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Office of Public and Indian Housing

St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program

Internet Submittal of PHA Agency Plan

2001 Annual Plan

A Part of the 5-Year Agency Plan for FY 2000 - 2004

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

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PHA Plan
Agency Identification

PHA Name: St Mary Parish Gov't Section 8 Program

PHA Number: LA 220

PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (mm/yyyy) 10/2001

Public Access to Information

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

☒ Main administrative office of the PHA
☐ PHA development management offices
☐ PHA local offices

Display Locations For PHA Plans and Supporting Documents

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

☒ Main administrative office of the PHA
☐ PHA development management offices
☐ PHA local offices
☐ Main administrative office of the local government
☒ Main administrative office of the County government
☐ Main administrative office of the State government
☐ Public library
☐ PHA website
☒ Other (list below) Office of Community Design Group in Morgan City

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

☒ Main business office of the PHA
☐ PHA development management offices
☐ Other (list below)

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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 mission of the St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program is to provide assistance to obtain adequate and affordable housing without discrimination for low-income and very low-income families, and for the elderly and for persons with disabilities.

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 TOIDENTIFY QUANTIFIABL E MEASURES OF SUCCESS IN REACHING THEIR OBJECTIVES OVER THE COURSE OF THE 5 YEARS**. (Quantifiable measures would include targets such as: numbers of families served or PHAS scores achieved.) PHAs should identify these measures in the spaces to the right of or below the stated objectives.

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

☒ PHA Goal: Expand the supply of assisted housing
Objectives:
- ☒ Apply for additional rental vouchers:
- ☐ Reduce public housing vacancies:
- ☐ Leverage private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities:
- ☐ Acquire or build units or developments
- ☐ Other (list below)

☒ PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing (Also Additional below)
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)

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- ☐ 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 (Also Additional Below)

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: (PHDEP Grant)
- ☐ 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:

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- ☐ 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)

Other Goals and Objectives developed by the St Mary Parish Gov't Section 8 Program are designed to accomplish the mission stated above in a professional and fiscally prudent manner as follows:

Goal One: Increase the availability of decent, safe, and sanitary rental housing that is affordable for lower income families.

Objectives:

1. The St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program shall continue to pursue additional rental vouchers when they become available.

2. The St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program will develop partnerships with other housing providers to coordinate efforts to promote improvements in the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary rental housing.

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Goal Two: To improve the quality of assisted housing available to participants of the St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program.

Objectives:

1. The St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program shall continue with it efforts to improve voucher management and fiscal accountability of the Section 8 program. (SEMAP)

2. The St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program shall continue with it efforts to improve tenant accountability to obligations to landlords and the Section 8 program.

3. The St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program shall continue to pursue potential voucher landlords that will make quality rental units available to program participants.

Goal Three: The St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program shall promote self-sufficiency and homeownership opportunities using Section 8 resources.

Objectives:

1. The St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program shall participant in partnerships with other local agencies in the form of unit set asides for use by participants that are assisted and monitored by those agencies to encourage self-sufficiency and movement to employment.

2. By September 30, 2002, The St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program shall apply for a minimum of ten new housing vouchers, if available, to develop a homeownership program under homeownership provisions of the Section 8 program in force at that time, with specific preference to lower income working families.

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

i. 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**

ii. 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.

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iii. 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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Attachments

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Required Attachments:

☒ Resident Member on the PHA Governing Board **(Attachment "D")** Page 48
☒ Membership of the Resident Advisory Board **(Attachment "E")** Page 49
☐ Admissions Policy for Deconcentration
☐ FY 2000 Capital Fund Program Annual Statement
☐ 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 **(Attachment "C")** Page 47
☐ FY 2000 Capital Fund Program 5 Year Action Plan
☐ Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP) Plan
☐ Comments of Resident Advisory Board or Boards (must be attached if not included in PHA Plan text)
☒ Other (List below, providing each attachment name)
Executive Summary **(Attachment "A")** Page 43
Housing Needs and PHA Strategy **(Attachment "B")** Page 45

Supporting Documents Available for Review

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

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	**Supporting Document**	**Applicable Plan Component**
X	PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations	5 Year and Annual Plans

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List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	**Supporting Document**	**Applicable Plan Component**
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;
	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
X	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	Public Housing Deconcentration and Income Mixing 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 Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act Initial Guidance; Notice* and any further HUD guidance) and 2. Documentation of the required deconcentration and income mixing analysis	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	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
	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

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Applicable & On Display	**Supporting Document**	**Applicable Plan Component**
X	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies ☒ check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
	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
	Public housing grievance procedures ☐ check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
X	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures ☒ check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
	The HUD-approved Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement (HUD 52837) for the active grant year	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grant	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	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
	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
	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing	Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition
	Approved or submitted applications for designation of public housing (Designated Housing Plans)	Annual Plan: Designation of Public Housing
	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
	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans	Annual Plan: Homeownership
	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program ☐ check here if included in the Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Homeownership
	Any cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	FSS Action Plan/s for public housing and/or Section 8	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Most recent self-sufficiency (ED/SS, TOP or ROSS or other resident services grant) grant program reports	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	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

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Applicable & On Display	**Supporting Document**	**Applicable Plan Component**
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
	Troubled PHAs: MOA/Recovery Plan	Troubled PHAs
	Other supporting documents (optional) (list individually; use as many lines as necessary)	(specify as needed)

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.

Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type							
Family Type	Overall	Afford-ability	Supply	Quality	Access-ibility	Size	Loca-tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	2,333	5	5	3	1	5	2
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	1,046	4	5	3	1	5	2
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	160	3	3	3	1	4	2
Elderly	804	5	4	3	1	3	2
Families with Disabilities	291	4	3	3	1	3	2
White	1,610	3	2	3	1	3	2
Black	2,414	5	5	3	1	5	2
Hispanic	39	3	3	3	1	4	2
Asian	20	3	3	3	1	4	2

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.)

☒ Consolidated Plan of the Jurisdiction/s

Indicate year: 1999

☐ 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)

B. 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.

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Waiting list type: (select one) ☒ Section 8 tenant-based assistance ☐ Public Housing ☐ Combined Section 8 and Public Housing ☐ Public Housing Site-Based or sub-jurisdictional waiting list (optional) If used, identify which development/sub jurisdiction:			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	286		50
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	164	57.3	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	94	32.9	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	28	9.8	
Families with children	272	95.1	
Elderly families	2	0.7	
Families with Disabilities	5	1.7	
White	98	34.3	
Black	181	63.3	

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Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Hispanic	4	1.4	
Asian	3	1.0	
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)			
1 BR	37	12.9	
2 BR	138	48.3	
3 BR	104	36.4	
4 BR	5	1.7	
5 BR	2	0.7	
5+ BR			

Is the waiting list closed (select one)? ☒ No ☐ Yes

If yes:

How long has it been closed (# of months)?

Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? ☐ No ☐ Yes

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.

See Attachment "B Page 45

(1) Strategies

Need: Shortage of affordable housing for all eligible populations

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

Select all that apply

☐ Employ effective maintenance and management policies to minimize the number of public housing units off-line

☐ Reduce turnover time for vacated public housing units

☐ Reduce time to renovate public housing units

☐ Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through mixed finance development

☐ Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through section 8 replacement housing resources

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☒ Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by establishing payment standards that will enable families to rent throughout the jurisdiction
☒ Undertake measures to ensure access to affordable housing among families assisted by the PHA, regardless of unit size required
☒ Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by marketing the program to owners, particularly those outside of areas of minority and poverty concentration
☒ Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by effectively screening Section 8 applicants to increase owner acceptance of program
☐ Participate in the Consolidated Plan development process to ensure coordination with broader community strategies
☐ Other (list below)

Strategy 2: Increase the number of affordable housing units by:
Select all that apply

☒ Apply for additional section 8 units should they become available
☐ Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed - finance housing
☐ Pursue housing resources other than public housing or Section 8 tenant-based assistance.
☐ Other: (list below)

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

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 30 % of AMI
Select all that apply

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

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

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 50% of AMI
Select all that apply

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

Need: Specific Family Types: The Elderly

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to the elderly:
Select all that apply

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

Need: Specific Family Types: Families with Disabilities

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to Families with Disabilities:
Select all that apply

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

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

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

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

Strategy 2: Conduct activities to affirmatively further fair housing
Select all that apply

☒ Counsel section 8 tenants as to location of units outside of areas of poverty or minority concentration and assist them to locate those units

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☒ Market the section 8 program to owners outside of areas of poverty /minority concentrations
☐ Other: (list below)

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

(2) Reasons for Selecting Strategies

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

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

2. Statement of Financial Resources

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (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-based assistance, Section 8 supportive services or other.

Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses		
Sources	**Planned $**	**Planned Uses**
1. **Federal Grants (FY 2001 grants)**		
a) Public Housing Operating Fund		

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Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses		
Sources	**Planned $**	**Planned Uses**
b) Public Housing Capital Fund		
c) HOPE VI Revitalization		
d) HOPE VI Demolition		
e) Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance	393,500	
f) Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (including any Technical Assistance funds)		
g) Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants		
h) Community Development Block Grant		
i) HOME		
Other Federal Grants (list below)		
2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below)		
3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income		
4. Other income (list below)		
4. Non-federal sources (list below)	10,000	
Parish Funds		
Total resources	403,500	

3. PHA Policies Governing Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (c)]

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A. Public Housing

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

(1) Eligibility

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

☐ When families are within a certain number of being offered a unit: (state number) 5

☐ When families are within a certain time of being offered a unit: (state time)

☐ Other: (describe)

When Placed on waiting list.

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

☐ Criminal or Drug-related activity

☐ Rental history

☐ Housekeeping

☐ Other (describe)

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

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

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

(2)Waiting List Organization

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

☐ Community-wide list

☐ Sub-jurisdictional lists

☐ Site-based waiting lists

☐ Other (describe)

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

☐ PHA main administrative office

☐ PHA development site management office

☐ Other (list below)

c. 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?

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

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

4. Where can interested persons obtain more information about and sign up to be on the site-based waiting lists (select all that apply)?
☐ PHA main administrative office
☐ All PHA development management offices
☐ Management offices at developments with site-based waiting lists
☐ At the development to which they would like to apply
☐ Other (list below)

(3) Assignment

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

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

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

(4) Admissions Preferences

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

b. Transfer policies:
In what circumstances will transfers take precedence over new admissions? (list below)
☐ Emergencies
☐ Overhoused

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

c. Preferences

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

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

Former Federal preferences:

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

Other preferences: (select below)

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

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

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Former Federal preferences:

1 Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)

2 Victims of domestic violence
Substandard housing
Homelessness
High rent burden

Other preferences (select all that apply)

3 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

4 Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs

☐ Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)

☐ Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)

☐ Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs

☐ Victims of reprisals or hate crimes

☐ Other preference(s) (list below)

4. Relationship of preferences to income targeting requirements:

☐ The PHA applies preferences within income tiers

☐ Not applicable: the pool of applicant families ensures that the PHA will meet income targeting requirements

(5) Occupancy

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

☐ The PHA-resident lease

☐ The PHA's Admissions and Continued Occupancy policy

☐ PHA briefing seminars or written materials

☐ Other source (list)

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

☐ At an annual reexamination and lease renewal

☐ Any time family composition changes

☐ At family request for revision

☐ Other (list)

(6) Deconcentration and Income Mixing *Omit*

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 allthat apply)

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

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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).**

(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

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☐ 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) Office of Community Design Group in Morgan City, LA

(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:

When family has difficulty in finding a unit or has for reasons beyond their control not been able to pursue their search timely

(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)

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

Other preferences (select all that apply)
☐2 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
☐2 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

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☐ Drawing (lottery) or other random choice technique

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

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

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

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

(5) Special Purpose Section 8 Assistance Programs

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

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

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

☐ Through published notices
☒ Other (list below) Through Agencies participating with Special Purpose Program

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 4A.

(1) Income Based Rent Policies

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

a. Use of discretionary policies: (select one)

☐ 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**:**

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

1. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA plan to charge rents at a fixed amount or percentage less than 30% of adjusted income?
2. If yes to above, list the amounts or percentages charged and the circumstances under which these will be used below:

d. Which of the discretionary (optional) deductions and/or exclusions policies does the PHA plan to employ (select all that apply)

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

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

☐ For household heads
☐ For other family members
☐ For transportation expenses

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☐ For the non-reimbursed medical expenses of non-disabled or non-elderly families
☐ Other (describe below)

e. Ceiling rents

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

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

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

☐ For all developments
☐ For all general occupancy developments (not elderly, 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)
☐ 95th percentile rents
☐ 75 percent of operating costs
☐ 100 percent of operating costs for general occupancy (family) developments
☐ Operating costs plus debt service
☐ The "rental value" of the unit
☐ Other (list below)

f. Rent re-determinations:

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

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

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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.)

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

Flat Rents that were established at the higher of the ceiling rent or 80% of the net FMR's (FMR less an allowance for utilities) as published by HUD for St Mary Parish Section 8 Agencies.

B. Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance

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

(1) Payment Standards

Describe the voucher payment standards and policies.

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

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

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

☒ FMRs are adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment of the FMR area
☐ The PHA has chosen to serve additional families by lowering the payment standard
☐ Reflects market or sub market
☐ 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

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☐ Reflects market or sub market
☐ 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)

1. When through no fault of their own, the family has lost eligibility for or is awaiting an eligibility determination for a Federal, State or local assistance program;

2. When through no fault of their own, the income of the family has been substantially decreased (50% or more) because of loss of employment or extraordinary changed circumstances;

3. When through no fault of their own, the family has an increase in expenses because of extraordinary changed circumstances, such as for medical costs, extraordinary transportation costs, job related education expense, or similar items;

4. When a death has occurred in the immediate family or a parent of the head of household or that of the spouse.

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)

A. PHA Management Structure

Describe the PHA's management structure and organization.

(select one)

☒ An organization chart showing the PHA's management structure and organization is attached. **Attachment "C" – Page 47**

☐ 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.)

Program Name	**Units or Families Served at Year Beginning**	**Expected Turnover**
Public Housing	NA	
Section 8 Vouchers	200	50
Section 8 Certificates	NA	
Section 8 Mod Rehab	NA	
Special Purpose Section 8 Certificates/Vouchers (list individually)	NA	
Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP)	NA	
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) Section 8 Management: (list below)

Section 8 Administrative Plan

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.

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

or-

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

(2) 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

-or-

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

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 ☐ 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:

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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 ☐ 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 ☐ 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 ☐ 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 903.7 9 (h)]

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

1. ☐ Yes ☐ 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.)

Demolition/Disposition Activity Description
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: ()
5. Number of units affected: 2 6. Coverage of action (select one) ☐ Part of the development ☐ Total development
7. Timeline for activity: a. b.

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 ☐ 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.

Designation of Public Housing Activity Description

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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: (DD/MM/YY)
5. If approved, will this designation constitute a (select one) ☐ New Designation Plan ☐ Revision of a previously-approved Designation Plan?
6. 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 903.7 9 (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 ☒ 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.

Conversion of Public Housing Activity Description
1a. Development name:

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1b. Development (project) number:
2. What is the status of the required assessment? ☐ Assessment underway ☐ Assessment results submitted to HUD ☐ Assessment results approved by HUD (if marked, proceed to next question) ☐ Other (explain below)
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) ☐ Conversion Plan in development ☐ Conversion Plan submitted to HUD on: (DD/MM/YYYY) ☐ Conversion Plan approved by HUD on: (DD/MM/YYYY) ☐ Activities pursuant to HUD-approved Conversion Plan underway
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 Asst Management Table? (If "yes", skip to component 12. If "No", complete the Activity Description table below.)

Public Housing Homeownership Activity Description (Complete one for each development affected)
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)
5. Number of units affected: 6. Coverage of action: (select one) ☐ Part of the development ☐ Total development

B. Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance

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

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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.

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

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☐ 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 to enhance the economic and social self-sufficiency of residents? (If "yes", complete the following table; if "no" skip to sub-component 2, Family Self Sufficiency Programs. The position of the table may be altered to facilitate its use.)

Services and Programs				
Program Name & Description (including location, if appropriate)	Estimated Size	Allocation Method (waiting list/random selection/specific criteria/other)	Access (development office / PHA main office / other provider name)	Eligibility (public housing or section 8 participants or both)

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(2) Family Self Sufficiency program/s

a. Participation Description

Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Participation		
Program	Required Number of Participants (start of FY 2000 Estimate)	Actual Number of Participants (As of: DD/MM/YY)
Public Housing		
Section 8		

b. ☐ Yes ☐ No: If the PHA is not maintaining the minimum program size required by HUD, does the most recent FSS Action Plan address the steps the PHA plans to take to achieve at least the minimum program size?
If no, list steps the PHA will take below:

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.

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 used 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 2001in this PHA Plan?
☐ Yes ☐ No: This PHDEP Plan is an Attachment.

14. PET POLICY

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (n)]

15. Civil Rights Certifications

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[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 ☐ 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. ☒ Yes ☐ No: Was the most recent fiscal audit submitted to HUD?

3. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Were there any findings as the result of that audit?

4. ☐ Yes ☐ 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.

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?

2. 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 ☐ 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:

One tenant reiterated a previous comment that the new rules requiring 75% of new admissions to the program be below 30% of median income was unfair and a negative impact on the program because it rewarded not working, and is a disincentive for working families to seek assistance because they were often skipped over to select families who chose not to work so that they stay in the 30% category.

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)

Advised her that the Staff would express her concerns to NAHRO and suggested that she write Congressman Tauzin about her concerns!

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.)

The governing body of the St Mary Parish Gov't Section 8 Program is the 11 elected members of the St Mary Parish Council (8 from single member districts and 3 from at large districts), which are elected by all citizens of the Parish. The Parish Government has created a Section 8 Housing Advisory Committee to advise the Parish Council on matters relating to the program. The Advisory Committee meets in duly advertised open sessions in accord with the requirements of the Council Charter, and is comprised of 5 members; 1 Parish Council Member at Large, 2 Parish Council Members from single member districts, 1 Section 8 tenant, and 1 Section 8 Landlord.
The committee is appointed by the Parish President.

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)

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☐ 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 as necessary).

1. Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: (provide name here) State of Louisiana

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)

a. The St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program will develop partnerships with other housing providers to coordinate efforts to promote improvements in the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary rental housing.

b. The St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program shall continue with it efforts to improve voucher management and fiscal accountability of the Section 8 program. (SEMAP)

c. The St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program shall continue with it efforts to improve tenant accountability to obligations to landlords and the Section 8 program.

d.. The St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program shall continue to pursue potential voucher landlords that will make quality rental units available to program participants.

☐ Other: (list below)

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

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Letter and Certification from the Office of Ms Susan Elkins, Director of La. Office of Community Development, dated July 10, 2000, certifying that Plan is consistent with State's Consolidated Plan – copy previously submitted with 5-Year Plan.

D. Other Information Required by HUD

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

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Attachments

ATTACHMENT "A"

St Mary Parish Gov't Section 8 Program

Executive Summary

General:

In compliance with Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) of 1998 and ensuing HUD requirements, the St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Housing Rental Assistance Program, implemented by the St Mary parish Housing Office, (SMPHO) has prepared this Agency Plan for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The SMPHO Agency Plan is in the form of a Section 8 only plan as provided for in the QHWRA.

The St Mary Parish Government operates a Section 8 Housing Rental Assistance Program that is administered by the St Mary Parish Housing Office (SMPHO). The policies and rules of the program are contained in the Section 8 Administrative Plan. The Section 8 rental assistance program is operated in partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide housing assistance to low income families. The program is eligible to all qualified families in the unincorporated areas of the Parish, and by intergovernmental agreement, in all municipalities except the City of Morgan City. The Section 8 program is administered, staffed, managed, and operated by a contact administrator, Community Design Group. For convenience to residents of the parish, the administrator has made provisions to interview and take applications at some location within the East end of the Parish.

It is the policy of the St Mary Parish Government Housing Program to comply fully 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.

No person shall, on the ground 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 St Mary Parish Government Housing Program.

Mission, Goals, and Objectives:

The mission of the St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program is to provide assistance to obtain adequate and affordable housing without discrimination for low-income and very low-income families, and for the elderly and for persons with disabilities. The Annual Plan was developed with that primary goal in mind, and a number of the provisions that have been formulated reflect that and the objectives that will have to be accomplished to achieve the stated mission of the agency. The Goals and Objectives developed by the St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program are designed to accomplish the mission stated above in a professional and fiscally prudent manner.

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A primary goal is to increase the availability of decent, safe, and sanitary rental housing that is affordable for lower income families. To accomplish that goal the SMPHO will continue to pursue additional rental vouchers when they become available. The SMPHO will also develop partnerships with other housing providers to coordinate efforts to promote improvements in the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary rental housing.

A second goal will be to improve the quality of assisted housing available to participants of the St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program. To accomplish that goal the SMPHO shall continue with it efforts to improve voucher management and fiscal accountability of the Section 8 program. (SEMAP). The SMPHO shall also continue with it efforts to improve tenant accountability to obligations to landlords and the Section 8 program, and will continue to pursue potential voucher landlords that will make quality rental units available to program participants.

A final goal of the SMPHO is to promote self-sufficiency and homeownership opportunities using Section 8 resources. To achieve that goal the SMPHO will participant in partnerships with other local agencies in the form of unit set asides for use by participants that are assisted and monitored by those agencies to encourage self-sufficiency and movement to employment. A second major objective to accomplish that goal is that by September 30, 2002, The St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program shall apply for a minimum of ten new housing vouchers, if available, to develop a homeownership program under homeownership provisions of the Section 8 program, with specific preference to lower income working families.

The St Mary Parish Government Housing Program requires that families receiving rental assistance under its program pay a minimum amount of $50 per month toward the cost of their rent and utilities, and that at least $25 of that amount be paid directly to the Landlord. To continue participation in the program, each family must be re-certified yearly with regard to family make-up and total household income. Any family having additional persons living with them, have additional income, or other significant family characteristic change must report that change to the housing office in writing within 10 days of the time of the change.

The SMPHO has set out to be in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The plans, statements, budget summary, and policies set forth in the Annual Plan all lead to the accomplishment of the SMPHO goals and objectives. Taken as a whole, they outline a comprehensive approach toward achievement of the stated mission of the St Mary Parish Section 8 Housing Program. The plan has been developed with input and participation of the tenants and landlords and is consistent with the State Consolidated Plan and Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy.

The PHA welcomes resident and public input on its Agency Plan.

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St Mary Parish Housing Needs

A. General:
The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 requires that St Mary Parish Section 8 Program (SMPHO) set forth in their Annual Plan a assessment of the housing needs of its jurisdiction and its waiting list. Also, the housing authority is required to state how it intends to address the needs identified.

Attached is the information contained in the Housing Needs Section of the State Consolidated Plan and Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) as it relates to St Mary Parish. It shows there is a significant need for additional affordable housing resources in the area. The data is provided in the form of a table. Also, attached is a table that provides an analysis of the SMPHO waiting list. The information was analyzed as indicated below.

B. Assessment of Housing Needs:
An analysis of the Section 8 Program waiting list provides a similar picture to the State CHAS except for the elderly, which are generally served immediately. Over fifty-seven percent (57.3%) of applicants for housing with the SMPHO are extremely low-income families (at or below 30% AMI). Nearly thirty-three percent (32.9%) of applicants are from very low-income families (Up slightly from last year), and nearly ten percent (9.8%) are from low-moderate income families, a 60% increase from last year. Families with children now comprise over ninety-five percent (95.1%) of the applicants, which is an increase of 13% over the previous year, and approximately two percent (1.7%) are families with disabilities. Over 63% of those applying to the SMPHO for housing assistance are black families which is a slight increase over last year.

The average annual turnover rate is approx fifty units or twenty-five percent (25%). At that rate it will take six years to house all families presently on the waiting list. The majority of requests for housing are for two bedroom units (48.3%) followed by requests for three bedroom units (36.4%).

The SMPHO used this analysis to prepare the its goals and objectives. It reflects the SMPHO priorities that have been set forth in it's Mission Statement.

While the SMPHO cannot meet the entire need identified here, in accordance with the goals included in this Plan, the SMPHO will try to address some of the identified needs by using appropriate resources to maintain and preserve its existing stock. When appropriate and feasible, it will apply for additional grants from federal, state and local sources, including private sources where appropriate to help add to the affordable housing available in our community.

C. Strategies
A. Strategies that will be used to maximize the number of units available will include but not be limited to the following:

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1. The St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program shall continue to pursue additional rental vouchers when they become available.

2. The St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program will develop partnerships with other housing providers to coordinate efforts to promote improvements in the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary rental housing.

3. The St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program shall continue to pursue potential voucher landlords that will make quality rental units available to program participants.

B. Strategies to focus on assistance for lower income families with special circumstances:
1. The St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program shall participant in partnerships with other local agencies in the form of unit set asides for use by participants that are assisted and monitored by those agencies to encourage self-sufficiency and movement to employment.

2. By September 30, 2002, The St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program shall apply for a minimum of ten new housing vouchers, if available, to develop a homeownership program under homeownership provisions of the Section 8 program in force at that time, with specific preference to lower income working families.

C. Strategies to focus on elderly, disabled families, and those with situations of domestic violence:
1. The St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Program shall continue to implement its system of preferences that give elderly families, families with disabilities, and families with situations of domestic violence preference for admission to the Section Program.

The SMPHO reiterates that it wishes that it could meet all the needs that exist in its jurisdiction, but it is not optimistic about achieving that objective. The problem is the lack of resources to address the extensive range of housing needs. Neither the SMPHO nor the Federal Government has the resources necessary to accomplish that objective. The only practical thing to do is to apply for the grant opportunities made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development over the course of the next year. Whenever possible we will respond to HUD NOFAs (Notices of Funding Availability) to increase the amount of affordable housing at the SMPHO.

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OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT

The Organization Chart for the St Mary Parish Government Section 8 Housing Rental Assistance Program (SMPHO) is included below, and the SMPHO's latest approved budget is available for inspection at the SMPHO office during regular office hours.

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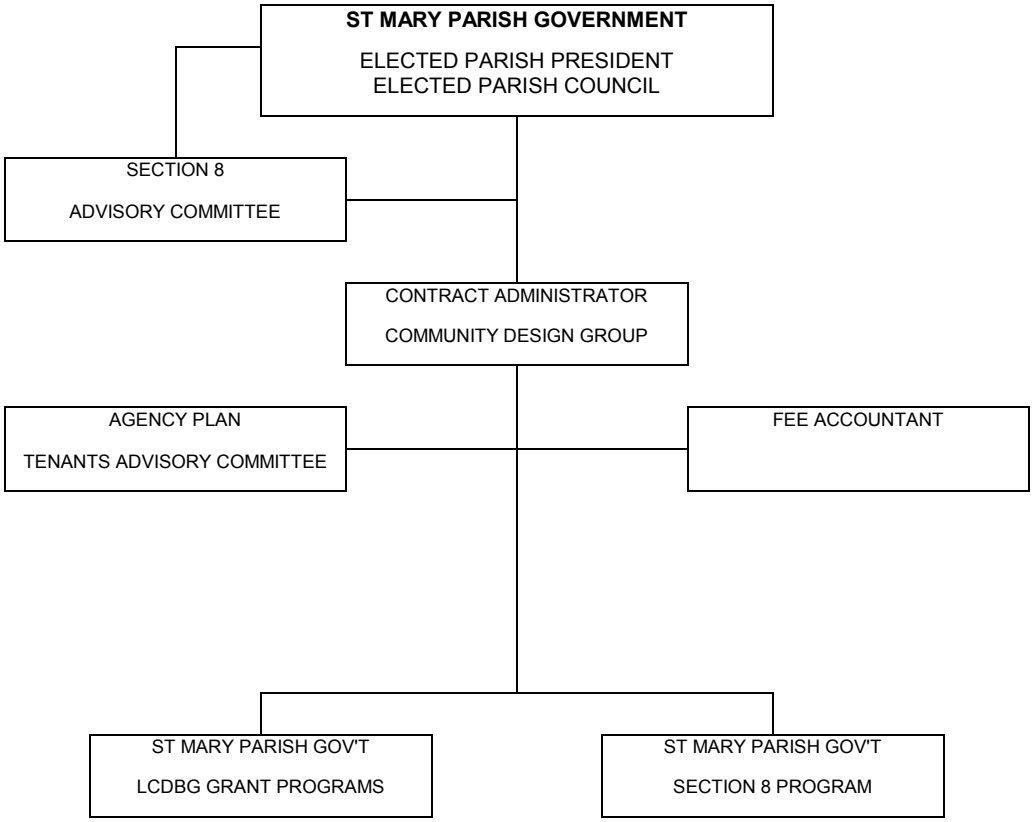
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Attachment "D": Resident Member on the PHA Governing Board

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1. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA governing board include at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA this year? (if no, skip to #2)

A. Name of resident member(s) on the governing board:

B. How was the resident board member selected: (select one)?

☐ Elected
☐ Appointed

C. The term of appointment is (include the date term expires):

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

☐ the PHA is located in a State that requires the members of a governing board to be salaried and serve on a full time basis

☐ the PHA has less than 300 public housing units, has provided reasonable notice to the resident advisory board of the opportunity to serve on the governing board, and has not been notified by any resident of their interest to participate in the Board.

☒ Other (explain):

The St Mary Parish Gov't Section 8 Program is a Section 8 Agency only with its governing body being the 11 elected members of the St Mary Parish Government Council, of which 8 are elected from single member districts and 3 from at large districts, which are elected by all citizens of the Parish. The Parish Government has created a Section 8 Housing Advisory Committee to advise the Parish Council on matters relating to the program. The Advisory Committee will meet in duly advertised open sessions in accord with the requirements of the Council Charter, and is comprised of 5 members; 1 Parish Council Member at Large, 2 Parish Council Members from single member districts, 1 Section 8 tenant, and 1 Section 8 Landlord.

The committee is appointed by the Parish President.

B. Date of next term expiration of a governing board member:

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

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Attachment "E": Membership of the Resident Advisory Board

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List members of the Resident Advisory Board: (If the list would be unreasonably long, list organizations represented or otherwise provide a description sufficient to identify how members are chosen.)

Ms Doris Bowie (Tenant Family)

Ms Arthur Carbins (Tenant Family)

Ms Bridget Moore (Tenant Family)

Ms Telsa Spain (Tenant Family)

Ms Diane Walters (Tenant Family)

Mr Al Kuhlman (Landlord)

Mr Michael Domingue (Parish Council)

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