

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

# ~~HOUSING AUTHORITY~~ OF THE TOWN OF WILNA

## PHA Plans

5 Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2000 - 2004  
Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2000

**NOTE: THIS PHA PLANS TEMPLATE (HUD 50075) IS TO BE COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS LOCATED IN APPLICABLE PIH NOTICES**



**5-YEAR PLAN**  
**PHA FISCAL YEARS 2000 - 2004**

[24 CFR Part 903.5]

**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)

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF WILNA IS  
COMMITTED TO PROVIDING QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
AND SERVICES IN AN EFFICIENT AND CREATIVE MANNER**

**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

**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:

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)

### **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)**

**GOAL: MANAGE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S EXISTING PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM IN AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE MANNER THEREBY QUALIFYING AS AT LEAST A STANDARD PERFORMER**

**Objective:**

- 1. HUD shall recognize the Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna as a standard performer under PHAS by September 30, 2001.**
- 2. HUD shall recognize the Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna as a high performer under PHAs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 and each year thereafter.**

**GOAL: ENHANCE THE MARKETABILITY OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF WILNA'S PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS**

**Objective:**

- 1. The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna shall continue to renovate our public housing units to ensure that they are decent, safe and**

sanitary for our residents. This is an on going objective and subject to continuing HUD funding for Capital Improvements.

**GOAL: DELIVER TIMELY AND HIGH QUALITY  
MAINTENANCE SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE  
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF WILNA**

**Objectives:**

- 10 The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna will develop and implement a Maintenance Policy by September 30, 2002.**
- 2. The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna will develop and implement a Pest Control Policy (including the eradication of cockroaches) by September 30, 2001.**

**GOAL: OPERATE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF  
WILNA IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH ALL EQUAL  
OPPORTUNITY LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

**Objective:**

- 10 The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna shall achieve its Section 3 goals that it establishes annually. This is an on-going objective.**



Annual PHA Plan  
PHA Fiscal Year 2000  
[24 CFR Part 903.7]

**ii Annual Plan Type:**

Select which type of Annual Plan the PHA will submit.

**Standard Plan**

**Streamlined Plan:**

- High Performing PHA**  
**Small Agency (<250 Public Housing Units)**  
**Administering Section 8 Only**

**Troubled Agency Plan**

**i. Executive Summary of the Annual PHA Plan**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

Provide a brief overview of the information in the Annual Plan, including highlights of major initiatives and discretionary policies the PHA has included in the Annual Plan.

The Wilna Housing Authority has prepared this Agency Plan in compliance with Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 and the ensuing HUD requirements.

We have adopted the following mission statement to guide the activities of the Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna.

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF WILNA IS  
COMMITTED TO PROVIDING QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
AND SERVICES IN AN EFFICIENT AND CREATIVE MANNER**

We have adopted the following goals and objectives to guide our Housing Authority over the next five years.

**GOAL: MANAGE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S EXISTING PUBLIC  
HOUSING PROGRAM IN AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE MANNER  
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**GOAL: OPERATE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF WILNA IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH ALL EQUAL OPPORTUNITY LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

**Objective:**

- 10 The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna shall achieve its Section 3 goals that it establishes annually. This is an on-going objective.**

Our Annual Plan is based on the premise that if we accomplish our goals and objectives we will be working towards the achievement of our mission.

The plans, statements, budget summary, policies, etc. set forth in the Annual Plan all lead towards the accomplishment of our goals and objectives. Taken as a whole, they outline a comprehensive approach towards our goals and objectives and are consistent with the Consolidated Plan for the Village of Carthage, the Town of Wilna and the State of New York. The following are a few highlights of our Annual Plan.

- We have adopted one local preference based on the date and time the application is received in the housing authority office..
- We have adopted an aggressive screening policy for public housing to ensure to the best of our ability that new admissions will be good neighbors. Our screening practices meet all fair housing requirements.
- We have adopted a Deconcentration Policy.
- We have established a minimum rent of \$50 for our public housing program.
- We have established flat rents for all of our public housing development.

In summary, we are on course to improve the condition of affordable housing in the Village of Carthage and the Town of Wilna, New York.

**i. Annual Plan Table of Contents**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

Provide a table of contents for the Annual Plan, including attachments, and a list of supporting documents available for public inspection.

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1. **Attachments**

1. Indicate which attachments are provided by selecting all that apply. Provide the attachment's name (A, B, etc.) in the space to the left of the name of the attachment. Note: If the attachment is provided as a **SEPARATE** file submission from the PHA Plans file, provide the file name in parentheses in the space to the right of the title.

Required Attachments:

Admissions Policy for Deconcentration -  
**Attachment NY058a01 Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna Admission and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP)**

FY 2000 Capital Fund Program Annual Statement - **Included in this PHA Plan text**

Most recent board-approved operating budget (Required Attachment for PHAs that are troubled or at risk of being designated troubled ONLY)

Optional Attachments:

PHA Management Organizational Chart  
 FY 2000 Capital Fund Program 5 Year Action Plan

**Included in this PHA Plan text**

Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP) Plan  
 Comments of Resident Advisory Board or Boards (must be attached if not included in PHA Plan text)

**Included in this PHA Plan text**

Other (List below, providing each attachment name)

**Attachment NY058b01 - Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna Definition of Substantial Deviation and Significant Amendment or Modification**

**Attachment NY058c01 - Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna Resident Survey Follow-up Plan**

**1. Supporting Documents Available for Review**

2. Indicate which documents are available for public review by placing a mark in the “Applicable & On  
3. Display” column in the appropriate rows. All listed documents must be on display if applicable to the  
4. program activities conducted by the PHA.  
5.

**1. List of Supporting Documents Available for Review**

<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>1.Supporting Document</b>	<b>Applicable Plan Component</b>
X	PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	State/Local Government Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	Fair Housing Documentation: 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	Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction/s in which the PHA is located (which includes the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)) and any additional backup data to support statement of housing needs in the jurisdiction	Annual Plan: Housing Needs
X	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources;
X	Public Housing Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy Policy (A&O), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP]	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
N.A.	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
NA	Public Housing Deconcentration and Income Mixing	Annual Plan: Eligibility,

Applicable & On Display	1.Supporting Document	Applicable Plan Component
	Documentation: 1. PHA board certifications of compliance with deconcentration requirements (section 16(a) of the US Housing Act of 1937, as implemented in the 2/18/99 <i>Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act Initial Guidance; Notice</i> and any further HUD guidance) and 2. Documentation of the required deconcentration and income mixing analysis <b>(See comments below)</b>	Selection, and Admissions Policies
X	Public housing rent determination policies, including the methodology for setting public housing flat rents check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
X	Schedule of flat rents offered at each public housing development check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
N.A.	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
X	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
X	Public housing grievance procedures check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
N.A.	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
N.A.	The HUD-approved Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement (HUD 52837) for the active grant year	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
N.A.	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grant	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
N.A.	Most recent, approved 5 Year Action Plan for the Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program, if not included as an attachment (provided at PHA option)	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
N.A.	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
N.A.	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing	Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition
N.A.	Approved or submitted applications for designation of	Annual Plan: Designation of

Applicable & On Display	1.Supporting Document	Applicable Plan Component
	public housing (Designated Housing Plans)	Public Housing
N.A.	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	Annual Plan: Conversion of Public Housing
N.A.	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans	Annual Plan: Homeownership
N.A.	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program check here if included in the Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Homeownership
N.A.	Any cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
N.A.	FSS Action Plan/s for public housing and/or Section 8	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
N.A.	Most recent self-sufficiency (ED/SS, TOP or ROSS or other resident services grant) grant program reports	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
N.A.	The most recent Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHEDEP) semi-annual performance report for any open grant and most recently submitted PHDEP application (PHDEP Plan)	Annual Plan: Safety and Crime Prevention
X	The most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under section 5(h)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c(h)), the results of that audit and the PHA's response to any findings	Annual Plan: Annual Audit
N.A.	Troubled PHAs: MOA/Recovery Plan	Troubled PHAs
N.A.	Other supporting documents (optional) (list individually; use as many lines as necessary)	(specify as needed)

Deconcentration: the Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna public housing program consists of one development designed and constructed for elderly and disabled families and individuals.

## **1. Statement of Housing Needs**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (a)]

### **A. Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction/s Served by the PHA**

Based upon the information contained in the Consolidated Plan/s applicable to the jurisdiction, and/or other data available to the PHA, provide a statement of the housing needs in the jurisdiction by completing the following table. In the "Overall" Needs column, provide the estimated number of renter families that have housing needs. For the remaining characteristics, rate the impact of that factor on the housing needs for each family type, from 1 to 5, with 1 being "no impact" and 5 being "severe impact." Use N/A to indicate that no information is available upon which the PHA can make this assessment.

<b>Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type</b>							
Family Type	Overall	Afford-ability	Supply	Quality	Access-ibility	1. Size	Loca-tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	2011	1	3	2	3	2	1
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	1367	1	3	2	3	2	1
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	1120	1	3	2	3	2	1
Elderly	988	1	1	1	1	1	1
Families with Disabilities	unknown						
Race/Ethnicity- Black	720	1	3	1	3	2	1
Race/Ethnicity- Hispanic	329	1	3	1	3	2	1
Race/Ethnicity- Native American	71	1	3	1	3	2	1
Race/Ethnicity							

\* Jefferson County, New York

What sources of information did the PHA use to conduct this analysis? (Check all that apply; all materials must be made available for public inspection.)

- X Consolidated Plan of the Jurisdiction/s: **New York State Consolidated Plan**  
Indicate year: **Federal Fiscal Years 1996-2000**
- X U.S. Census data: the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (“CHAS”) dataset  
American Housing Survey data  
Indicate year:  
Other housing market study  
Indicate year:  
Other sources: (list and indicate year of information)

**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.

**The Long Falls Apartments is a Senior Highrise building and is the only public housing development operated by the Wilna Housing Authority.**

<b>Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List</b>			
Waiting list type: (select one)			
Section 8 tenant-based assistance			
X Public Housing			
Combined Section 8 and Public Housing			
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	11		15 units
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	0	0	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	10	91%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	1	9%	
Families with children	0	0	
Elderly families	11	100%	
Families with Disabilities	0	0	
Race/ethnicity-White	11	100%	
Race/ethnicity-			
Race/ethnicity			
Race/ethnicity			
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)			
1BR	11	100%	15 units
2 BR			
3 BR			
4 BR			

5 BR			
5+ BR			
Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes: <b>B.</b> How long has it been closed (# of months)? Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>			

**C. Strategy for Addressing Needs**

Provide a brief description of the PHA’s strategy for addressing the housing needs of families in the jurisdiction and on the waiting list **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

- X      Employ effective maintenance and management policies to minimize the number of public housing units off-line
- X      Reduce turnover time for vacated public housing units
- X      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

X Other: (list below)

The Wilna Housing Authority will continue to house eligible applicants based on date and time of application.

**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

X Other: (list below)

The Wilna Housing Authority will continue to house eligible applicants based on date and time of application.

**B. 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

X Other: (list below)

The following is an extract from our adopted Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy

**10.0 TENANT SELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT PLAN**

**10.1 PREFERENCES**

The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna will select families based on the following preferences within each bedroom size category based on our local housing needs and priorities:

A. Date and Time of Application

**Buildings Designed for the Elderly and Disabled:** Preference will be given to elderly and disabled families. If there are no elderly or disabled families on the list, preference will then be given to near-elderly families. If there are no near-elderly families on the waiting list, units will be offered to families who qualify for the appropriate bedroom size using these priorities. All such families will be selected from the waiting list using the preferences as outlined above.

**Accessible Units:** Accessible units will be first offered to families who may benefit from the accessible features. Applicants for these units will be selected utilizing the same preference system as outlined above. If there are no applicants who would benefit from the accessible features, the units will be offered to other applicants in the order that their names come to the top of the waiting list. Such applicants, however, must sign a release form stating they will accept a transfer (at their own expense) if, at a future time, a family requiring an accessible feature applies. Any family required to transfer will be given a 30-day notice.

**B. 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)

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### **10.1 PREFERENCES**

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#### **B. 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
- X  Other: (list below)

The Wilna Housing Authority will continue to house eligible applicants based on the date and time of application.

**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
- X  Other: (list below)

The following is an extract from our adopted Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy.

## **1.0 FAIR HOUSING**

It is the policy of the Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna to fully comply with all Federal, State and local nondiscrimination laws; the Americans with Disabilities Act; and the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations governing Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna shall affirmatively further fair housing in the administration of its public housing program.

No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, national or ethnic origin, familial status, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under the Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna's programs.

To further its commitment to full compliance with applicable Civil Rights laws, the Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna will provide Federal/State/local information to applicants/tenants of the Public Housing Program regarding discrimination and any recourse available to them if they believe they may be victims of discrimination. Such information will be made available with the application, and all applicable Fair Housing Information and Discrimination Complaint Forms will be made available at the Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna office. In addition, all written information and advertisements will contain the appropriate Equal Opportunity language and logo.

The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna will assist any family that believes they have suffered illegal discrimination by providing them copies of the appropriate housing discrimination forms. The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna will also assist them in completing the forms if requested, and will provide them with the address of the nearest HUD office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

**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
- X Extent to which particular housing needs are met by other organizations in the community
- X Evidence of housing needs as demonstrated in the Consolidated Plan and other information available to the PHA
- X 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 903.79 (b)]

List 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-

<b>Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses</b>
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<b>Sources</b>	<b>Planned \$</b>	<b>Planned Uses</b>
<b>1. Federal Grants (FY 2000 grants)</b>		
a) Public Housing Operating Fund	140,099	
b) Public Housing Capital Fund	166,698	
c) HOPE VI Revitalization	0	
d) HOPE VI Demolition	0	
e) Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance	0	
f) Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (including any Technical Assistance funds)	0	
g) Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants	0	
h) Community Development Block Grant	0	
i) HOME	0	
Other Federal Grants (list below)	0	
<b>2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below)</b>	0	
<b>3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income</b>	270,850	P.H. operations
<b>4. Other income (list below)</b>		
Employee Resident Rent; telephone commissions; laundry income; sundry resident repairs	5,800	P.H. operations
<b>4. Non-federal sources (list below)</b>		
Investment Income	17,190	P.H. operations
<b>Total resources</b>	<b>600,637</b>	

Sources	Planned \$	Planned Uses

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

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (c)]

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

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

##### **(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)

X Other: (describe)

The following is an extract from our adopted Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy.

##### Section 7.0 Taking Applications

Upon receipt of the family's pre-application, the Wilna Housing Authority will make a preliminary determination of eligibility. The Wilna Housing Authority will notify the family in writing of the date and time of placement on the waiting list, and the approximate wait before housing may be offered. If the Wilna Housing Authority determines the family to be ineligible, the notice will state the reasons therefore and will offer the family the opportunity of an informal review of the determination.

The applicant may at any time report changes in their applicant status including changes in family composition, income, or preference factors. The Wilna Housing Authority will annotate the applicant's file and will update their place on the waiting list. Confirmation of the changes will be confirmed with the family in writing.

The second phase is the final determination of eligibility, referred to as the full application. The full application takes place when the family nears the top of the waiting list. The Wilna Housing Authority will ensure that verification of all preferences, eligibility, suitability and selection factors are current in order to determine the family's final eligibility for admission into the Public Housing Program.

b. Which non-income (screening) factors does the PHA use to establish eligibility for admission

to public housing (select all that apply)?

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

The following is an extract from our adopted Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy

### 8.3 Suitability

- A. Applicant families will be evaluated to determine whether, based on their recent behavior, such behavior could reasonably be expected to result in noncompliance with the public housing lease. The Wilna Housing Authority will look at past conduct as an indicator of future conduct. Emphasis will be placed on whether a family's admission could reasonably be expected to have a detrimental effect on the development environment, other tenants, Wilna Housing Authority employees, or other people residing in the immediate vicinity of the property. Otherwise eligible families will be denied admission if they fail to meet the suitability criteria.
  
- B. The Wilna Housing Authority will consider objective and reasonable aspects of the family's background, including the following:
  - 1. History of meeting financial obligations, especially rent;
  
  - 2. Ability to maintain (or with assistance would have the ability to maintain) their housing in a decent and safe condition based on living or housekeeping habits and whether such habits could adversely affect the health, safety, or welfare of other tenants;
  
  - 3. History of criminal activity by any household member involving crimes of physical violence against persons or property and any other criminal activity including drug-related criminal activity that would adversely affect the health, safety, or well being of other tenants or staff or cause damage to the property;
  
  - 4. History of disturbing neighbors or destruction of property;
  
  - 5. Having committed fraud in connection with any Federal housing assistance program, including the intentional misrepresentation of information related to their housing

application or benefits derived there from; and

6. History of abusing alcohol in a way that may interfere with the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment by others.

C. The Wilna Housing Authority will ask applicants to provide information demonstrating their ability to comply with the essential elements of the lease. The Wilna Housing Authority will verify the information provided. Such verification may include but may not be limited to the following:

1. A credit check of the head, spouse and co-head;
2. A rental history check of all adult family members;
3. A criminal background check on all adult household members, including live-in aides. This check will be made through State or local law enforcement or court records in those cases where the household member has lived in the local jurisdiction for the last three years. Where the individual has lived outside the local area, the Wilna Housing Authority may contact law enforcement agencies where the individual had lived or request a check through the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC);
4. A home visit. The home visit provides the opportunity for the family to demonstrate their ability to maintain their home in a safe and sanitary manner. This inspection considers cleanliness and care of rooms, appliances, and appurtenances. The inspection may also consider any evidence of criminal activity; and
5. A check of the State's lifetime sex offender registration program for each adult household member, including live-in aides. No individual registered with this program will be admitted to public housing.

- c. X Yes No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?
- d. X Yes No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?
- e. X 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)

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

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

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

c. 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
- X Two

Three or More

The following is an extract from our adopted Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy.

**10.6 REJECTION OF UNIT**

If in making the offer to the family the Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna skipped over other families on the waiting list in order to meet their income targeting goal and the family rejects the unit, the family will not lose their place on the waiting list and will not be otherwise penalized.

If the Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna did not skip over other families on the waiting list to reach this family and the family rejects the unit without good cause, the family will forfeit their application's date and time. The family will keep their preferences, but the date and time of application will be changed to the date and time the unit was rejected.

If the family rejects with good cause any unit offered, they will not lose their place on the waiting list. Good cause includes reasons related to health, proximity to work, school, and childcare (for those working or going to school). The family will be offered the right to an informal review of the decision to alter their application status.

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  
 Overhoused

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

The following is an extract from our adopted Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy.

a) **16.0 UNIT TRANSFERS**

16.1 Objectives of the Transfer Policy

The objectives of the Transfer Policy include the following:

- A. To address emergency situations.
- B. To fully utilize available housing resources while avoiding overcrowding by insuring that each family occupies the appropriate size unit.
- C. To facilitate a relocation when required for modernization or other management purposes.
- D. To facilitate relocation of families with inadequate housing accommodations.
- E. To eliminate vacancy loss and other expense due to unnecessary transfers.

16.2 Categories of Transfers

Category A: Emergency transfers. These transfers are necessary when conditions pose an immediate threat to the life, health, or safety of a family or one of its members. Such situations may involve defects of the unit or the building in which it is located, the health condition of a family member, a hate crime, the safety of witnesses to a crime, or a law enforcement matter particular to the neighborhood.

Category B: Immediate administrative transfers. These transfers are necessary in order to permit a family needing accessible features to move to a unit with such a feature or to enable modernization work to proceed.

Category C: Regular administrative transfers. These transfers are made to offer incentives to families willing to help meet certain Wilna Housing Authority occupancy goals, to correct occupancy standards where the unit size is inappropriate for the size and composition of the family, to allow for non-emergency but medically advisable

transfers, and other transfers approved by the Wilna Housing Authority when a transfer is the only or best way of solving a serious problem.

### 16.3 Documentation

When the transfer is at the request of the family, the family may be required to provide third party verification of the need for the transfer.

### 16.4 Processing Transfers

Transfers on the waiting list will be sorted by the categories in 16.2 and within each category by date and time.

Transfers in category A and B will be housed ahead of any other families, including those on the applicant waiting list. Transfers in category A will be housed ahead of transfers in category B.

Transfers in category C will be housed along with applicants for admission at a ratio of one transfer for every seven admissions.

Upon offer and acceptance of a unit, the family will execute all lease up documents and pay any rent and/or security deposit within two (2) days of being informed the unit is ready to rent. The family will be allowed seven (7) days to complete a transfer. The family will be responsible for paying rent at the old unit as well as the new unit for any period of time they have possession of both. The prorated rent and other charges (key deposit and any additional security deposit owing) must be paid at the time of lease execution.

The following is the policy for the rejection of an offer to transfer:

- A. If the family rejects with good cause any unit offered, they will not lose their place on the transfer waiting list.
- B. If the transfer is being made at the request of the Wilna Housing Authority and the family rejects two offers without good cause, the Wilna Housing Authority will take action to terminate their tenancy. If the reason for the transfer is that the current unit is too small to meet the Wilna Housing Authority's optimum occupancy standards, the family may request in writing to stay in the unit without being transferred so long as their occupancy will not exceed two people per living/sleeping room.
- C. If the transfer is being made at the family's request and the rejected offer

provides deconcentration incentives, the family will maintain their place on the transfer list and will not otherwise be penalized.

- D. If the transfer is being made at the family's request, the family may, without good cause and without penalty, turn down one offer that does not include deconcentration incentives. After turning down a second such offer without good cause, the family's name will be removed from the transfer list.

a. 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**)

1. 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

2. **(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)

- X The PHA-resident lease
- X The PHA's Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy policy
- X 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
- X Any time family composition changes
- At family request for revision
- X Other (list)

## 15.6 Interim Reexaminations

During an interim reexamination, only the information affected by the changes being reported will be reviewed and verified.

Families will not be required to report any increase in income or decreases in allowable expenses between annual reexaminations.

Families are required to report the following changes to the Wilna Housing Authority between regular reexaminations. If the family's rent is being determined under the formula method, these changes will trigger an interim reexamination. The family shall report these changes within ten (10) days of their occurrence.

- A. A member has been added to the family through birth or adoption or court-awarded custody.
- B. A household member is leaving or has left the family unit.

In order to add a household member other than through birth or adoption (including a live-in aide), the family must request that the new member be added to the lease. Before adding the new member to the lease, the individual must complete an application form stating their income, assets, and all other information required of an applicant. The individual must provide their Social Security number if they have one and must verify their citizenship/eligible immigrant status. (Their housing will not be delayed due to delays in verifying eligible immigrant status other than delays caused by the family.) The new family member will go through the screening process similar to the process for applicants. The Wilna Housing Authority will determine the eligibility of the individual before adding them to the lease. If the individual is found to be ineligible or does not pass the screening criteria, they will be advised in writing and given the opportunity for an informal review. If they are found to be eligible and do pass the screening criteria, their name will be added to the lease. At the same time, if the family's rent is being determined under the formula method, the family's annual income will be recalculated taking into account the circumstances of the new family member. The effective date of the new rent will be in accordance with paragraph below 15.8.

Families are not required to, but may at any time, request an interim reexamination based on a decrease in income, an increase in allowable expenses, or other changes in family circumstances. Upon such request, the Wilna Housing Authority will take timely action to process the interim reexamination and recalculate the tenant's rent.

**(6) Deconcentration and Income Mixing**

This section intentionally left blank in accordance with HUD Notice PIH 99-51.

a. Yes No: Did the PHA’s analysis of its family (general occupancy) developments to determine concentrations of poverty indicate the need for measures to promote deconcentration of poverty or income mixing?

b. Yes No: Did the PHA adopt any changes to its **admissions policies** based on the results of the required analysis of the need to promote deconcentration of poverty or to assure income mixing?

c. If the answer to b was yes, what changes were adopted? (select all that apply)

Adoption of site-based waiting lists

If selected, list targeted developments below:

Employing waiting list “skipping” to achieve deconcentration of poverty or income mixing goals at targeted developments

If selected, list targeted developments below:

Employing new admission preferences at targeted developments

If selected, list targeted developments below:

Other (list policies and developments targeted below)

d. Yes No: Did the PHA adopt any changes to **other** policies based on the results of the required analysis of the need for deconcentration of poverty and income mixing?

e. If the answer to d was yes, how would you describe these changes? (select all that apply)

Additional affirmative marketing

Actions to improve the marketability of certain developments

Adoption or adjustment of ceiling rents for certain developments

Adoption of rent incentives to encourage deconcentration of poverty and income-mixing

Other (list below)

f. Based on the results of the required analysis, in which developments will the PHA make special efforts to attract or retain higher-income families? (select all that apply)

Not applicable: results of analysis did not indicate a need for such efforts  
List (any applicable) developments below:

g. Based on the results of the required analysis, in which developments will the PHA make special efforts to assure access for lower-income families? (select all that apply)

Not applicable: results of analysis did not indicate a need for such efforts  
List (any applicable) developments below:

## **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).**

NA

### **(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 below)
  - 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)

**(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:

**(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)

a. 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 903.7 9 (d)]

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

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

**(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)

- 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))

---or---

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:

a. Rents set at less than 30% than adjusted income

1. Yes  No: Does the PHA plan to charge rents at a fixed amount or

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) **N.A.**

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)

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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)

X 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)\_\_\_\_\_

X Other (list below)

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### 15.6 Interim Reexaminations

During an interim reexamination, only the information affected by the changes being reported will be reviewed and verified.

Families will not be required to report any increase in income or decreases in allowable expenses between annual reexaminations.

Families are required to report the following changes to the Wilna Housing Authority between regular reexaminations. If the family's rent is being determined under the formula method, these changes will trigger an interim reexamination. The family shall report these changes within ten (10) days of their occurrence.

A. A member has been added to the family through birth or adoption or court-awarded custody.

B. A household member is leaving or has left the family unit.

In order to add a household member other than through birth or adoption (including a live-in aide), the family must request that the new member be added to the lease. Before adding the new member to the lease, the individual must complete an application form stating their income, assets, and all other information required of an applicant. The individual must provide their Social Security number if they have one and must verify their citizenship/eligible immigrant status. (Their housing will not be delayed due to delays in verifying eligible immigrant status other than delays caused by the family.) The

new family member will go through the screening process similar to the process for applicants. The Wilna Housing Authority will determine the eligibility of the individual before adding them to the lease. If the individual is found to be ineligible or does not pass the screening criteria, they will be advised in writing and given the opportunity for an informal review. If they are found to be eligible and do pass the screening criteria, their name will be added to the lease. At the same time, if the family's rent is being determined under the formula method, the family's annual income will be recalculated taking into account the circumstances of the new family member. The effective date of the new rent will be in accordance with paragraph below 15.8.

Families are not required to, but may at any time, request an interim reexamination based on a decrease in income, an increase in allowable expenses, or other changes in family circumstances. Upon such request, the Wilna Housing Authority will take timely action to process the interim reexamination and recalculate the tenant's rent.

- 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**

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

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

The Section 8 rents paid to landlords by the local agency that administers the Section 8 program.

## **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).**

NA

## **(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)

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)

## **(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. Operations and Management**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (e)]

Exemptions from Component 5: High performing and small PHAs are not required to complete this section. Section 8 only PHAs must complete parts A, B, and C(2)

**The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna is a high performing agency and not required to complete this section.**

**A. PHA Management Structure**

(Describe) the PHA’s management structure and organization.

An organization chart showing the PHA’s management structure and organization is attached.

A brief description of the management structure and organization of the PHA follows:

**B. HUD Programs Under PHA Management**

– List Federal programs administered by the PHA, number of families served at the beginning of the upcoming fiscal year, and expected turnover in each. (Use “NA” to indicate that the PHA does not operate any of the programs listed below.)

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Units or Families Served at Year Beginning</b>	<b>Expected Turnover</b>
Public Housing		
Section 8 Vouchers		
Section 8 Certificates		
Section 8 Mod Rehab		
Special Purpose Section 8 Certificates/Vouchers (list individually)		
Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP)		

Other Federal Programs(list individually)		

**C. Management and Maintenance Policies**

List the PHA’s public housing management and maintenance policy documents, manuals and handbooks that contain the Agency’s rules, standards, and policies that govern maintenance and management of public housing, including a description of any measures necessary for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation (which includes cockroach infestation) and the policies governing Section 8 management.

- (1) Public Housing Maintenance and Management: (list below)
- (2) Section 8 Management: (list below)

**6. PHA Grievance Procedures**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (f)]

Exemptions from component 6: High performing PHAs are not required to complete component 6. Section 8-Only PHAs are exempt from sub-component 6A.

**The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna is a high performing agency and not required to complete this section.**

**A. Public Housing**

- 1. Yes No: Has the PHA established any written grievance procedures in addition to federal requirements found at 24 CFR Part 966, Subpart B, for residents of public housing?

If yes, list additions to federal requirements below:

- 2. Which PHA office should residents or applicants to public housing contact to initiate the PHA grievance process? (select all that apply)
  - PHA main administrative office
  - PHA development management offices
  - Other (list below)

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

1. Yes No: Has the PHA established informal review procedures for applicants to the Section 8 tenant-based assistance program and informal hearing procedures for families assisted by the Section 8 tenant-based assistance program in addition to federal requirements found at 24 CFR 982?

If yes, list additions to federal requirements below:

2. Which PHA office should applicants or assisted families contact to initiate the informal review and informal hearing processes? (select all that apply)  
PHA main administrative office  
Other (list below)

## **7. Capital Improvement Needs**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (g)]

Exemptions from Component 7: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this component and may skip to Component 8.

### **A. Capital Fund Activities**

Exemptions from sub-component 7A: PHAs that will not participate in the Capital Fund Program may skip to component 7B. All other PHAs must complete 7A as instructed.

### **(1) Capital Fund Program Annual Statement**

Using parts I, II, and III of the Annual Statement for the Capital Fund Program (CFP), identify capital activities the PHA is proposing for the upcoming year to ensure long-term physical and social viability of its public housing developments. This statement can be completed by using the CFP Annual Statement tables provided in the table library at the end of the PHA Plan template **OR**, at the PHA's option, by completing and attaching a properly updated HUD-52837.

Select one:

The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement is provided as an attachment to the PHA Plan at Attachment (state name)

-or-

- X** The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement is provided below: (if selected, copy the CFP Annual Statement from the Table Library and insert here)

The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 requires that housing authorities set forth in their Annual Plan a Capital Improvement Plan. The following forms are our Plan. The needs we currently have greatly exceed the resources we have to meet these needs. The prioritization decisions we have made were extremely difficult to make, but are in the best interest of our residents and community.

This Plan is based on the best information that was available to the Wilna Housing Authority at the time we prepared the Plan. Unfortunately, we do not know the exact amount of Capital Funds that will be available for our use in the affected fiscal year. When exact information is received, we may need to make required revisions to this Plan.

We have prepared our Capital Improvement Plan based on the Capital Fund allocation of \$133,934, which is the amount received for our Fiscal Year ending September 30, 1999. We calculated our estimated allocation of Capital Funds for our Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2000 and ending September 30, 2001 based on 92 % of the Year 2000 allocation.

Please note that we have not provided preliminary cost estimates for the work items we plan to accomplish during Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2000. For reporting purposes and in accordance with the HUD Capital Fund Final Rule we have opted to charge all capital funds to Account 1406 Public Housing Operations.

**Component 7  
Capital Fund Program Annual Statement  
Parts I, II, and II**

**Annual Statement  
Capital Fund Program (CFP) Part I: Summary**

Line No.	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost
1	Total Non-CGP Funds	
2	1406 Operations	166,698
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	1498	Mod Used for Development	
19	1502	Contingency	
20	<b>Amount of Annual Grant (Sum of lines 2-19)</b>		166,698
21	Amount of line 20 Related to LBP Activities		
22	Amount of line 20 Related to Section 504 Compliance		
23	Amount of line 20 Related to Security		
24	Amount of line 20 Related to Energy Conservation Measures		

**Annual Statement**

**Capital Fund Program (CFP) Part II: Supporting Table**

Development Number/Name HA-Wide Activities	General Description of Major Work Categories	Development Account Number	Total Estimated Cost
H A Wide	Public Housing Operations	1406	166,698

**Annual Statement**

**Capital Fund Program (CFP) Part III: Implementation Schedule**

Development Number/Name HA-Wide	All Funds Obligated (Quarter Ending Date)	All Funds Expended (Quarter Ending Date)
HA Wide	September 30 2001	September 30 2001

**(2) Optional 5-Year Action Plan**

Agencies are encouraged to include a 5-Year Action Plan covering capital work items. This statement can be completed by using the 5 Year Action Plan table provided in the table library at the end of the PHA Plan template **OR** by completing and attaching a properly updated HUD-52834.

a. Yes No: Is the PHA providing an optional 5-Year Action Plan for the Capital Fund? (if no, skip to sub-component 7B)

b. If yes to question a, select one:

The Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan is provided as an attachment to the PHA Plan at Attachment (state name

-or-

X The Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan is provided below: (if selected, copy the CPF optional 5 Year Action Plan from the Table Library and insert here)

We have completed the five (5)year action plan in order to comply with the HUD final rule. In accordance with the Capital Fund Program final rule we are opting to charge all capital funds to Account 1406 Public Housing Operations.

**Optional Table for 5-Year Action Plan for Capital Fund (Component 7)**

Complete one table for each development in which work is planned in the next 5 PHA fiscal years. Complete a table for any PHA-wide physical or management improvements planned in the next 5 PHA fiscal year. Copy this table as many times as necessary. Note: PHAs need not include information from Year One of the 5-Year cycle, because this information is included in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement

Optional 5-Year Action Plan Tables				
Development Number	Development Name (or indicate PHA wide)	Number Vacant Units	% Vacancies in Development	
NYO58-1	Long Falls Apartments	0	0	
Description of Needed Physical Improvements or Management Improvements			Estimated Cost	Planned Start Date (HA Fiscal FY beginning)
Public Housing Operations			166,698	10/1/2001
Public Housing Operations			166,698	10/1/2002
Public Housing Operations			166,698	10/1/2003
Public Housing Operations			166,698	10/1/2004
<b>Total estimated cost over next 5 years</b>			<b>666,792</b>	

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

Applicability of sub-component 7B: 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

Yes X No: a) Has the PHA received a HOPE VI revitalization grant? (if no, skip to question c; if yes, provide responses to question b 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)

1. Development name:
2. Development (project) number:
3. 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

Yes X No: c) Does the PHA plan to apply for a HOPE VI Revitalization grant in the Plan year?  
 If yes, list development name/s below:

Yes X No: d) 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:

Yes X No: e) 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:

**8. Demolition and Disposition**

[24 CFR Part 903.79 (h)]

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

1. Yes X No: Does the PHA plan to conduct any demolition or disposition activities (pursuant to section 18 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437p)) in the plan Fiscal Year? (If “No”, skip to component 9; if “yes”, complete one activity description for each development.)

2. Activity Description

Yes No: Has the PHA provided the activities description information in the **optional** Public Housing Asset Management Table? (If “yes”, skip to component 9. If “No”, complete the Activity Description table below.)

<b>Demolition/Disposition Activity Description</b>
1a. Development name:
1b. Development (project) number:

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

**9. Designation of Public Housing for Occupancy by Elderly Families or Families with Disabilities or Elderly Families and Families with Disabilities**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (i)]

Exemptions from Component 9; Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this section.

1. Yes **X** No: Has the PHA designated or applied for approval to designate or does the PHA plan to apply to designate any public housing for occupancy only by the elderly families or only by families with disabilities, or by elderly families and families with disabilities or will apply for designation for occupancy by only elderly families or only families with disabilities, or by elderly families and families with disabilities as provided by section 7 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437e) in the upcoming fiscal year? (If “No”, skip to component 10. If “yes”, complete one activity description for each development, unless the PHA is eligible to complete a streamlined submission; PHAs completing streamlined submissions may skip to

component 10.)

2. Activity Description

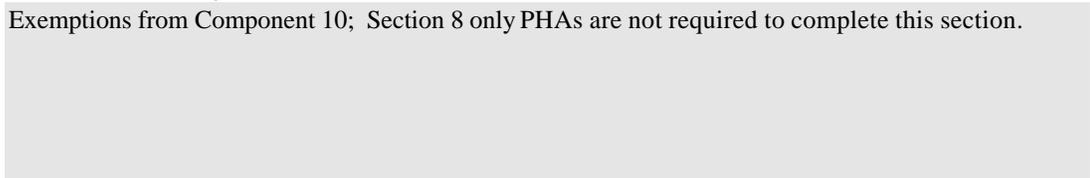
Yes No: Has the PHA provided all required activity description information for this component in the **optional** Public Housing Asset Management Table? If “yes”, skip to component 10. If “No”, complete the Activity Description table below.

<b>Designation of Public Housing Activity Description</b>	
1a. Development name:	
1b. Development (project) number:	
2. Designation type:	Occupancy by only the elderly Occupancy by families with disabilities Occupancy by only elderly families and families with disabilities
3. Application status (select one)	Approved; included in the PHA’s Designation Plan Submitted, pending approval Planned application
4. Date this designation approved, submitted, or planned for submission: <u>(DD/MM/YY)</u>	
5. If approved, will this designation constitute a (select one)	New Designation Plan Revision of a previously-approved Designation Plan?
1. Number of units affected:	
7. Coverage of action (select one)	Part of the development Total development

**10. Conversion of Public Housing to Tenant-Based Assistance**

[24 CFR Part 903.79 (j)]

Exemptions from Component 10; Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this section.



**A. Assessments of Reasonable Revitalization Pursuant to section 202 of the HUD FY 1996 HUD Appropriations Act**

1. **Yes X No:** Have any of the PHA’s developments or portions of developments been identified by HUD or the PHA as covered under section 202 of the HUD FY 1996 HUD Appropriations Act? (If “No”, skip to component 11; if “yes”, complete one activity description for each identified development, unless eligible to complete a streamlined submission. PHAs completing streamlined submissions may skip to component 11.)

2. Activity Description

Yes No: Has the PHA provided all required activity description information for this component in the **optional** Public Housing Asset Management Table? If “yes”, skip to component 11. If “No”, complete the Activity Description table below.

<b>Conversion of Public Housing Activity Description</b>	
1a. Development name:	
1b. Development (project) number:	
2. What is the status of the required assessment?	<p>Assessment underway</p> <p>Assessment results submitted to HUD</p> <p>Assessment results approved by HUD (if marked, proceed to next question)</p> <p>Other (explain below)</p>
3. Yes No: Is a Conversion Plan required? (If yes, go to block 4; if no, go to block 5.)	
4. Status of Conversion Plan (select the statement that best describes the current status)	<p>Conversion Plan in development</p> <p>Conversion Plan submitted to HUD on: (DD/MM/YYYY)</p> <p>Conversion Plan approved by HUD on: (DD/MM/YYYY)</p> <p>Activities pursuant to HUD-approved Conversion Plan underway</p>
5. Description of how requirements of Section 202 are being satisfied by means other than	

conversion (select one)

Units addressed in a pending or approved demolition application (date submitted or approved: )

Units addressed in a pending or approved HOPE VI demolition application (date submitted or approved: )

Units addressed in a pending or approved HOPE VI Revitalization Plan (date submitted or approved: )

Requirements no longer applicable: vacancy rates are less than 10 percent

Requirements no longer applicable: site now has less than 300 units

Other: (describe below)

**B. Reserved for Conversions pursuant to Section 22 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937**

**C. Reserved for Conversions pursuant to Section 33 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937**

**11. Homeownership Programs Administered by the PHA**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (k)]

**A. Public Housing**

Exemptions from Component 11A: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete 11A.

1. Yes  No: Does the PHA administer any homeownership programs administered by the PHA under an approved section 5(h) homeownership program (42 U.S.C. 1437c(h)), or an approved HOPE I program (42 U.S.C. 1437aaa) or has the PHA applied or plan to apply to administer any homeownership programs under section 5(h), the HOPE I program, or section 32 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437z-4). (If “No”, skip to component 11B; if “yes”, complete one activity description for each applicable program/plan, unless eligible to complete a streamlined submission due to **small PHA** or **high performing PHA** status.

PHAs completing streamlined submissions may skip to component 11B.)

2. Activity Description

Yes No: Has the PHA provided all required activity description information for this component in the **optional** Public Housing Asset Management Table? (If “yes”, skip to component 12. If “No”, complete the Activity Description table below.)

<b>Public Housing Homeownership Activity Description (Complete one for each development affected)</b>
1a. Development name: 1b. Development (project) number:
2. Federal Program authority: HOPE I 5(h) Turnkey III Section 32 of the USHA of 1937 (effective 10/1/99)
3. Application status: (select one) Approved; included in the PHA’s Homeownership Plan/Program Submitted, pending approval Planned application
4. Date Homeownership Plan/Program approved, submitted, or planned for submission: (DD/MM/YYYY)
1. Number of units affected: 6. Coverage of action: (select one) Part of the development Total development

**B. Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance**

NA

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 component 12; if “yes”, describe each program using the table below (copy and complete questions for each program identified), unless the PHA is eligible to complete a streamlined submission due to high performer status. **High performing PHAs** may skip to component 12.)

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, which statement best describes the number of participants? (select one)

25 or fewer participants

26 - 50 participants

51 to 100 participants

more than 100 participants

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:

## **12. PHA Community Service and Self-sufficiency Programs**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (l)]

Exemptions from Component 12: High performing and small PHAs are not required to complete this component. Section 8-Only PHAs are not required to complete sub-component C.

**The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna is a high performing agency and not required to complete this section.**

**A. PHA Coordination with the Welfare (TANF) Agency**

1. Cooperative agreements:

Yes No: Has the PHA has entered into a cooperative agreement with the TANF Agency, to share information and/or target supportive services (as contemplated by section 12(d)(7) of the Housing Act of 1937)?

If yes, what was the date that agreement was signed? DD/MM/YY

2. Other coordination efforts between the PHA and TANF agency (select all that apply)

Client referrals

Information sharing regarding mutual clients (for rent determinations and otherwise)

Coordinate the provision of specific social and self-sufficiency services and programs to eligible families

Jointly administer programs

Partner to administer a HUD Welfare-to-Work voucher program

Joint administration of other demonstration program

Other (describe)

**B. Services and programs offered to residents and participants**

**(1) General**

a. Self-Sufficiency Policies

Which, if any of the following discretionary policies will the PHA employ to enhance the economic and social self-sufficiency of assisted families in the following areas?

(select all that apply)

Public housing rent determination policies

Public housing admissions policies

Section 8 admissions policies

Preference in admission to section 8 for certain public housing families

Preferences for families working or engaging in training or education

programs for non-housing programs operated or coordinated by the PHA

Preference/eligibility for public housing homeownership option participation

Preference/eligibility for section 8 homeownership option participation

Other policies (list below)

b. Economic and Social self-sufficiency programs

Yes No: Does the PHA coordinate, promote or provide any programs



### C. Welfare Benefit Reductions

1. The PHA is complying with the statutory requirements of section 12(d) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (relating to the treatment of income changes resulting from welfare program requirements) by: (select all that apply)

Adopting appropriate changes to the PHA's public housing rent determination policies and train staff to carry out those policies

Informing residents of new policy on admission and reexamination

Actively notifying residents of new policy at times in addition to admission and reexamination.

Establishing or pursuing a cooperative agreement with all appropriate TANF agencies regarding the exchange of information and coordination of services

Establishing a protocol for exchange of information with all appropriate TANF agencies

Other: (list below)

### **D. Reserved for Community Service Requirement pursuant to section 12(c) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937**

### **13. PHA Safety and Crime Prevention Measures**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (m)]

Exemptions from Component 13: High performing and small PHAs not participating in PHDEP and Section 8 Only PHAs may skip to component 15. High Performing and small PHAs that are

participating in PHDEP and are submitting a PHDEP Plan with this PHA Plan may skip to sub-component D.  
**The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna is a high performing agency and is not participating in PHDEP.**

### **A. Need for measures to ensure the safety of public housing residents**

1. Describe the need for measures to ensure the safety of public housing residents (select all that apply)

High incidence of violent and/or drug-related crime in some or all of the PHA's developments

High incidence of violent and/or drug-related crime in the areas surrounding or adjacent to the PHA's developments

Residents fearful for their safety and/or the safety of their children

Observed lower-level crime, vandalism and/or graffiti

People on waiting list unwilling to move into one or more developments due to perceived and/or actual levels of violent and/or drug-related crime

Other (describe below)

2. What information or data did the PHA use to determine the need for PHA actions to improve safety of residents (select all that apply).

Safety and security survey of residents

Analysis of crime statistics over time for crimes committed “in and around” public housing authority

Analysis of cost trends over time for repair of vandalism and removal of graffiti

Resident reports

PHA employee reports

Police reports

Demonstrable, quantifiable success with previous or ongoing anticrime/anti drug programs

Other (describe below)

3. Which developments are most affected? (list below)

### **B. Crime and Drug Prevention activities the PHA has undertaken or plans to undertake in the next PHA fiscal year**

1. List the crime prevention activities the PHA has undertaken or plans to undertake: (select all that apply)

Contracting with outside and/or resident organizations for the provision of crime-and/or drug-prevention activities

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

Activities targeted to at-risk youth, adults, or seniors

Volunteer Resident Patrol/Block Watchers Program

Other (describe below)

2. Which developments are most affected? (list below)

### **C. Coordination between PHA and the police**

1. Describe the coordination between the PHA and the appropriate police precincts for carrying out crime prevention measures and activities: (select all that apply)

Police involvement in development, implementation, and/or ongoing evaluation of drug-elimination plan

Police provide crime data to housing authority staff for analysis and action

Police have established a physical presence on housing authority property (e.g.,

- community policing office, officer in residence)
- Police regularly testify in and otherwise support eviction cases
- Police regularly meet with the PHA management and residents
- Agreement between PHA and local law enforcement agency for provision of above-baseline law enforcement services
- Other activities (list below)

2. Which developments are most affected? (list below)

**D. Additional information as required by PHDEP/PHDEP Plan**

PHAs eligible for FY 2000 PHDEP funds must provide a PHDEP Plan meeting specified requirements prior to receipt of PHDEP funds

**Yes No:** Is the PHA eligible to participate in the PHDEP in the fiscal year covered by this PHA Plan?

**Yes No:** Has the PHA included the PHDEP Plan for FY 2000 in this PHA Plan?

**Yes No:** This PHDEP Plan is an Attachment. (Attachment Filename: \_\_\_\_)

**14. RESERVED FOR PET POLICY**

**15. Civil Rights Certifications**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (o)]

Civil rights certifications are included in the PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations.

**16. Fiscal Audit**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (p)]

1. **Yes X No:** Is the PHA required to have an audit conducted under section 5(h)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c(h))?  
(If no, skip to component 17.)
2. **XYes No:** Was the most recent fiscal audit submitted to HUD?
3. **Yes XNo:** Were there any findings as the result of that audit?
4. **Yes X No:** If there were any findings, do any remain unresolved?  
If yes, how many unresolved findings remain? \_\_\_\_
5. **Yes No:** Have responses to any unresolved findings been submitted to HUD?  
If not, when are they due (state below)?

**17. PHA Asset Management**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (q)]

Exemptions from component 17: Section 8 Only PHAs are not required to complete this component. High performing and small PHAs are not required to complete this component.

**The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna is a high performing agency and not required to complete this section.**

1. Yes No: Is the PHA engaging in any activities that will contribute to the long-term asset management of its public housing stock , including how the Agency will plan for long-term operating, capital investment, rehabilitation, modernization, disposition, and other needs that have **not** been addressed elsewhere in this PHA Plan?

1. What types of asset management activities will the PHA undertake? (select all that apply)

Not applicable

Private management

Development-based accounting

Comprehensive stock assessment

Other: (list below)

3. Yes No: Has the PHA included descriptions of asset management activities in the **optional** Public Housing Asset Management Table?

## **18. Other Information**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

### **A. Resident Advisory Board Recommendations**

1. Yes **X** No: Did the PHA receive any comments on the PHA Plan from the Resident Advisory Board/s?

2. If yes, the comments are: (if comments were received, the PHA **MUST** select one)

Attached at Attachment (File name)

Provided below:

3. 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)

**B. Description of Election process for Residents on the PHA Board**

1. Yes  No: Does the PHA meet the exemption criteria provided section 2(b)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937? (If no, continue to question 2; if yes, skip to sub-component C.)
  
2.  Yes No: Was the resident who serves on the PHA Board elected by the residents? (If yes, continue to question 3; if no, skip to sub-component C.)
  
3. Description of Resident Election Process
  - a. 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)
  
  - b. 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)
  
  - c. 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)

**C. Statement of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan**

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

1. Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: (provide name here)

**The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna is located in the Village of Carthage in the Town of Wilna; a non-entitlement community in Jefferson County. The jurisdiction of the Consolidated Plan encompasses the State of Georgia. The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna Agency Plan housing needs assessment data is extracted from the New York State Consolidated Plan and The Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) Databook tables for Jefferson County.**

2. 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 in the jurisdiction 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)

X Other: (list below)

- The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna will continue to maintain and renovate its public housing units.
- The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna will continue to provide accessible housing in the public housing program to persons with disabilities.
- The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna will continue to market its public housing program to make families and elderly persons aware of the availability of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing in the Town of Wilna and the Village of Carthage..
- The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna will continue to apply its limited resources to the effective and efficient management and operation of public housing programs.
- The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna Admission and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) requirements are established and designed to:
  - (1) Provide improved living conditions for very low and low income families while maintaining their rent payments at an affordable level.

- (2) To operate a socially and financially sound public housing agency that is violence and drug-free, decent, safe and sanitary housing with a suitable living environment for residents and their families.
- (3) To avoid concentrations of economically and socially deprived families in our public housing development.
- (4) Deny the admission of applicants, or the continued occupancy of residents, whose habits and practices reasonably may be expected to adversely affect the health, safety, comfort or welfare of other residents or the physical environment of the neighborhood, or create a danger to our employees.
- (5) To attempt to house a tenant body in each development that is composed of families with a broad range of incomes and rent-paying abilities that is representative of the range of incomes of low income families in our jurisdictions.
- (6) To ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all other applicable Federal fair housing laws and regulations so that the admissions and continued occupancy are conducted without regard to race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, handicap or familial status.

Finally, we intend to address our community's housing needs to the maximum extent practical. While we wish we could meet all of the significant needs that exist in our jurisdiction, we lack the resources to resolve all of our housing needs. As reflected in the New York State Consolidated Plan, the needs of the State's low and moderate income households far exceed the resources available at all levels of government. The only practical thing we can do is to continue to apply for appropriate grant opportunities made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development over the course of the next year.

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

The New York State Consolidated Plan establishes three strategic objectives which are of equal importance and form the basis of New York State's strategy:

1. **Preserve and increase the supply of decent, safe and affordable housing available to all low and moderate income households, and help identify and develop available resources to assist in the development of housing.**

The needs analysis describes a shortage of affordable housing units in New York State. By increasing the number of decent and affordable housing units, New York State will be addressing each of the housing problems: overcrowding, substandard units, and cost burden. The State plan includes

the increase of the supply of decent and affordable housing by assisting in the financing of new construction, substantial rehabilitation, and conversion of previously nonresidential properties. While not specifically targeting funds in the Consolidated Plan for such programs, New York State believes it has a vested interest in the federal government's commitment to continue to provide resources for the operations, maintenance and preservation of Section 8 and public housing. The Consolidate Plan states: "The preservation of this irreplaceable low-income housing asset should remain a federal priority. Specifically, the federal government should maintain its commitment to rental assistance, preservation of housing eligible for mortgage prepayment and funding for operations, repairs, maintenance and modernization of public housing."

**2. Improve the ability of low and moderate income New Yorkers to access rental and homeownership opportunities.**

Cost burden is identified as the most widespread of all the various housing problems by New Yorkers. Cost burden disproportionately affects New Yorkers with low and moderate incomes. Renters make up the substantial majority of households with cost burden.

The Consolidate Plan includes the provision of rental assistance where possible and also to providing homeownership opportunities to low-income and minority households. State housing agencies are encouraged to apply for Section 8 program funding.

The Consolidated Plan notes that there are insufficient Federal and State capital subsidies to increase the supply of affordable housing to address the problems of all those with cost burdens.

Additional strategies include making mortgages available with below market interest rates to first-time homebuyers and providing rehabilitation assistance to low-income homeowners.

**3. Address the shelter, housing, and service needs of the homeless poor and others with special needs.**

The Consolidated Plan reflects that the demand for housing and supportive assistance for the homeless far exceeds the supply; particularly, the frail elderly, disabled, and other segments of the Population requiring supportive living arrangements or services.

Among the programs to be utilized, are the various Section 8 programs.

The Consolidated Plan addresses Public Housing Resident Initiatives. The Plan states that “the State of New York does not directly own or administer Federal public housing. Therefore the requirements of this section of the Consolidated Plan do not apply to the State of New York.”

“The State does have a State public housing program as noted in the Needs Assessment. Tenant participation in the management of housing authorities is not only encouraged in this State, but mandated in New York’s Public Housing Law, which provides that authorities having a population under one million be composed of up to seven members, including two tenants elected by public housing residents. The underlying philosophy has been to ensure that tenants’ needs and concerns are effectively communicated to the governing body of the authority and, when necessary, to DHCR, as the supervising State agency.”

The use of the term “low and moderate income households” includes all households at or below 80 percent of median income. Extremely low income households are included in this category which has been identified in the needs analysis as having the highest magnitude of housing problems.

The New York State Objectives respond to the purposes of the National Affordable Housing Act which are:

1. to help families not owning a home to save for a downpayment for the purchase of a home;
2. to retain wherever feasible as housing affordable to low-income families those dwelling units produced for such purposes with Federal assistance;
3. to extend and strengthen partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and non-profit organizations, in the production and operation of housing affordable to low-income and moderate-income families;
4. to expand and improve Federal rental assistance for very low-income families; and
5. to increase the supply of supportive housing, which combines structural features and services needed to enable persons with special needs to live with dignity and independence.

In summary, the New York State Consolidated Plan strategies are consistent with and support the goals and objectives of the Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna.

#### **D. Other Information Required by HUD**

The final Agency Plan Rule contains a requirement in 24 CFR 903.7 that agency plans contain a locally

derived definition of “substantial deviation” and “significant amendment or modification.”

The Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna has adopted a definition of substantial deviation and significant amendment or modification. That definition is provided in:

Attachment NY058b01 - Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna Definition of Substantial Deviation and Significant Amendment or Modification.

## **Attachments**

Use this section to provide any additional attachments referenced in the Plans.

**Attachment NY058a01 – Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna Admission and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP)**

**Attachment NY058b01 - Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna Definition of Substantial Deviation and Significant Amendment or Modification**

**Attachment NY058c01 - Housing Authority of the Town of Wilna Resident Survey Follow-up Plan**

