-based waiting list will not violate or be inconsistent with the order, agreement or complaint below:

d. Site-Based Waiting Lists – Coming Year

If the PHA plans to operate one or more site-based waiting lists in the coming year, answer each of the following questions; if not, skip to subsection **(3) Assignment**

1. How many site-based waiting lists will the PHA operate in the coming year?

2.  Yes  No: Are any or all of the PHA’s site-based waiting lists new for the upcoming year (that is, they are not part of a previously-HUD-approved site based waiting list plan)?  
 If yes, how many lists?

3.  Yes  No: May families be on more than one list simultaneously?  
 If yes, how many lists?

4. Where can interested persons obtain more information about and sign up to be on the site-based waiting lists (select all that apply)?

- PHA main administrative office
- All PHA development management offices
- Management offices at developments with site-based waiting lists
- At the development to which they would like to apply
- Other (list below)

**(3) Assignment**

a. How many vacant unit choices are applicants ordinarily given before they fall to the bottom of or are removed from the waiting list? (select one)

- One
- Two
- Three or More

b.  Yes  No: Is this policy consistent across all waiting list types?

c. If answer to b is no, list variations for any other than the primary public housing waiting list/s for the PHA:

**(4) Admissions Preferences**

a. Income targeting:

- Yes  No: Does the PHA plan to exceed the federal targeting requirements by targeting more than 40% of all new admissions to public housing to families at or below 30% of median area income?

b. Transfer policies:

In what circumstances will transfers take precedence over new admissions? (list below)

- Emergencies
- Over-housed
- Under-housed
- Medical justification
- Administrative reasons determined by the PHA (e.g., to permit modernization work)
- Resident choice: (state circumstances below)
- Other: (list below)

c. Preferences

1.  Yes  No: Has the PHA established preferences for admission to public housing (other than date and time of application)? (If "no" is selected, skip to subsection **(5) Occupancy**)

2. Which of the following admission preferences does the PHA plan to employ in the coming year? (select all that apply from either former Federal preferences or other preferences)

Former Federal preferences:

- Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- Victims of domestic violence
- Substandard housing
- Homelessness
- High rent burden (rent is > 50 percent of income)

Other preferences: (select below)

- Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- Veterans and veterans' families
- Residents who live and/or work in the jurisdiction
- Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- Other preference(s) (list below)

3. If the PHA will employ admissions preferences, please prioritize by placing a "1" in the space that represents your first priority, a "2" in the box representing your second priority, and so on. If you give equal weight to one or more of these choices (either through an absolute hierarchy or through a point system), place the same number next to each. That means you can use "1" more than once, "2" more than once, etc.

- Date and Time

Former Federal preferences:

- Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- Victims of domestic violence
- Substandard housing
- Homelessness
- High rent burden

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- Veterans and veterans' families
- Residents who live and/or work in the jurisdiction
- Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- Other preference(s) (list below)

4. Relationship of preferences to income targeting requirements:

- The PHA applies preferences within income tiers
- Not applicable: the pool of applicant families ensures that the PHA will meet income targeting requirements

**(5) Occupancy**

a. What reference materials can applicants and residents use to obtain information about the rules of occupancy of public housing (select all that apply)

- The PHA-resident lease
- The PHA's Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy policy
- PHA briefing seminars or written materials
- Other source (list)

b. How often must residents notify the PHA of changes in family composition? (select all that apply)

- At an annual reexamination and lease renewal
- Any time family composition changes
- At family request for revision
- Other (list)

**(6) Deconcentration and Income Mixing**

a.  Yes  No: Does the PHA have any general occupancy (family) public housing developments covered by the deconcentration rule? If no, this section is complete. If yes, continue to the next question.

b.  Yes  No: Do any of these covered developments have average incomes above or below 85% to 115% of the average incomes of all such developments? If no, this section is complete. If yes, list these developments on the following table:

Deconcentration Policy for Covered Developments			
Development Name	Number of Units	Explanation (if any) [see step 4 at §903.2(c)(1)(iv)]	Deconcentration policy (if no explanation) [see step 5 at §903.2(c)(1)(v)]

**B. Section 8**

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer section 8 are not required to complete sub-component 3B.

Unless otherwise specified, all questions in this section apply only to the tenant-based section 8 assistance program (vouchers, and until completely merged into the voucher program, certificates).

**(1) Eligibility**

- a. What is the extent of screening conducted by the PHA? (select all that apply)
- Criminal or drug-related activity only to the extent required by law or regulation
  - Criminal and drug-related activity, more extensively than required by law or regulation
  - More general screening than criminal and drug-related activity (list factors):
  - Other (list below)
- b.  Yes  No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?
- c.  Yes  No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?
- d.  Yes  No: Does the PHA access FBI criminal records from the FBI for screening purposes? (either directly or through an NCIC-authorized source)
- e. Indicate what kinds of information you share with prospective landlords? (select all that apply)
- Criminal or drug-related activity
  - Other (describe below)

We do not share any screening information with landlords

**(2) Waiting List Organization**

- a. With which of the following program waiting lists is the section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting list merged? (select all that apply)
- None
  - Federal public housing
  - Federal moderate rehabilitation
  - Federal project-based certificate program
  - Other federal or local program (list below)
- b. Where may interested persons apply for admission to section 8 tenant-based assistance? (select all that apply)
- PHA main administrative office
  - Other (list below)

**(3) Search Time**

- a.  Yes  No: Does the PHA give extensions on standard 60-day period to search for a unit?

If yes, state circumstances below:

HACLB initially provides 120 days to search for a unit; however, persons with disabilities are given additional time to locate a unit.

**(4) Admissions Preferences**

a. Income targeting

- Yes  No: Does the PHA plan to exceed the federal targeting requirements by targeting more than 75% of all new admissions to the section 8 program to families at or below 30% of median area income?

b. Preferences

1.  Yes  No: Has the PHA established preferences for admission to section 8 tenant-based assistance? (other than date and time of application) (if no, skip to subcomponent **(5) Special purpose section 8 assistance programs**)

2. Which of the following admission preferences does the PHA plan to employ in the coming year? (select all that apply from either former Federal preferences or other preferences)

Former Federal preferences

- Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- Victims of domestic violence
- Substandard housing
- Homelessness
- High rent burden (rent is > 50 percent of income)

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- Veterans and veterans' families
- Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction
- Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- Other preference(s) (list below)

3. If the PHA will employ admissions preferences, please prioritize by placing a "1" in the space that represents your first priority, a "2" in the box representing your second priority, and so on. If you give equal weight to one or more of these choices (either through an absolute hierarchy or through a point system), place the same number next to each. That means you can use "1" more than once, "2" more than once, etc.

- Date and Time

Former Federal preferences:

- Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- Victims of domestic violence
- Substandard housing
- Homelessness
- High rent burden

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- Veterans and veterans' families
- Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction
- Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- Other preference(s) (list below)

4. Among applicants on the waiting list with equal preference status, how are applicants selected? (select one)

- Date and time of application
- Drawing (lottery) or other random choice technique

5. If the PHA plans to employ preferences for "residents who live and/or work in the jurisdiction" (select one)

- This preference has previously been reviewed and approved by HUD
- The PHA requests approval for this preference through this PHA Plan

6. Relationship of preferences to income targeting requirements: (select one)

- The PHA applies preferences within income tiers
- Not applicable: the pool of applicant families ensures that the PHA will meet income targeting requirements

**(5) Special Purpose Section 8 Assistance Programs**

a. In which documents or other reference materials are the policies governing eligibility, selection, and admissions to any special-purpose section 8 program administered by the PHA contained? (select all that apply)

- The Section 8 Administrative Plan
- Briefing sessions and written materials
- Other (list below)

b. How does the PHA announce the availability of any special-purpose section 8 programs to the public?



- Through published notices
- Other (list below)

#### **4. PHA Rent Determination Policies**

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7(d)]

#### **A. Public Housing**

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer public housing are not required to complete sub-component 4A.

#### **(1) Income Based Rent Policies**

Describe the PHA's income based rent setting policy/ies for public housing using, including discretionary (that is, not required by statute or regulation) income disregards and exclusions, in the appropriate spaces below.

a. Use of discretionary policies: (select one of the following two)

- The PHA will not employ any discretionary rent-setting policies for income-based rent in public housing. Income-based rents are set at the higher of 30% of adjusted monthly income, 10% of unadjusted monthly income, the welfare rent, or minimum rent (less HUD mandatory deductions and exclusions). (If selected, skip to sub-component (2))
- The PHA employs discretionary policies for determining income-based rent (If selected, continue to question b.)

b. Minimum Rent

1. What amount best reflects the PHA's minimum rent? (select one)

- \$0
- \$1-\$25
- \$26-\$50

2.  Yes  No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies?

3. If yes to question 2, list these policies below:

c. Rents set at less than 30% of adjusted income

1.  Yes  No: Does the PHA plan to charge rents at a fixed amount or percentage less than 30% of adjusted income?

2. If yes to above, list the amounts or percentages charged and the circumstances under which these will be used below:

d. Which of the discretionary (optional) deductions and/or exclusions policies does the PHA

plan to employ (select all that apply)

- For the earned income of a previously unemployed household member
- For increases in earned income
- Fixed amount (other than general rent-setting policy)  
If yes, state amount/s and circumstances below:

- Fixed percentage (other than general rent-setting policy)  
If yes, state percentage/s and circumstances below:

- For household heads
- For other family members
- For transportation expenses
- For the non-reimbursed medical expenses of non-disabled or non-elderly families
- Other (describe below)

e. Ceiling rents

1. Do you have ceiling rents? (rents set at a level lower than 30% of adjusted income) (select one)

- Yes for all developments
- Yes but only for some developments
- No

2. For which kinds of developments are ceiling rents in place? (select all that apply)

- For all developments
- For all general occupancy developments (not elderly or disabled or elderly only)
- For specified general occupancy developments
- For certain parts of developments; e.g., the high-rise portion
- For certain size units; e.g., larger bedroom sizes
- Other (list below)

3. Select the space or spaces that best describe how you arrive at ceiling rents (select all that apply)

- Market comparability study
- Fair market rents (FMR)
- 95<sup>th</sup> percentile rents
- 75 percent of operating costs
- 100 percent of operating costs for general occupancy (family) developments
- Operating costs plus debt service
- The "rental value" of the unit
- Other (list below)

f. Rent re-determinations:

1. Between income reexaminations, how often must tenants report changes in income or family composition to the PHA such that the changes result in an adjustment to rent? (select all that apply)

- Never
- At family option
- Any time the family experiences an income increase
- Any time a family experiences an income increase above a threshold amount or percentage: (if selected, specify threshold)\_\_\_\_\_
- Other (list below)

g.  Yes  No: Does the PHA plan to implement individual savings accounts for residents (ISAs) as an alternative to the required 12 month disallowance of earned income and phasing in of rent increases in the next year?

**(2) Flat Rents**

a. In setting the market-based flat rents, what sources of information did the PHA use to establish comparability? (select all that apply.)

- The section 8 rent reasonableness study of comparable housing
- Survey of rents listed in local newspaper
- Survey of similar unassisted units in the neighborhood
- Other (list/describe below)

**B. Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance**

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer Section 8 tenant-based assistance are not required to complete sub-component 4B. **Unless otherwise specified, all questions in this section apply only to the tenant-based section 8 assistance program (vouchers, and until completely merged into the voucher program, certificates).**

**(1) Payment Standards**

Describe the voucher payment standards and policies.

a. What is the PHA's payment standard? (select the category that best describes your standard)

- At or above 90% but below 100% of FMR
- 100% of FMR
- Above 100% but at or below 110% of FMR
- Above 110% of FMR (if HUD approved; describe circumstances below)

b. If the payment standard is lower than FMR, why has the PHA selected this standard? (select all that apply)

- FMRs are adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment of the FMR area
- The PHA has chosen to serve additional families by lowering the payment standard

- Reflects market or submarket
- Other (list below)

c. If the payment standard is higher than FMR, why has the PHA chosen this level? (select all that apply)

- FMRs are not adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment of the FMR area
- Reflects market or submarket
- To increase housing options for families
- Other (list below)

d. How often are payment standards reevaluated for adequacy? (select one)

- Annually
- Other (list below)

Payment standards are reviewed when it becomes apparent that the lease-up rate is affected by current standards, or if the Housing Authority needs to control costs in order to continue serving the same number of people, as was recently the case when we all faced a funding shortfall.

e. What factors will the PHA consider in its assessment of the adequacy of its payment standard? (select all that apply)

- Success rates of assisted families
- Rent burdens of assisted families
- Other (list below)

With the change in federal funding formulas, it will be necessary to monitor the cost of leased-up vouchers in order to insure that the Housing Authority is assisting the greatest number of families as possible. The payment standard will have to be balanced so as to maintain lease up, while serving the greatest number of families possible.

## **(2) Minimum Rent**

a. What amount best reflects the PHA's minimum rent? (select one)

- \$0
- \$1-\$25
- \$26-\$50

b.  Yes  No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies? (if yes, list below)

## **5. Capital Improvement Needs**

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7 (g)]

Exemptions from Component 5: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this component and may skip to Component 6.

### A. Capital Fund Activities

Exemptions from sub-component 5A: PHAs that will not participate in the Capital Fund Program may skip to component 5B. All other PHAs must complete 5A as instructed.

#### (1) Capital Fund Program

- a.  Yes  No Does the PHA plan to participate in the Capital Fund Program in the upcoming year? If yes, complete items 12 and 13 of this template (Capital Fund Program tables). If no, skip to B.
  
- b.  Yes  No: Does the PHA propose to use any portion of its CFP funds to repay debt incurred to finance capital improvements? If so, the PHA must identify in its annual and 5-year capital plans the development(s) where such improvements will be made and show both how the proceeds of the financing will be used and the amount of the annual payments required to service the debt. (Note that separate HUD approval is required for such financing activities.).

### B. HOPE VI and Public Housing Development and Replacement Activities (Non-Capital Fund)

Applicability of sub-component 5B: All PHAs administering public housing. Identify any approved HOPE VI and/or public housing development or replacement activities not described in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement.

#### (1) Hope VI Revitalization

- a.  Yes  No: Has the PHA received a HOPE VI revitalization grant? (if no, skip to next component; if yes, provide responses to questions on chart below for each grant, copying and completing as many times as necessary)
  
- b. Status of HOPE VI revitalization grant (complete one set of questions for each grant)  
Development name:  
Development (project) number:  
Status of grant: (select the statement that best describes the current status)
  - Revitalization Plan under development
  - Revitalization Plan submitted, pending approval
  - Revitalization Plan approved
  - Activities pursuant to an approved Revitalization Plan underway
  
- c.  Yes  No: Does the PHA plan to apply for a HOPE VI Revitalization grant in the Plan year? If yes, list development name/s below:
  
- d.  Yes  No: Will the PHA be engaging in any mixed-finance development activities for

public housing in the Plan year? If yes, list developments or activities below:

- e.  Yes  No: Will the PHA be conducting any other public housing development or replacement activities not discussed in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement? If yes, list developments or activities below:

**6. Demolition and Disposition**

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7 (h)]

Applicability of component 6: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this section.

- a.  Yes  No: Does the PHA plan to conduct any demolition or disposition activities (pursuant to section 18 or 24 (Hope VI) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437p) or Section 202/Section 33 (Mandatory Conversion) in the plan Fiscal Year? (If “No”, skip to component 7; if “yes”, complete one activity description for each development on the following chart.)

<b>Demolition/Disposition Activity Description</b>
1a. Development name: 1b. Development (project) number:
2. Activity type: Demolition <input type="checkbox"/> Disposition <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Application status (select one) Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted, pending approval <input type="checkbox"/> Planned application <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Date application approved, submitted, or planned for submission: (DD/MM/YY)
5. Number of units affected: 6. Coverage of action (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Part of the development <input type="checkbox"/> Total development
7. Timeline for activity: a. Actual or projected start date of activity: b. Projected end date of activity:

**7. Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance--Section 8(y) Homeownership Program**

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7(k)(1)(i)]

- (1)  Yes  No: Does the PHA plan to administer a Section 8 Homeownership program pursuant to Section 8(y) of the U.S.H.A. of 1937, as implemented by 24 CFR part 982 ? (If “No”, skip to the next component; if “yes”, complete each program description below (copy and complete questions for each program identified.)

## (2) Program Description

### a. Size of Program

Yes  No: Will the PHA limit the number of families participating in the Section 8 homeownership option?

If the answer to the question above was yes, what is the maximum number of participants this fiscal year? \_\_\_

### b. PHA-established eligibility criteria

Yes  No: Will the PHA's program have eligibility criteria for participation in its Section 8 Homeownership Option program in addition to HUD criteria? If yes, list criteria below:

c. What actions will the PHA undertake to implement the program this year (list)?

## (3) Capacity of the PHA to Administer a Section 8 Homeownership Program

The PHA has demonstrated its capacity to administer the program by (select all that apply):

- a.  Establishing a minimum homeowner downpayment requirement of at least 3 percent of purchase price and requiring that at least 1 percent of the purchase price comes from the family's resources.
- b.  Requiring that financing for purchase of a home under its Section 8 homeownership will be provided, insured or guaranteed by the state or Federal government; comply with secondary mortgage market underwriting requirements; or comply with generally accepted private sector underwriting standards.
- c.  Partnering with a qualified agency or agencies to administer the program (list name(s) and years of experience below).
- d.  Demonstrating that it has other relevant experience (list experience below).

## 8. Civil Rights Certifications

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (o)]

Civil rights certifications are included in the *PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations: Board Resolution to Accompany the Standard Annual, Standard Five-Year, and Streamlined Five-Year/Annual Plans*, which is submitted to the Field Office in hard copy—see Table of Contents.

## 9. Additional Information

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (r)]

### A. PHA Progress in Meeting the Mission and Goals Described in the 5-Year Plan

*(Provide a statement of the PHA's progress against the goals and objectives established in the previous 5-Year Plan for the period FY 2007 - 2011.)*

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach has successfully made progress towards achieving the goals and objectives outlined in the 2007-2011 Five Year Plan, while serving as many low-income families possible. The number of vouchers allocated to the Housing Authority has increased with the addition of vouchers provided to affected families and continued assistance to victims of Hurricane Katrina and the VASH Program to the homeless veterans. HACLB's homeownership program has seen three more families transition to homeownership this year, with others hoping to move before the year is out. Landlords in the community are pleased to work with us, and we hold quarterly owner orientations to promote new owner participation and understanding/awareness of the Section 8 program. Our anti-fraud program actively using the HUD EIV income verification has become evermore successful with terminations for those tenants not abiding by program regulations, and with prosecutions for cases where HACLB suffered significant financial loss.

## **B. Criteria for Substantial Deviations and Significant Amendments**

### **(1) Amendment and Deviation Definitions**

24 CFR Part 903.7(r)

PHAs are required to define and adopt their own standards of substantial deviation from the 5-year Plan and Significant Amendment to the Annual Plan. The definition of significant amendment is important because it defines when the PHA will subject a change to the policies or activities described in the Annual Plan to full public hearing and HUD review before implementation.

- a. Substantial Deviation from the 5-Year Plan
- b. Significant Amendment or Modification to the Annual Plan

## **C. Other Information**

[24 CFR Part 903.13, 903.15]

### **(1) Resident Advisory Board Recommendations**

- a.  Yes  No: Did the PHA receive any comments on the PHA Plan from the Resident Advisory Board/s?

If yes, provide the comments below:

- b. In what manner did the PHA address those comments? (select all that apply)

Considered comments, but determined that no changes to the PHA Plan were necessary.

The PHA changed portions of the PHA Plan in response to comments  
List changes below:

Other: (list below)



## (2) Resident Membership on PHA Governing Board

The governing board of each PHA is required to have at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA, unless the PHA meets certain exemption criteria. Regulations governing the resident board member are found at 24 CFR Part 964, Subpart E.

a. Does the PHA governing board include at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA this year?

Yes  No:

If yes, complete the following:

Name of Resident Member of the PHA Governing Board:

- Maria Tanzer
- Vacant

Method of Selection:

Appointment

**The term of appointment is (include the date term expires): Two years:**

**6/30/08**

Election by Residents (if checked, complete next section--Description of Resident Election Process)

## Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Agenda

Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach

521 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Long Beach, CA 90802

Wednesday, June 04, 2008

5:00 – 6:30 PM

### Food and Refreshments

- Welcome & Introduction to Housing Authority Staff
  - Introduction by Deputy Executive Director, Darnisa Tyler.
- Purpose of the Resident Advisory Board (RAB)
  - Provides Section 8 tenants an opportunity to give feedback on the Section 8 program and how the Housing Authority could improve administration of the program.
  - Also provides an opportunity for Section 8 tenants to ask questions and provides a direct line of communication with the Housing Authority.
- Need for Subsidized Housing in Long Beach
  - Stress the need for subsidized housing in Long Beach, the 7<sup>th</sup> poorest city in the United States.

- We have funding to help 6,300 families.
- Strategy for Addressing Needs/Housing Authority Programs
- Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher
  - HACLB administers roughly 6300 vouchers, with an annual budget of over \$63 million.
- Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS/HIV (HOPWA)
  - \$500,000 in funds available annually for this program that provides housing assistance to people afflicted with AIDS or HIV.
- Shelter Plus Care
  - S+C program is part of a citywide initiative to end homelessness in Long Beach.
  - HACLB has partnered with the Health Department, US Veterans, and the Mental Health Association of Los Angeles to provide supportive services and housing assistance to disabled and homeless persons.
- Katrina Disaster Housing Assistance Program (KDHAP) /Disaster Voucher Program (DVP)
  - People migrated to Long Beach and HACLB provided them with housing assistance.
- VASH (Veterans Initiative)
  - Our bureau was one of a very few in the state of California that was given funds for veterans.
  - Approximately \$685,000 is available to help all veterans.
- Project Based Vouchers
  - Stressed that Project Based Vouchers do not travel with you that they are restricted to that property.
- Family Self Sufficiency (FSS)
  - The FSS program allows participants to set goals for themselves and develop a plan of action to achieve self-sufficiency, while allowing them to develop savings in the form of an escrow account.
  - The highest recent escrow account payout was \$36,000.
  - Requested that FSS participants be updated on their progress towards attaining and completing the goals they set forth in their initial contract. HACLB has already implemented these practices.
- Homeownership
  - The Section 8 homeownership program allows participants who are able to qualify for a loan to receive housing assistance payments to subsidize their mortgage.
  - Several tenants commented that it is extremely difficult to purchase a home in the current housing market. Alternatives were suggested, such as the purchase of a condo and then building equity so that they may eventually purchase their “dream home.”
  - HACLB has partnered with a couple of affordable local developments with the assistance of the Housing Services Bureau. These developments have designated several units available for purchase by qualified Section 8 tenants.
- Homeless Assistance

- HACLB has partnered with organizations to assist with the homeless problem in Long Beach.
  - Board member asked if we were specifically working with Somoan church.
- Waiting List
  - HACLB's Section 8 waiting list is currently closed. There are currently over 10,000 names remaining on the list.
- Payment Standards & Subsidy/Occupancy Standards
- Enforcement of Program Regulations thru Earned Income Verification (EIV)
  - Explained how the EIV is helping to catch people who are committing fraud.
  - Overview of the EIV program.
- Reinstatement of Tenant Newsletter
  - Monthly newsletter for tenants and owners.
- Approval of Proposed Plan
  - A summary of the Five Year and One Year Plan was given to all board members.
  - No changes made to the summary.
  - Plan approved by RAB board.

### Description of Resident Election Process

Nomination of candidates for place on the ballot: (select all that apply)

- Candidates were nominated by resident and assisted family organizations
- Candidates could be nominated by any adult recipient of PHA assistance
- Self-nomination: Candidates registered with the PHA and requested a place on ballot
- Other: (describe)

Housing authority staff makes recommendations to the Mayor about tenants they think are articulate and care about the broader community. The Mayor then appoints the commissioners with ratification of City Council

Eligible candidates: (select one)

- Any recipient of PHA assistance
- Any head of household receiving PHA assistance
- Any adult recipient of PHA assistance
- Any adult member of a resident or assisted family organization
- Other (list)

Eligible voters: (select all that apply)

- All adult recipients of PHA assistance (public housing and section 8 tenant-based assistance)
- Representatives of all PHA resident and assisted family organizations
- Other (list)

b. If the PHA governing board does not have at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA, why not?

- The PHA is located in a State that requires the members of a governing board to be salaried and serve on a full time basis
- The PHA has less than 300 public housing units, has provided reasonable notice to the resident advisory board of the opportunity to serve on the governing board, and has not been notified by any resident of their interest to participate in the Board.
- Other (explain):

Date of next term expiration of a governing board member:

Name and title of appointing official(s) for governing board (indicate appointing official for the next available position):

**(3) PHA Statement of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan**

[24 CFR Part 903.15]

For each applicable Consolidated Plan, make the following statement (copy questions as many times as necessary).

**Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: (provide name here)**

a. The PHA has taken the following steps to ensure consistency of this PHA Plan with the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction: (select all that apply):

- The PHA has based its statement of needs of families on its waiting list on the needs expressed in the Consolidated Plan/s.
- The PHA has participated in any consultation process organized and offered by the Consolidated Plan agency in the development of the Consolidated Plan.
- The PHA has consulted with the Consolidated Plan agency during the development of this PHA Plan.
- Activities to be undertaken by the PHA in the coming year are consistent with the initiatives contained in the Consolidated Plan. (list below)
- Other: (list below)

b. The Consolidated Plan of the jurisdiction supports the PHA Plan with the following actions and commitments: (describe below)

**(4) (Reserved)**

Use this section to provide any additional information requested by HUD.

**10. Project-Based Voucher Program**

- a.  Yes  No: Does the PHA plan to “project-base” any tenant-based Section 8 vouchers in the coming year? If yes, answer the following questions.

- b.  Yes  No: Are there circumstances indicating that the project basing of the units, rather than tenant-basing of the same amount of assistance is an appropriate option?

If yes, check which circumstances apply:

- Low utilization rate for vouchers due to lack of suitable rental units  
 Access to neighborhoods outside of high poverty areas  
 Other (describe below):

- c. Indicate the number of units and general location of units (e.g. eligible census tracts or smaller areas within eligible census tracts):

### 11. List of Supporting Documents Available for Review for Streamlined Five-Year/ Annual PHA Plans

PHAs are to indicate which documents are available for public review by placing a mark in the “Applicable & On Display” column in the appropriate rows. All listed documents must be on display if applicable to the program activities conducted by the PHA.

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
X	<i>PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations and Board Resolution to Accompany the Standard Annual, Standard Five-Year, and Streamlined Five-Year/Annual Plans.</i>	Standard 5 Year and Annual Plans; streamlined 5 Year Plans
X	State/Local Government Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan.	5 Year Plans
On file at the Neighborhood Services Bureau	Fair Housing Documentation Supporting Fair Housing Certifications: Records reflecting that the PHA has examined its programs or proposed programs, identified any impediments to fair housing choice in those programs, addressed or is addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available, and worked or is working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdictions' initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement.	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	Housing Needs Statement of the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction(s) in which the PHA is located and any additional backup data to support statement of housing needs for families on the PHA's public housing and Section 8 tenant-based waiting lists.	Annual Plan: Housing Needs
NA	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources
NA	Public Housing Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy Policy (A&O/ACOP), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP] and the Site-Based Waiting List Procedure.	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
NA	Any policy governing occupancy of Police Officers and Over-Income Tenants in Public Housing. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A&O Policy.	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
X	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
NA	Public housing rent determination policies, including the method for setting public housing flat rents. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
NA	Schedule of flat rents offered at each public housing development. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
X	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies (if included in plan, not	Annual Plan: Rent

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Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
	necessary as a supporting document) and written analysis of Section 8 payment standard policies. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan.	Determination
NA	Public housing management and maintenance policy documents, including policies for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation (including cockroach infestation).	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
NA	Results of latest Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Assessment (or other applicable assessment).	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
NA	Follow-up Plan to Results of the PHAS Resident Satisfaction Survey (if necessary)	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance and Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
X	Results of latest Section 8 Management Assessment System (SEMAP)	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
NA	Any policies governing any Section 8 special housing types <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
NA	Consortium agreement(s).	Annual Plan: Agency Identification and Operations/ Management
NA	Public housing grievance procedures <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
X	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan.	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
NA	The Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement /Performance and Evaluation Report for any active grant year.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
NA	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grants.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
NA	Approved HOPE VI applications or, if more recent, approved or submitted HOPE VI Revitalization Plans, or any other approved proposal for development of public housing.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
NA	Self-evaluation, Needs Assessment and Transition Plan required by regulations implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. See PIH Notice 99-52 (HA).	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
NA	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing.	Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition
NA	Approved or submitted applications for designation of public housing (Designated Housing Plans).	Annual Plan: Designation of Public Housing
NA	Approved or submitted assessments of reasonable revitalization of public housing and approved or submitted conversion plans prepared pursuant to section 202 of the 1996 HUD Appropriations Act, Section 22 of the US Housing Act of 1937, or Section 33 of the US Housing Act of 1937.	Annual Plan: Conversion of Public Housing
NA	Documentation for required Initial Assessment and any additional information required by HUD for Voluntary Conversion.	Annual Plan: Voluntary Conversion of Public Housing
NA	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans.	Annual Plan: Homeownership
X	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program (Section _____ of the Section 8 Administrative Plan)	Annual Plan: Homeownership
NA	Public Housing Community Service Policy/Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Public Housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
NA	Cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency and between the PHA and local employment and training service agencies.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
X	FSS Action Plan(s) for public housing and/or Section 8.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
NA	Section 3 documentation required by 24 CFR Part 135, Subpart E for public	Annual Plan: Community

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<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>Supporting Document</b>	<b>Related Plan Component</b>
	housing.	Service & Self-Sufficiency
NA	Most recent self-sufficiency (ED/SS, TOP or ROSS or other resident services grant) grant program reports for public housing.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
NA	Policy on Ownership of Pets in Public Housing Family Developments (as required by regulation at 24 CFR Part 960, Subpart G). <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Pet Policy
X	The results of the most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under the Single Audit Act as implemented by OMB Circular A-133, the results of that audit and the PHA's response to any findings.	Annual Plan: Annual Audit
NA	Consortium agreement(s), if a consortium administers PHA programs.	Joint PHA Plan for Consortia
NA	Consortia Joint PHA Plans ONLY: Certification that consortium agreement is in compliance with 24 CFR Part 943 pursuant to an opinion of counsel on file and available for inspection	Joint PHA Plan for Consortia
NA	Other supporting documents (optional). List individually.	(Specify as needed)

**12. Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report**

Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part I: Summary		Federal FY of Grant:	
PHA Name:	Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program Grant No: Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Original Annual Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Reserve for Disasters/ Emergencies <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Annual Statement (revision no: ) <input type="checkbox"/> Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending: <input type="checkbox"/> Final Performance and Evaluation Report			
Line	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost	Total Actual Cost
		Original	Revised
		Obligated	Expended
1	Total non-CFP Funds		
2	1406 Operations		
3	1408 Management Improvements		
4	1410 Administration		
5	1411 Audit		
6	1415 Liquidated Damages		
7	1430 Fees and Costs		
8	1440 Site Acquisition		
9	1450 Site Improvement		
10	1460 Dwelling Structures		
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment—Nonexpendable		
12	1470 Nondwelling Structures		
13	1475 Nondwelling Equipment		
14	1485 Demolition		
15	1490 Replacement Reserve		
16	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration		
17	1495.1 Relocation Costs		
18	1499 Development Activities		
19	1501 Collateralization or Debt Service		
20	1502 Contingency		
21	Amount of Annual Grant: (sum of lines 2 – 20)		
22	Amount of line 21 Related to LBP Activities		
23	Amount of line 21 Related to Section 504 compliance		
24	Amount of line 21 Related to Security – Soft Costs		
25	Amount of Line 21 Related to Security – Hard Costs		
26	Amount of line 21 Related to Energy Conservation Measures		



**12. Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report**

**Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report  
Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF)  
Part II: Supporting Pages**

PHA Name:												Federal FY of Grant:	
Development Number Name/HA-Wide Activities	General Description of Major Work Categories	Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program Grant No: Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:			Dev. Acct No.	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost		Status of Work		
		Original	Revised	Funds Obligated			Funds Expended						

**13. Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan**

Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part III: Implementation Schedule								
Development Number Name/HA-Wide Activities	All Fund Obligated (Quarter Ending Date)			All Funds Expended (Quarter Ending Date)			Federal FY of Grant:	Reasons for Revised Target Dates
	Original	Revised	Actual	Original	Revised	Actual		

### 13. Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan Part I: Summary					
PHA Name	Year 1	Work Statement for Year 2 FFY Grant: PHA FY:	Work Statement for Year 3 FFY Grant: PHA FY:	Work Statement for Year 4 FFY Grant: PHA FY:	Work Statement for Year 5 FFY Grant: PHA FY:
Development Number/Name/HA-Wide	Annual Statement				
CFP Funds Listed for 5-year planning					
Replacement Housing Factor Funds					

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<b>Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan</b>							
<b>Part II: Supporting Pages—Work Activities</b>							
Activities for Year I	Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost	Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost	
Activities for Year : _____		Activities for Year: _____		FFY Grant: _____		PHA FY: _____	
See							
Annual							
Statement							
Total CFP Estimated Cost			\$			\$	

### 13. Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

#### Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

#### Part II: Supporting Pages—Work Activities

Activities for Year : _____ FFY Grant: _____ PHA FY: _____		Activities for Year: _____ FFY Grant: _____ PHA FY: _____	
Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories
Total CFP Estimated Cost			
			\$
			\$