

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
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# PHA Plans

5 Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2000 - 2004  
Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2001

## Rensselaer Housing Authority

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

## PHA Plan Agency Identification

**PHA Name:** Rensselaer Housing Authority

**PHA Number:** NY033

**PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (mm/yyyy)** 01/2001

### 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)

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)

**5-YEAR PLAN**  
**PHA FISCAL YEARS 2000 - 2004**  
[24 CFR Part 903.5]

**A. Mission**

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

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

**B. Goals**

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

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

- PHA Goal: Expand the supply of assisted housing  
Objectives:
- Apply for additional rental vouchers:
  - Reduce public housing vacancies:
  - Leverage private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities:
  - Acquire or build units or developments
  - Other (list below)
- PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing  
Objectives:
- Improve public housing management: (PHAS score) Not Available
  - Improve voucher management: (SEMAP score)
  - Increase customer satisfaction:
  - Concentrate on efforts to improve specific management functions: (list; e.g., public housing finance; voucher unit inspections)

- Renovate or modernize public housing units:
- Demolish or dispose of obsolete public housing:
- Provide replacement public housing:
- Provide replacement vouchers:
- Other: (list below)

- PHA Goal: Increase assisted housing choices

Objectives:

- Provide voucher mobility counseling:
- Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords
- Increase voucher payment standards
- Implement voucher homeownership program:
- Implement public housing or other homeownership programs:
- Implement public housing site-based waiting lists:
- Convert public housing to vouchers:
- Other: (list below)

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

- PHA Goal: Provide an improved living environment

Objectives:

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

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

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

Objectives:

- Increase the number and percentage of employed persons in assisted families:
- Provide or attract supportive services to improve assistance recipients' employability:

- Provide or attract supportive services to increase independence for the elderly or families with disabilities.
- Other: (list below)

Work as a referral agency for other agencies (Public Assistance, Work Relief; Project Hire)

**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)**

**Annual PHA Plan**  
**PHA Fiscal Year 2001**  
[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.

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

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

**The Mission of the Rensselaer Housing Authority is to promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination.**

We have adopted the following HUD goals and objectives for the next five years.

Goal: Expand the supply of assisted housing  
Objectives:

- Reduce public housing vacancies:

Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing  
Objectives:

- Improve public housing management: (PHAS score) Not Available

- Increase customer satisfaction:
- Renovate or modernize public housing units:
- Provide replacement vouchers:

Goal: Increase assisted housing choices

Objectives:

- Provide voucher mobility counseling:
- Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords

Goal: Provide an improved living environment

Objectives:

- Implement measures to deconcentrate poverty by bringing higher income public housing households into lower income developments:
- Implement measures to promote income mixing in public housing by assuring access for lower income families into higher income developments:

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

Objectives:

- Increase the number and percentage of employed persons in assisted families:
- Provide or attract supportive services to increase independence for the elderly or families with disabilities.
- Work as a referral agency for other agencies (Public Assistance, Work Relief; Project Hire

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.

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

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

- We have adopted an aggressive screening policy for public housing to ensure to the best of our ability that new admissions will be good neighbors. In our Section 8 program, we are screening applicants to the fullest extent allowable while not taking away the ultimate responsibility from the landlord. Our screening practices meet all fair housing requirements.
- We have adopted a Deconcentration Policy.
- We have established a minimum rent of \$50 for our public housing and Section 8 program.
- We have established flat rents for all of our public housing developments.
- We are utilizing the published Fair Market Rents as our payment standard for the Section 8 program.

### **Summary of Program Changes**

During this past year we have made numerous changes to our policies and/or programs based on changes in statutes and/or HUD regulations that have occurred in the past year. HUD mandated all of these.

- Updated our public housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy
- Updated our public housing Dwelling Lease
- Updated our public housing Grievance Procedures
- Adopted a policy governing pet ownership in public housing family units
- Updated our Section 8 Administrative Plan

In summary, we are on course to improve the condition of affordable housing in the City of Rensselaer, New York.

### **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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#### Required Attachments:

- Admissions Policy for Deconcentration (ny033a02)
- FY 2001 Capital Fund Program Annual Statement (ny033b02)
- Most recent board-approved operating budget (Required Attachment for PHAs that are troubled or at risk of being designated troubled **ONLY**) **Note: the Operating Budget is being submitted directly to the HUD Buffalo office by mail.**

#### Optional Attachments:

- PHA Management Organizational Chart
- FY 2000 Capital Fund Program 5 Year Action Plan (ny033c02)
- Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP) Plan (ny033d02)

- Comments of Resident Advisory Board or Boards (must be attached if not included in PHA Plan text) **Included in PHA Plan text**
- Other (List below, providing each attachment name)

Attachment ny033e02- Rensselaer Housing Authority Substantial Deviation Definition

Attachment ny033f02 – Rensselaer Housing Authority Pet Policy Statement

Attachment ny033g02 – Rensselaer Housing Authority Community Service Implementation Statement

Attachment ny0033h02 – Rensselaer Housing Authority Statement of Progress in Meeting Goals and Objectives

Attachment ny033i02 – Rensselaer Housing Authority Resident Board Members

Attachment ny033j02 – Rensselaer Housing Authority List of Resident Advisory Board Members

Attachment ny033k02 – Rensselaer Housing Authority Deconcentration and Income Mixing

Attachment ny006l02 – Rensselaer Housing Authority Capital Fund Program P & E Report for FY 2000

Attachment ny006m02 – Rensselaer Housing Authority Capital Fund Program P & E Report for FY 1999

**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.

<b>List of Supporting Documents Available for Review</b>		
<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>Supporting Document</b>	<b>Applicable Plan Component</b>
X	PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	State/Local Government Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	Fair Housing Documentation: Records reflecting that the PHA has examined its programs or proposed programs, identified any impediments to fair	5 Year and Annual Plans

<b>List of Supporting Documents Available for Review</b>		
<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>Supporting Document</b>	<b>Applicable Plan Component</b>
	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.	
X	Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction/s in which the PHA is located (which includes the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)) and any additional backup data to support statement of housing needs in the jurisdiction	Annual Plan: Housing Needs
X	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources;
X	Public Housing Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy Policy (A&O), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP]	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
X	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
X	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 <i>Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act Initial Guidance; Notice</i> and any further HUD guidance) and 2. Documentation of the required deconcentration and income mixing analysis	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
X	Public housing rent determination policies, including the methodology for setting public housing flat rents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
X	Schedule of flat rents offered at each public housing development <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
X	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
X	Public housing management and maintenance policy documents, including policies for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation (including cockroach infestation)	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
X	Public housing grievance procedures <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
X	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures	Annual Plan: Grievance

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<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>Supporting Document</b>	<b>Applicable Plan Component</b>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Procedures
X	The HUD-approved Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement (HUD 52837) for the active grant year	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
NA	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grant	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
X	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
NA	Approved HOPE VI applications or, if more recent, approved or submitted HOPE VI Revitalization Plans or any other approved proposal for development of public housing	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
NA	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing	Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition
NA	Approved or submitted applications for designation of public housing (Designated Housing Plans)	Annual Plan: Designation of Public Housing
NA	Approved or submitted assessments of reasonable revitalization of public housing and approved or submitted conversion plans prepared pursuant to section 202 of the 1996 HUD Appropriations Act	Annual Plan: Conversion of Public Housing
NA	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans	Annual Plan: Homeownership
NA	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Homeownership
X	Any cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
NA	FSS Action Plan/s for public housing and/or Section 8	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
NA	Most recent self-sufficiency (ED/SS, TOP or ROSS or other resident services grant) grant program reports	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
X	The most recent Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHEDEP) semi-annual performance report for any open grant and most recently submitted PHDEP application (PHDEP Plan)	Annual Plan: Safety and Crime Prevention
X	The most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under section 5(h)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c(h)), the results of that audit and the PHA's response to any findings	Annual Plan: Annual Audit
X	Troubled PHAs: MOA/Recovery Plan	Troubled PHAs
NA	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	NA						
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	NA						
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	NA						
Elderly	NA						
Families with Disabilities	NA						
Race/Ethnicity	NA						
Race/Ethnicity	NA						
Race/Ethnicity	NA						
Race/Ethnicity	NA						

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 (CITY OF RENSSELAER)  
Indicate year: 1998
- 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)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Section 8 tenant-based assistance			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Housing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Combined Section 8 and Public Housing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing Site-Based or sub-jurisdictional waiting list (optional)			
If used, identify which development/subjurisdiction:			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	37		35 units
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	31	84%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	5	14%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	1	2%	
Families with children	24	65%	
Elderly families	1	2%	
Families with Disabilities	5	14%	
White	21	57%	
Black	16	43%	
Race/ethnicity			
Race/ethnicity			
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)			

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
1BR	13	35%	3 units
2 BR	12	32%	19 units
3 BR	7	19%	12 units
4 BR	5	14%	1 unit
5 BR			
5+ BR			
Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
If yes:			
How long has it been closed (# of months)?			
Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Waiting list type: (select one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 8 tenant-based assistance			
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Combined Section 8 and Public Housing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing Site-Based or sub-jurisdictional waiting list (optional)			
If used, identify which development/subjurisdiction:			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	130		12 vouchers
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	104	80%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	20	15%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	6	5%	
Families with children	113	87%	
Elderly families	3	2%	
Families with Disabilities	24	18%	
White	92	71%	
Black	38	29%	
Race/ethnicity			
Race/ethnicity			

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)	NA	NA	NA
1BR			
2 BR			
3 BR			
4 BR			
5 BR			
5+ BR			
Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes: How long has it been closed (# of months)? Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

#### (1) Strategies

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

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

Select all that apply

- Employ effective maintenance and management policies to minimize the number of public housing units off-line
- Reduce turnover time for vacated public housing units
- Reduce time to renovate public housing units
- Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through mixed finance development
- Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through section 8 replacement housing resources
- Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by establishing payment standards that will enable families to rent throughout the jurisdiction
- Undertake measures to ensure access to affordable housing among families assisted by the PHA, regardless of unit size required

- Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by marketing the program to owners, particularly those outside of areas of minority and poverty concentration
- Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by effectively screening Section 8 applicants to increase owner acceptance of program
- Participate in the Consolidated Plan development process to ensure coordination with broader community strategies
- Other (list below)

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

Select all that apply

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

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

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

Select all that apply

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

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

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

Select all that apply

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

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

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

Select all that apply

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

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

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

Select all that apply

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

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

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

Select if applicable

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

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

Select all that apply

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

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

**(2) Reasons for Selecting Strategies**

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

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

**2. Statement of Financial Resources**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 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.

<b>Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses</b>		
<b>Sources</b>	<b>Planned \$</b>	<b>Planned Uses</b>
<b>1. Federal Grants (FY 2001 grants)</b>		
a) Public Housing Operating Fund	390,188	
b) Public Housing Capital Fund	282,404	
c) HOPE VI Revitalization	0	
d) HOPE VI Demolition	0	
e) Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance	549,350	
f) Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (including any Technical Assistance funds)	35,871	
g) Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants	0	

<b>Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses</b>		
<b>Sources</b>	<b>Planned \$</b>	<b>Planned Uses</b>
h) Community Development Block Grant	0	
i) HOME	0	
Other Federal Grants (list below)	0	
<b>2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below)</b>		
FY 2000 Capital Fund Program	277,884	Modernization
FY 1999 Capital Fund Program	194,349	Modernization
<b>3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income</b>	275,960	Operations
<b>4. Other income (list below)</b>		
Tenant charges, commissions (laundry and telephones)	12,000	Operations
<b>4. Non-federal sources (list below)</b>		
Investment Income	14,480	Operations
<b>Total resources</b>	2,032,486	

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

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (c)]

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

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

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

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

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

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

The application process will involve two phases. The first phase is the initial application for housing assistance or the pre-application. The pre-application requires the family to provide limited basic information establishing any preferences to which they may be entitled. This first phase results in the family's placement on the waiting list.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **8.3 Suitability**

- A. Applicant families will be evaluated to determine whether, based on their recent behavior, such behavior could reasonably be expected to result in noncompliance with the public housing lease. The Rensselaer Housing Authority will look at past conduct as an indicator of future conduct. Emphasis will be placed on whether a family's admission could reasonably be expected to have a detrimental effect on the development environment, other tenants, Rensselaer Housing Authority employees, or other people residing in the immediate vicinity of the property. Otherwise eligible

families will be denied admission if they fail to meet the suitability criteria.

- B. The Rensselaer Housing Authority will consider objective and reasonable aspects of the family's background, including the following:
1. History of meeting financial obligations, especially rent;
  2. Ability to maintain (or with assistance would have the ability to maintain) their housing in a decent and safe condition based on living or housekeeping habits and whether such habits could adversely affect the health, safety, or welfare of other tenants;
  3. History of criminal activity by any household member involving crimes of physical violence against persons or property and any other criminal activity including drug-related criminal activity that would adversely affect the health, safety, or well being of other tenants or staff or cause damage to the property;
  3. History of disturbing neighbors or destruction of property;
  4. Having committed fraud in connection with any Federal housing assistance program, including the intentional misrepresentation of information related to their housing application or benefits derived there from; and
  5. History of abusing alcohol in a way that may interfere with the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment by others.
- C. The Rensselaer Housing Authority will ask applicants to provide information demonstrating their ability to comply with the essential elements of the lease. The Rensselaer Housing Authority will verify the information provided. Such verification may include but may not be limited to the following:
1. A credit check of the head, spouse and co-head;
  2. A rental history check of all adult family members;
  3. A criminal background check on all adult household members, including live-in aides. This check will be made through State or local law enforcement or court records in those cases where the household member has lived in the local jurisdiction for the last three years. Where the individual has lived outside the local area, the Rensselaer Housing Authority may contact law enforcement agencies where the individual had lived or request a check through the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC);
  4. A home visit. The home visit provides the opportunity for the family to demonstrate their ability to maintain their home in a safe and sanitary manner. This inspection considers cleanliness and care of rooms, appliances, and appurtenances. The inspection may also consider any evidence of criminal activity; and
  5. A check of the State's lifetime sex offender registration program for each adult household member, including live-in aides. No individual registered with this program will be admitted to public housing.

- c.  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**

**NA**

1. How many site-based waiting lists will the PHA operate in the coming year?
2.  Yes  No: Are any or all of the PHA's site-based waiting lists new for the upcoming year (that is, they are not part of a previously-HUD-approved site based waiting list plan)?  
If yes, how many lists?
3.  Yes  No: May families be on more than one list simultaneously  
If yes, how many lists?
4. Where can interested persons obtain more information about and sign up to be on the site-based waiting lists (select all that apply)?
  - PHA main administrative office
  - All PHA development management offices
  - Management offices at developments with site-based waiting lists
  - At the development to which they would like to apply

Other (list below)

**(3) Assignment**

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

- One See Below
- Two See Below
- Three or More See Below

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

**9.6 MISSED APPOINTMENTS**

All applicants who fail to keep a scheduled appointment with the Rensselaer Housing Authority will be sent a notice of termination of the process for eligibility.

The Rensselaer Housing Authority will allow the family to reschedule for good cause. Generally, no more than one opportunity will be given to reschedule without good cause, and no more than two opportunities will be given for good cause. When good cause exists for missing an appointment, the Rensselaer Housing Authority will work closely with the family to find a more suitable time. Applicants will be offered the right to an informal review before being removed from the waiting list.

**9.7 Notification of Negative Actions**

Any applicant whose name is being removed from the waiting list will be notified by the Rensselaer Housing Authority, in writing, that they have ten (10) calendar days from the date of the written correspondence to present mitigating circumstances or request an informal review. The letter will also indicate that their name will be removed from the waiting list if they fail to respond within the time-frame specified. The Rensselaer Housing Authority system of removing applicant names from the waiting list will not violate the rights of persons with disabilities. If an applicant claims that their failure to respond to a request for information or updates was caused by a disability, the Rensselaer Housing Authority will verify that there is in fact a disability and the disability caused the failure to respond, and will provide a reasonable accommodation. An example of a reasonable accommodation would be to reinstate the applicant on the waiting list based on the date and time of the original application.

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

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

**(4) Admissions Preferences**

a. Income targeting:

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

b. Transfer policies:

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

- Emergencies  
 Overhoused  
 Underhoused  
 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: **NA**

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

Other preferences: (select below)

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

- Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- Other preference(s) (list below)

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

Date and Time

Former Federal preferences:

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

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- Veterans and veterans’ families
- 1 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
- 2 Other preference(s) (list below)

All other applicants

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**

**See Attachment ny033k01 – Rensselaer Housing Authority Deconcentration and Income Mixing**

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

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

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

- Adoption of site based waiting lists  
If selected, list targeted developments below:
- Employing waiting list "skipping" to achieve deconcentration of poverty or income mixing goals at targeted developments  
If selected, list targeted developments below:
- Employing new admission preferences at targeted developments  
If selected, list targeted developments below:
- Other (list policies and developments targeted below)

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

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

- Additional affirmative marketing
- Actions to improve the marketability of certain developments
- Adoption or adjustment of ceiling rents for certain developments
- Adoption of rent incentives to encourage deconcentration of poverty and income-mixing
- Other (list below)

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

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

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

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

## **B. Section 8**

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer section 8 are not required to complete sub-component 3B. **Unless otherwise specified, all questions in this section apply only to the tenant-based section 8 assistance program (vouchers, and until completely merged into the voucher program, certificates).**

### **(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)

The following is an extract from our adopted Section 8 Administrative Plan

**F. Suitability for tenancy**

The Rensselaer Housing Authority determines eligibility for participation and will also conduct criminal background checks on all adult household members, including live-in aides. The Rensselaer Housing Authority will deny assistance to a family because of drug-related criminal activity or violent criminal activity by family members. This check will be made through state or local law enforcement or court records in those cases where the household member has lived in the local jurisdiction for the last three years. If the individual has lived outside the local area, the Rensselaer Housing Authority may contact law enforcement agencies where the individual had lived or request a check through the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC).

The Rensselaer Housing Authority will check with the State sex offender registration program and will ban for life any individual who is registered as a lifetime sex offender.

Additional screening is the responsibility of the owner. Upon the written request of a prospective owner, the Rensselaer Housing Authority will provide any factual information or third party written information they have relevant to a voucher holder's history of, or ability to, comply with material standard lease terms or any history of drug trafficking.

- 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)

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

a. With which of the following program waiting lists is the section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting list merged? (select all that apply)

- None
- Federal public housing
- Federal moderate rehabilitation
- Federal project-based certificate program
- Other federal or local program (list below)

b. Where may interested persons apply for admission to section 8 tenant-based assistance? (select all that apply)

- PHA main administrative office
- Other (list below)

## **(3) Search Time**

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

If yes, state circumstances below:

The following is an extract from our adopted Section 8 Administrative Plan.

### **6.4 Term of the Voucher**

The initial term of the voucher will be 60 days and will be stated on the Housing Choice Voucher.

The Housing Authority may grant one or more extensions of the term, but the initial term plus any extensions will not exceed 120 calendar days from the initial date of issuance without an extraordinary reason. To obtain an extension, the family must make a request in writing prior to the expiration date. A statement of the efforts the family has made to find a unit must

accompany the request. A sample extension request form and a form for recording their search efforts will be included in the family's briefing packet. If the family documents their efforts and additional time can reasonably be expected to result in success, the Housing Authority will grant the length of request sought by the family or 60 days, whichever is less.

If the family includes a person with disabilities and the family requires an extension due to the disability, the Housing Authority will grant an extension allowing the family the full 120 days search time. If the Housing Authority determines that additional search time would be a reasonable accommodation, the Housing Authority will request HUD to approve an additional extension.

Upon submittal of a completed request for approval of tenancy form, the Rensselaer Housing Authority will suspend the term of the voucher. The term will be in suspension until the date the Housing Authority provides notice that the request has been approved or denied. This policy allows families the full term (60 days, or more with extensions) to find a unit, not penalizing them for the period during which the Housing Authority is taking action on their request. A family may submit a second request for approval of tenancy before the Housing Authority finalizes action on the first request. In this case the suspension will last from the date of the first submittal through the Housing Authority's action on the second submittal. No more than two requests will be concurrently considered.

#### **(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 - **NA**

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

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability

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

The following is an extract from our adopted Section 8 Administrative Plan

## 5.2 Preferences

Consistent with the Rensselaer Housing Authority Agency Plan, the Rensselaer Housing Authority will select families based on the following preferences based on local housing needs and priorities.

- A. Tenants in the Rensselaer Housing Authority Public Housing Program who are required to move and who cannot be placed in another public housing unit.
- B. All other applicants who do not meet the definitions in the other preference categories.

The Rensselaer Housing Authority will not deny a local preference, nor otherwise exclude or penalize a family in admission to the program, solely because the family resides in public housing.

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 - **NA**

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

#### Other preferences (select all that apply)

- Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability

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The Rensselaer Housing Authority will not deny a local preference, nor otherwise exclude or penalize a family in admission to the program, solely because the family resides in public housing.

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

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

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

- 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 - NA**

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

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

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

- Through published notices
- Other (list below)

**4. PHA Rent Determination Policies**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 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) **NA**

- For the earned income of a previously unemployed household member
- For increases in earned income
- Fixed amount (other than general rent-setting policy)

If yes, state amount/s and circumstances below:

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

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

e. Ceiling rents

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

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

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

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

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

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

f. Rent re-determinations:

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

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

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

## **(2) Flat Rents**

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)

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

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

### **(1) Payment Standards**

Describe the voucher payment standards and policies.

- a. What is the PHA's payment standard? (select the category that best describes your standard)
- At or above 90% but below 100% of FMR
  - 100% of FMR
  - Above 100% but at or below 110% of FMR
  - Above 110% of FMR (if HUD approved; describe circumstances below)
- b. If the payment standard is lower than FMR, why has the PHA selected this standard? (select all that apply)
- FMRs are adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment of the FMR area
  - The PHA has chosen to serve additional families by lowering the payment standard
  - Reflects market or submarket
  - Other (list below)

- c. If the payment standard is higher than FMR, why has the PHA chosen this level?  
(select all that apply)
- FMRs are not adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment of the FMR area
  - Reflects market or submarket
  - To increase housing options for families
  - Other (list below)
- d. How often are payment standards reevaluated for adequacy? (select one)
- Annually
  - Other (list below)
- e. What factors will the PHA consider in its assessment of the adequacy of its payment standard? (select all that apply)
- Success rates of assisted families
  - Rent burdens of assisted families
  - Other (list below)

**(2) Minimum Rent**

- a. What amount best reflects the PHA's minimum rent? (select one)
- \$0
  - \$1-\$25
  - \$26-\$50
- b.  Yes  No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies? (if yes, list below)

**5. Operations and Management**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (e)]

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

**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.

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

The Board of Commissioners is composed of 7 persons with 5 members appointed by the Mayor of the City of Rensselaer. The two Resident commissioners are elected by the Residents. Staff consist of the Executive Director, a Modernization Coordinator, 4 clerical staff and 3 maintenance employees.

**B. HUD Programs Under PHA Management**

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

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Units or Families Served at Year Beginning</b>	<b>Expected Turnover</b>
Public Housing	146 units	20 units
Section 8 Vouchers	98 vouchers	6 vouchers
Section 8 Certificates	0	0
Section 8 Mod Rehab	0	0
Special Purpose Section 8 Certificates/Vouchers (list individually)	0	0
Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP)	146 units	20 units
Other Federal Programs(list individually)	0	0

**C. Management and Maintenance Policies**

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

(1) Public Housing Maintenance and Management: (list below)

- a. Admissions and Occupancy Policy
- b. Definition of Substantial Deviation and Significant Amendment or Modification;
- c. Blood-Borne Diseases Policy;
- d. Capitalization Policy;
- e. Check-signing Policy;
- f. Criminal Records Management Policy;
- g. Disposition Policy;
- h. Drug-Free Workplace Policy;
- i. Equal Opportunity Policy;
- j. Facilities Use Policy;
- k. Funds Transfer Policy;
- l. Hazardous Materials Policy;
- m. Inspection Forms;
- n. Investment Policy;
- o. Maintenance Plan;
- p. Natural Disaster Response Guidelines;
- q. Personnel/travel Policy.
- r. Pest Control Policy;
- s. Procurement Policy;
- t. Public Housing Lease;
- u. Public Housing Grievance Procedures;
- v. Schedule of Flat Rents;
- w. Schedule of Maintenance Charges;
- x. Schedule of Utility Allowances;

(2) Section 8 Management: (list below)

Administrative Plan  
Voucher Holders Packet

**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 at Attachment (state name) Attachment ny033b02

-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) Optional 5-Year Action Plan**

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

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

b. If yes to question a, select one:

The Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan is provided as an attachment to the PHA Plan at Attachment (state name) Attachment ny033c02

-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:  
 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.)

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

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

**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**

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

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

[24 CFR Part 903.79(j)]

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

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

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

#### 2. Activity Description

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

<b>Conversion of Public Housing Activity Description</b>
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1a. Development name: 1b. Development (project) number:
2. What is the status of the required assessment? <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment underway <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment results submitted to HUD <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment results approved by HUD (if marked, proceed to next question) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below)
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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) <input type="checkbox"/> Conversion Plan in development <input type="checkbox"/> Conversion Plan submitted to HUD on: (DD/MM/YYYY) <input type="checkbox"/> Conversion Plan approved by HUD on: (DD/MM/YYYY) <input type="checkbox"/> 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) <input type="checkbox"/> Units addressed in a pending or approved demolition application (date submitted or approved: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Units addressed in a pending or approved HOPE VI demolition application (date submitted or approved: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Units addressed in a pending or approved HOPE VI Revitalization Plan (date submitted or approved: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Requirements no longer applicable: vacancy rates are less than 10 percent <input type="checkbox"/> Requirements no longer applicable: site now has less than 300 units <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (describe below)

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

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

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

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (k)]

**A. Public Housing**

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

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

2. Activity Description

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

<b>Public Housing Homeownership Activity Description (Complete one for each development affected)</b>	
1a. Development name:	
1b. Development (project) number:	
2. Federal Program authority:	
<input type="checkbox"/> HOPE I <input type="checkbox"/> 5(h) <input type="checkbox"/> Turnkey III <input type="checkbox"/> Section 32 of the USHA of 1937 (effective 10/1/99)	
3. Application status: (select one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved; included in the PHA’s Homeownership Plan/Program <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted, pending approval <input type="checkbox"/> 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)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Part of the development <input type="checkbox"/> 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 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? 08/08/83

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

- Client referrals
- Information sharing regarding mutual clients (for rent determinations and otherwise)
- Coordinate the provision of specific social and self-sufficiency services and programs to eligible families
- Jointly administer programs
- Partner to administer a HUD Welfare-to-Work voucher program
- Joint administration of other demonstration program
- Other (describe)

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

**(1) General**

a. Self-Sufficiency Policies

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

- Public housing rent determination policies
- Public housing admissions policies
- Section 8 admissions policies
- Preference in admission to section 8 for certain public housing families
- Preferences for families working or engaging in training or education programs for non-housing programs operated or coordinated by the PHA
- Preference/eligibility for public housing homeownership option participation
- Preference/eligibility for section 8 homeownership option participation
- Other policies (list below)

Preference for admission to families that are living and/or working in the jurisdiction of the Housing Authority

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-



### 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)

<b>D. Reserved for Community Service Requirement pursuant to section 12(c) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937</b>
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See Attachment ny033g01

### **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)

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

Both developments are affected by incidences of low level crime throughout the city.

**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)

Security Cameras  
 Repair/replacement of fencing and gates  
 Additional Security Lighting  
 Address lights

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

Both developments are affected equally.

**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)

Residents and employees are encouraged to report suspicious activity and crime.

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

Both developments are equally affected.

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

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

- Yes  No: Is the PHA eligible to participate in the PHDEP in the fiscal year covered by this PHA Plan?
- Yes  No: Has the PHA included the PHDEP Plan for FY 2000 in this PHA Plan?
- Yes  No: This PHDEP Plan is an Attachment. (Attachment Filename: Attachment ny033d01)

**14. RESERVED FOR PET POLICY**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (n)]

See Attachment ny033f01

**15. Civil Rights Certifications**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (o)]

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

**16. Fiscal Audit**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (p)]

1.  Yes  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)
    - Capital Investment: investment of reserve funds; locating grants offered by other agencies;
    - Modernization of public housing stock
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:
3. In what manner did the PHA address those comments? (select all that apply)
- Considered comments, but determined that no changes to the PHA Plan were necessary.
  - The PHA changed portions of the PHA Plan in response to comments  
List changes below:
  - Other: (list below)

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

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

3. Description of Resident Election Process

- a. Nomination of candidates for place on the ballot: (select all that apply)
- Candidates were nominated by resident and assisted family organizations
  - Candidates could be nominated by any adult recipient of PHA assistance
  - Self-nomination: Candidates registered with the PHA and requested a place on ballot
  - Other: (describe)
- b. Eligible candidates: (select one)
- Any recipient of PHA assistance
  - Any head of household receiving PHA assistance
  - Any adult recipient of PHA assistance
  - Any adult member of a resident or assisted family organization
  - Other (list)

c. Eligible voters: (select all that apply)

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

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

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

1. Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: (City of Rensselaer)
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)
    - The Rensselaer Housing Authority will continue to renovate its public housing units utilizing Capital Fund Program funds provided by HUD.
    - The Rensselaer Housing Authority will continue to meet the special needs of families with disabilities by providing accessible housing in the public housing program.
    - The Rensselaer Housing Authority will continue to market its public housing program to make families and elderly persons aware of the availability of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing in the City.
    - The Rensselaer Housing Authority Admission and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) requirements are established and designed to:
      1. Provide improved living conditions for very low and low-income families while maintaining their rent payments at an affordable level.

2. To operate a socially and financially sound public housing agency that provides violence and drug-free, decent, safe and sanitary housing with a suitable living environment for residents and their families.
  3. To lawfully deny the admission of applicants, or the continued occupancy of residents, whose habits and practices reasonably may be expected to adversely affect the health, safety, comfort or welfare of other residents or the physical environment of the neighborhood, or create a danger to our employees.
  4. To attempt to house a tenant body that is composed of families that is representative of the range of incomes of low income families in our jurisdiction.
  5. To facilitate the judicious management of our inventory and efficient management of our staff.
  6. To ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all other applicable Federal fair housing laws and regulations so that the admissions and continued occupancy are conducted without regard to race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, handicap or familial status.
- We have similar principles for our Section 8 program:
    - (1) To provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for very low income families while maintaining their rent payments at an affordable level.
    - (2) To ensure that all units meet Housing Quality Standards and families pay fair and reasonable rents.
    - (3) To promote fair housing and the opportunity for very low-income families of all ethnic backgrounds to experience freedom of housing choice.
    - (4) To assist the local economy by increasing the occupancy rate and the amount of money flowing into the community.
    - (5) To create positive public awareness and expand the level of family, owner, and community support in accomplishing the Housing Authority's mission.
    - (6) To attain and maintain a high level of standards and professionalism in our day to day management of all program components.
    - (7) To administer an efficient, high-performing agency through continuous improvement of the Housing Authority support systems and commitment to our employees and their development.

- (8) To encourage self sufficiency of participant families and assist in the expansion of family opportunities which address educational, socio-economic, recreational and other human service needs.
- (9) To promote a market-driven housing program that will help qualified low-income families be successful in obtaining affordable housing and increase the supply of housing choices for such families.

Our agency is part of the entire effort undertaken by the City of Rensselaer to address our jurisdiction's affordable housing needs. While we cannot ourselves meet the entire need identified in the Consolidated Plan, in accordance with our goals and objectives included in this Plan, we will try to address some of the identified need by using appropriate resources to maintain and preserve our existing stock. When appropriate and feasible, we will apply for additional grants and loans from federal, state and local sources, including private sources to enhance the affordable housing available in our community. We intend to continue working with our local partners to try and meet these identified needs.

This year we expect to utilize the funds we receive for our existing programs. We will continue to use those resources to house people. At this time we also intend to apply for Public Housing Drug Elimination Program funds. We will also be focusing on management improvements, modernization and increasing the number of owners willing to participate in our Section 8 program. Priorities and guidelines for programs often change from year to year and our decisions to pursue certain opportunities and resources may change over the coming year if there are program changes beyond our control.

Other: (list below)

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

The City of Rensselaer supports the PHA Plan with the need for upgrading existing housing throughout their jurisdiction to allow for the ability to supply the residents with decent, safe and affordable housing.

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

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

The final Agency Plan Rule contains a requirement in 24 CFR 903.7<sup>®</sup> that agency plans contain a locally derived definition of “substantial deviation” and “significant amendment or modification.”

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

Attachment ga033e01 – Rensselaer Housing Authority Definition of Substantial Deviation and Significant Amendment or Modification

## **Attachments**

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

Attachment ny033a01 – Rensselaer Housing Authority Deconcentration Policy

Attachment ny033b01 – Rensselaer Housing Authority Capital Fund Program Annual Statement

Attachment ny033c01 – Rensselaer Housing Authority Capital Fund Program 5 Year Action Plan

Attachment ny033d01 – Rensselaer Housing Authority Public Housing Drug Elimination Program Plan

Attachment ny033e01 – Rensselaer Housing Authority Definition of Substantial Deviation and Significant Amendment or Modification

Attachment ny033f01 – Rensselaer Housing Authority Pet Policy Statement

Attachment ny033g01 – Rensselaer Housing Authority Community Service Implementation Statement

Attachment ny0033h01 – Rensselaer Housing Authority Statement of Progress in Meeting Goals and Objectives

Attachment ny033i01 – Rensselaer Housing Authority Resident Board Members

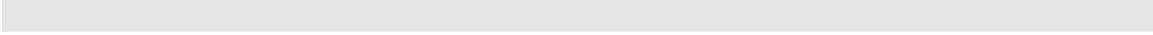
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## **Attachment ny033a02**

### **Rensselaer Housing Authority**

### **Fiscal Year 2001 Agency Plan**

#### ***DECONCENTRATION POLICY***

It is the Rensselaer Housing Authority's policy to provide for deconcentration of poverty and encourage income mixing by bringing higher income families into lower income developments and lower income families into higher income developments. Toward this end, we will skip families on the waiting list to reach other families with a lower or higher income. We will accomplish this in a uniform and non-discriminating manner.

The Rensselaer Housing Authority will affirmatively market our housing to all eligible income groups. Lower income residents will not be steered toward lower income developments and higher income people will not be steered toward higher income developments.

Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, we will analyze the income levels of families residing in each of our developments, and the income levels of the families on the waiting list. Based on this analysis, we will determine the level of marketing strategies and deconcentration incentives to implement.

#### ***DECONCENTRATION INCENTIVES***

The Rensselaer Housing Authority may offer one or more incentives to encourage applicant families whose income classification would help to meet the deconcentration goals of a particular development.

Various incentives may be used at different times, or under different conditions, but will always be provided in a consistent and nondiscriminatory manner.

#### ***OFFER OF A UNIT***

When the Rensselaer Housing Authority discovers that a unit will become available, we will contact the first family on the waiting list who has the highest priority for this type of unit or development and whose income category would help to meet the deconcentration goal and/or the income targeting goal.

The Rensselaer Housing Authority will contact the family first by telephone to make the unit offer. If the family cannot be reached by telephone, the family will be notified of a unit offer via

first class mail. The family will be given five (5) business days from the date the letter was mailed to contact the Housing Authority of the City of Utica regarding the offer.

The family will be offered the opportunity to view the unit. After the opportunity to view the unit, the family will have two (2) business days to accept or reject the unit. This verbal offer and the family's decision must be documented in the tenant file. If the family rejects the offer of the unit, the Rensselaer Housing Authority will send the family a letter documenting the offer and the rejection.

### ***REJECTION OF UNIT***

If in making the offer to the family the Rensselaer Housing Authority skipped over other families on the waiting list in order to meet their deconcentration goal or offered the family any other deconcentration incentive and the family rejects the unit, the family will not lose their place on the waiting list and will not be otherwise penalized.

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

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

### ***ACCEPTANCE OF UNIT***

The family will be required to sign a lease that will become effective no later than three (3) business days after the date of acceptance or the business day after the day the unit becomes available, whichever is later.

Prior to signing the lease, all families (head of household) and other adult family members will be required to attend the Lease and Occupancy Orientation when they are initially accepted for occupancy. The family will not be housed if they have not attended the orientation. Applicants who provide prior notice of an inability to attend the orientation will be rescheduled. Failure of an applicant to attend the orientation, without good cause, may result in the cancellation of the occupancy process.

The applicant will be provided a copy of the lease, the grievance procedure, utility allowances, utility charges, the current schedule of routine maintenance charges, tenant handbook, and a request for reasonable accommodation form. These documents will be explained in detail. The applicant will sign a certification that they have received these documents and that they have reviewed them with Housing Authority personnel. The certification will be filed in the resident's file.



**Attachment ny033b02**

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

PHA Name: RENSSELAER HOUSING AUTHORITY	Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program Grant No: NY06P03350101 Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:	Federal FY of Grant: <b>2001</b>
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7	1430 Fees and Costs	10,000			
8	1440 Site Acquisition				
9	1450 Site Improvement	63,000			
10	1460 Dwelling Structures	124,000			
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment—Nonexpendable				
12	1470 Nondwelling Structures				
13	1475 Nondwelling Equipment				
14	1485 Demolition				
15	1490 Replacement Reserve				
16	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration				
17	1495.1 Relocation Costs				
18	1499 Development Activities				
19	1501 Collaterization or Debt Service				
20	1502 Contingency	22,000			
21	Amount of Annual Grant: (sum of lines 2 – 20)	282,404			
22	Amount of line 21 Related to LBP Activities				
23	Amount of line 21 Related to Section 504 compliance				
24	Amount of line 21 Related to Security – Soft Costs				
25	Amount of Line 21 Related to Security – Hard Costs				
26	Amount of line 21 Related to Energy Conservation Measures				

SIGNATURE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DATE

SIGNATURE OF PUBLIC HOUSING DIRECTOR OFFICE AND DATE

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MARGE A. WELDON

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**Attachment ny033c02**

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

**Part I: Summary**

PHA Name : Rensselaer Housing Authority		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Original 5-Year Plan</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Revision No:</b>			
Development Number/Name/ HA-Wide	Year 1	Work Statement for Year 2 FFY Grant: 2002 PHA FY: 01/01/02	Work Statement for Year 3 FFY Grant: 2003 PHA FY: 01/01/03	Work Statement for Year 4 FFY Grant: 2004 PHA FY: 01/01/04	Work Statement for Year 5 FFY Grant: 2005 PHA FY: 01/01/05
	Annual Statement				
<b>HA Wide</b>		\$138,100	\$97,600	\$79,800	\$89,800
<b>NY033-001</b>		\$ 68,804	\$80,000	\$112,000	\$125,000
<b>NY033-002</b>		\$ 75,500	\$104,804	\$90,604	\$67,604
CFP Funds Listed for 5- year planning		282,404	282,404	282,404	282,404
Replacement Housing Factor Funds					





**Attachment ny033d02**  
**Rensselaer Housing Authority**  
**Fiscal Year 2001 Agency Plan**

**Public Housing Drug Elimination Program Plan**

**Note: THIS PHDEP Plan template (HUD 50075-PHDEP Plan) is to be completed in accordance with Instructions located in applicable PIH Notices.**

**Annual PHDEP Plan Table of Contents:**

1. General Information/History
2. PHDEP Plan Goals/Budget
3. Milestones
4. Certifications

**Section 1: General Information/History**

**A. Amount of PHDEP Grant \$35,871**

**B. Eligibility type (Indicate with an "x")**      N1 \_\_\_\_\_ N2 \_\_\_\_\_      R

**C. FFY in which funding is requested 2001**

**D. Executive Summary of Annual PHDEP Plan**

In the space below, provide a brief overview of the PHDEP Plan, including highlights of major initiatives or activities undertaken. It may include a description of the expected outcomes. The summary must not be more than five (5) sentences long

The Rensselaer Housing Authority intends to utilize the PHDEP funds to enhance security at NY033-2, Patroon's Dorp. The enhanced security includes a visual security system to discourage theft, vandalism, concentration of gangs and drug abuse. We also intend to upgrade the gate system at NY033-1

**E. Target Areas**

Complete the following table by indicating each PHDEP Target Area (development or site where activities will be conducted), the total number of units in each PHDEP Target Area, and the total number of individuals expected to participate in PHDEP sponsored activities in each Target Area.

PHDEP Target Areas (Name of development(s) or site)	Total # of Units within the PHDEP Target Area(s)	Total Population to be Served within the PHDEP Target Area(s)
NY033-2, Patroon's Dorp.	60 units	161 residents
NY033-1	86 units	235 residents

**F. Duration of Program**

Indicate the duration (number of months funds will be required) of the PHDEP Program proposed under this Plan (place an "x" to indicate the length of program by # of months. For "Other", identify the # of months).

**6 Months** \_\_\_\_\_      **12 Months**       **18 Months** \_\_\_\_\_      **24 Months** \_\_\_\_\_      **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

## G. PHDEP Program History

Indicate each FY that funding has been received under the PHDEP Program (place an “x” by each applicable Year) and provide amount of funding received. If previously funded programs have not been closed out at the time of this submission, indicate the fund balance and anticipated completion date. For grant extensions received, place “GE” in column or “W” for waivers.

Fiscal Year of Funding	PHDEP Funding Received	Grant #	Fund Balance as of Date of this Submission	Grant Extensions or Waivers	Anticipated Completion Date
FY 1997	-0-				
FY1998	-0-				
FY 1999	-0-				
FY 2000	-0-				
FY 2001	35,871	NY06DEP0330101	35,871	NA	06/30/02

## Section 2: PHDEP Plan Goals and Budget

### A. PHDEP Plan Summary

In the space below, summarize the PHDEP strategy to address the needs of the target population/target area(s). Your summary should briefly identify: the broad goals and objectives, the role of plan partners, and your system or process for monitoring and evaluating PHDEP-funded activities. This summary should not exceed 5-10 sentences.

The goals and objectives are: to eliminate drug-related and violent crime activities that occasionally occur at the developments; to enhance security for residents.

### B. PHDEP Budget Summary

Enter the total amount of PHDEP funding allocated to each line item.

FY 2001 PHDEP Budget Summary	
Budget Line Item	Total Funding
9110 - Reimbursement of Law Enforcement	
9120 - Security Personnel	
9130 - Employment of Investigators	
9140 - Voluntary Tenant Patrol	
9150 - Physical Improvements	35,871
9160 - Drug Prevention	
9170 - Drug Intervention	
9180 - Drug Treatment	
9190 - Other Program Costs	
<b>TOTAL PHDEP FUNDING</b>	<b>35,871</b>

### C. PHDEP Plan Goals and Activities

In the tables below, provide information on the PHDEP strategy summarized above by budget line item. Each goal and objective should be numbered sequentially for each budget line item (where applicable). Use as many rows as necessary to list proposed activities (additional rows may be inserted in the tables). PHAs are not required to provide information in shaded boxes. Information provided must be concise—not to exceed two sentences in any column. Tables for line items in which the PHA has no planned goals or activities may be deleted.

<b>9110 - Reimbursement of Law Enforcement -NA</b>						<b>Total PHDEP Funding: \$</b>	
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount/Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

<b>9120 - Security Personnel NA</b>						<b>Total PHDEP Funding: \$</b>	
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount/Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

<b>9130 - Employment of Investigators NA</b>						<b>Total PHDEP Funding: \$</b>	
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount/Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

<b>9140 - Voluntary Tenant Patrol NA</b>					<b>Total PHDEP Funding: \$</b>		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

<b>9150 - Physical Improvements</b>					<b>Total PHDEP Funding: \$35,871</b>		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
To Enhance Security For Residents							
to eliminate drug-related and violent crime activities that occasionally occur at the developments; to enhance security for residents							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1.Repair Gate System			09/01/02	12/31/02	10,000	-0-	Work completion
2.Visual Security System			09/01/02	12/31/02	25,871	-0-	Reduction in police reports and resident complaints
3.							

<b>9160 - Drug Prevention - NA</b>					<b>Total PHDEP Funding: \$</b>		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

<b>9170 - Drug Intervention - NA</b>					<b>Total PHDEP Funding: \$</b>		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHEDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

<b>9180 - Drug Treatment - NA</b>					<b>Total PHDEP Funding: \$</b>		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHEDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

<b>9190 - Other Program Costs - NA</b>					<b>Total PHDEP Funds: \$</b>		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHEDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

**Section 3: Expenditure/Obligation Milestones**

Indicate by Budget Line Item and the Proposed Activity (based on the information contained in Section 2 PHDEP Plan Budget and Goals), the % of funds that will be expended (at least 25% of the total grant award) and obligated (at least 50% of the total grant award) within 12 months of grant execution.

Budget Line Item #	25% Expenditure of Total Grant Funds By Activity #	Total PHDEP Funding Expended (sum of the activities)	50% Obligation of Total Grant Funds by Activity #	Total PHDEP Funding Obligated (sum of the activities)
<i>e.g Budget Line</i>	<i>Activities 1, 3</i>		<i>Activity 2</i>	

<i>Item # 9120</i>				
9110				
9120				
9130				
9140				
9150	Activities 1,2	100% - 35,871		35,871
9160				
9170				
9180				
9190				
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$35,871		\$35,871

**Section 4: Certifications**

A comprehensive certification of compliance with respect to the PHDEP Plan submission is included in the “PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plan and Related Regulations.”

## **Attachment ny033e02**

### **Rensselaer Housing Authority**

### **Fiscal Year 2001 Agency Plan**

### **Definition of Substantial Deviation**

Substantial deviations or significant amendments or modifications are defined as discretionary changes in the plans or policies of the Rensselaer Housing Authority that fundamentally change the mission, goals, objectives, or plans of the agency and which require formal approval of the Board of Commissioners.

# **Attachment ny033f02**

## **Rensselaer Housing Authority**

### **Fiscal Year 2001 Agency Plan**

#### **Pet Policy Statement**

The Rensselaer Housing Authority allows for pet ownership in its developments with the written pre-approval of the Housing Authority.

The Rensselaer Housing Authority adopts the following reasonable requirements as part of the Pet Policy:

1. Residents are responsible for any damage caused by their pets, including the cost of fumigating or cleaning their units.
2. In exchange for this right, resident assumes full responsibility and liability for the pet and agrees to hold the Rensselaer Housing Authority harmless from any claims caused by an action or inaction of the pet.
3. Residents must have the prior written approval of the Housing Authority before moving a pet into their unit.
4. Residents must request approval on the Authorization for Pet Ownership Form that must be fully completed before the Housing Authority will approve the request.
5. Residents must give the Housing Authority a picture of the pet so it can be identified if it is running loose.
6. A pet deposit and fee is required for each pet according to the FEE and DEPOSIT SCHEDULE provided in the policy.
7. The Rensselaer Housing Authority will allow only common household pets. This means only domesticated animals such as a dog, cat, bird, rodent (including a rabbit), fish in aquariums or a turtle will be allowed in units. Common household pets do not include reptiles (except turtles).

All dogs and cats must be spayed or neutered before they become six months old. A licensed veterinarian must verify this fact.

Only two pets per unit will be allowed according to the policy provisions.

Any animal deemed to be potentially harmful to the health or safety of others, including attack or fight trained dogs, will not be allowed.

No animal may exceed twenty (20) pounds in weight projected to full adult size.

8. In order to be registered, pets must be appropriately inoculated against rabies, distemper and other conditions prescribed by state and/or local ordinances. They must comply with all other state and local public health, animal control, and anti-cruelty laws including any licensing requirements. A certification signed by a licensed veterinarian or state or local official shall be annually filed with the Rensselaer Housing Authority to attest to the inoculations.
9. The Rensselaer Housing Authority, or an appropriate community authority, shall require the removal of any pet from a project if the pet's conduct or condition is determined to be a nuisance or threat to the health or safety of other occupants of the project or of other persons in the community where the project is located.

## **Attachment ny033g02**

### **Rensselaer Housing Authority**

#### **Fiscal Year 2001 Agency Plan**

### **Implementation of Public Housing Resident Community Service Requirements**

The administrative steps that we will take to implement the Community Service Requirements include the following:

**1. Development of Written Description of Community Service Requirement:**

The Rensselaer Housing Authority has a written developed policy of Community Service Requirements as a part of the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy and has completed the required Resident Advisory Board review and public comment period.

**2. Scheduled Changes in Leases:**

The Rensselaer Housing Authority has made the necessary changes to the lease and has completed the required Resident Advisory Board review and public comment period.

**3. Written Notification to Residents of Exempt Status to each Adult Family Member:**

The Rensselaer Housing Authority will notify residents at the time of their recertification.

**4. Cooperative Agreements with TANF Agencies:**

The Rensselaer Housing Authority has a Cooperative Agreement with the TANF Agency.

**Programmatic Aspects:**

Community service includes performing work or duties in the public benefit that serve to improve the quality of life and/or enhance resident self-sufficiency, and/or increase the self-responsibility of the resident within the community.

An economic self sufficiency program is one that is designed to encourage, assist, train or facilitate the economic independence of participants and their families or to provide work for participants. These programs may include programs for job training, work placement, basic skills training, education, English proficiency, work fare, financial or household management, apprenticeship, and any program necessary to ready a participant to work (such as substance abuse or mental health treatment).

The Rensselaer Housing Authority will coordinate with social service agencies, local schools, and the Human Resources Office in identifying a list of volunteer community service positions.

Together with the Resident Advisory Board, the Rensselaer Housing Authority may create volunteer positions such as, litter patrols, and supervising and record keeping for volunteers.

## Attachment ny033h02

### Rensselaer Housing Authority

### Fiscal Year 2001 Agency Plan

### Statement of Progress in Meeting the 5-Year Plan Mission and Goals

The following table reflects the progress we have made in achieving our goals and objectives:

<b>Goal One: EXPAND THE SUPPLY OF ASSISTED HOUSING</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Reduce Public Housing Vacancies	We have advertised in the local papers, stores, churches, etc. and on cable TV resulting in an increase in applications and admissions. This is now a continuing effort.

<b>Goal Two: IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF ASSISTED HOUSING</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Improve public housing management: PHAS score	We have been released from Troubled Housing Authority status as of March 31, 2001. We have not received a PHAS score as of this report
Increase customer satisfaction	Our goal is to achieve the highest score possible on the Resident Survey. Our most recent survey score was 8.9 out of a possible 10 points.
Renovate or modernize public housing units	We are in the process of preparing detailed budgets and will be modernizing all of our public housing units, buildings and grounds utilizing FY 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002 funds.
Provide replacement vouchers	As of September 1, all Certificates will have been replaced with Vouchers.

<b>Goal Three: INCREASE ASSISTED HOUSING CHOICES</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Provide voucher mobility counseling	We advise all applicants and participants regarding portability and procedures for moves with the Sec 8 program. This is on-going.
Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords	We currently have landlords continually contacting us requesting to be placed on the Section 8 Program
<b>Goal Four: PROVIDE AN IMPROVED LIVING ENVIRONMENT</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Implement measures to deconcentrate poverty by bringing higher income public housing households into lower income developments	Our adopted Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy includes provisions for selecting applicants and for transfers of residents to promote deconcentration and income mixing.
Implement measures to promote income mixing in public housing by assuring access for lower income families into higher income developments	Our adopted Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy includes provisions for selecting applicants and for transfers of residents to promote deconcentration and income mixing.

<b>Goal Five: PROMOTE SELF SUFFICIENCY AND ASSET DEVELOPMENT OF ASSISTED HOUSEHOLDS</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Increase the number and percentage of employed persons in assisted families	Our adopted Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy gives preference to families who live and/or work in the jurisdiction of the Housing Authority
Provide or attract supportive services to increase independence for the elderly or families with disabilities	We act as a referral agency for local agencies that provide the supportive services.
Work as a referral agency for other agencies. (Public Assistance, work relief, project hire)	We act as a referral agency for local agencies that provide the supportive services.

<b>Goal Six: ENSURE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Undertake affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, and disability	It is the policy of the Housing Authority to affirmatively further fair housing in the administration of our program.
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	Families are housed according to the eligibility and suitability requirements contained in our Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy and Section 8 Administrative Plan.
Undertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all varieties of disabilities regardless of unit size required	Preference for our accessible housing units is given to applicants with disabilities.

**Attachment ny033i02**

**Rensselaer Housing Authority**

**Fiscal Year 2001 Agency Plan**

**Required Attachment: Resident Member on the PHA Governing Board**

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:

Shirley Alcombright

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

- Elected  
 Appointed

C. The term of appointment is (include the date term expires): two year term expiring 09/30/01

Note: the election process will be conducted during August and September, 2001.

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

- 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):

B. Date of next term expiration of a governing board member: 01/31/02

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

Mayor Lynn Ganance

**Attachment ny033j02**

**Rensselaer Housing Authority**

**Fiscal Year 2001 Agency Plan**

**Required Attachment : Membership of the Resident Advisory Board or Boards**

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

The Rensselaer Housing Authority has a resident organization called the Neighbors Pulling Together. The officers also serve as the Resident Advisory Board.

Nancy Evans, President

Shirley Alcombright, Vice President

Marianne Ogren, Treasurer

**Attachment ny033k02**

**Rensselaer Housing Authority**

**Fiscal Year 2001 Agency Plan**

**Component 3, (6) Deconcentration and Income Mixing**

- a.  Yes  No: Does the PHA have any general occupancy (family) public housing developments covered by the deconcentration rule? If no, this section is complete. If yes, continue to the next question.
- b.  Yes  No: Do any of these covered developments have average incomes above or below 85% to 115% of the average incomes of all such developments? If no, this section is complete.

If yes, list these developments as follows:

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

**Attachment ny033102**

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Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part I: Summary**

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5	1411 Audit	800		-0-	-0-
6	1415 Liquidated Damages				
7	1430 Fees and Costs	25,000		-0-	-0-
8	1440 Site Acquisition				
9	1450 Site Improvement	106,500		-0-	-0-
10	1460 Dwelling Structures	88,000		-0-	-0-
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment—Nonexpendable	25,000		-0-	-0-
12	1470 Nondwelling Structures				
13	1475 Nondwelling Equipment	7,584		-0-	-0-
14	1485 Demolition				
15	1490 Replacement Reserve				
16	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration				
17	1495.1 Relocation Costs				
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20	1502 Contingency				
21	Amount of Annual Grant: (sum of lines 2 – 20)	277,884		-0-	-0-
22	Amount of line 21 Related to LBP Activities				
23	Amount of line 21 Related to Section 504 compliance				
24	Amount of line 21 Related to Security – Soft Costs				
25	Amount of Line 21 Related to Security – Hard Costs				
26	Amount of line 21 Related to Energy Conservation Measures				

SIGNATURE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DATE

SIGNATURE OF PUBLIC HOUSING DIRECTOR OFFICE AND DATE

MARGE A. WELDON





HA Name <b>RENSSELAER HOUSING AUTHORITY</b>	Modernization Project Number <b>NY06 P033 911-99</b>	FFY of Grant Approval <b>1999</b>
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Original CIAP Budget Revised CIAP Budget/Revision Number **2** Progress Report for period ending **06/30/01** Final Progress Report

Line No.	Summary by Development Account	Total Funds Approved		Total Funds Expended	
		Original	Revised	Obligated	Expended
1.	Total Non-CIAP Funds				
2.	1406 Operations (may not exceed 10% of line 16)				
3.	1408 Management Improvements				
4.	1410 Administration	15,000.00	20,000.00	12,000.00	
5.	1415 Liquidated Damages				
6.	1430 Fees and Costs	10,000.00	0.00		
7.	1440 Site Acquisition				
8.	1450 Site Improvements	49,000.00	59,400.00		
9.	1460 Dwelling Structures	62,901.00	95,838.00	30,838.00	
10.	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment - Nonexpendable				
11.	1470 Nondwelling Structures	155,661.00	106,585.00	58,375.00	39,667.00
12.	1475 Nondwelling Equipment	0.00	10,739.00		
13.	1485 Demolition				
14.	1495.1 Relocation Cost				
15.	1498 Mod Used for Development				
<b>16.</b>	<b>Amount of CIAP Grant (sum of lines 2-14)</b>	<b>292,562.00</b>	<b>292,562.00</b>	<b>101,213.00</b>	<b>39,667.00</b>
17.	Amount of line 16 Related to LBP Activities				
18.	Amount of line 16 Related to Security				
19.	Amount of line 16 Related to Section 504 Compliance				
20.	Amount of line 16 Related to Energy Conservation Measures				

Signature of Executive Director and Date	<b>HUD Certification:</b> In approving this budget and providing assistance to a specific housing development(s), I hereby certify that the assistance will not be more than is necessary to make the assisted activity feasible after taking into account assistance from other government sources (24 CFR 12.50)	
	Signature of Director, Office of Public Housing/ONAP Administrator X	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)



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Development Number	Description of Work Items	Development Account Number	Funds Approved			Funds Obligated	Funds Expended	
			Original	Revised	Difference			
PHA wide  NY033-1	Modernization Coordinator	1410	15,000	20,000	5,000	12,000		
	fees and costs	1430	10,000	0000	10,000			
	replace deteriorating concrete ( buildings 1B, 3B & 4A)	1450	49,000	0000	49,000	8,945		
	replace upper access road/truck pad w/concrete wall	1450	0000	49,000	49,000			
	repave existing basketball court	1450	0000	8,400	8,400			
	install 86 GFI receptacles in 86 apartments	1460	9,000	8,945	55			
	install header beam in units with long joist span to prevent further sagging	1460	13,475	0000	13,475			
	replace roofs (buildings 1A & 6A)	1460	25,426	21,893	3,533			21,893
	replace deteriorated bathroom floors	1460	0000	14,000	14,000			
	replace roofs (buildings 1B, 4A, 4B, 6B)	1460	0000	37,000	37,000			
	install emergency generator in community room for power outages	1470	5,333	0000	5,333			
	replace/repair existing clean out drains/plumbing (buildings 2B, 3, 4B, 5)	1470	32,000	22,000	10,000			
	update hot water boilers (buildings 1B & 4B)	1470	32,000	18,708	13,292	18,708		
	replace skylights in community room (1 broken, 2 leaking)	1470	2,210	2,210		39,667		
	build second location trash facility	1470	39,667	39,667				
	replace condensing units/vent for office/community room/gym	1470	0000	4,000	4,000			
purchase playground equipment	1475	0000	10,739	10,739				

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Development Number	First Architect/Engineer Contract Awarded			All Funds Obligated			All Funds Expended		
	Original	Revised (Attach Explanation)	Actual	Original	Revised (Attach Explanation)	Actual	Original	Revised (Attach explanation)	Actual
NY033-1	12/31/1999			3/31/2001	03/31/02		9/30/2002		
NY033-2	12/31/1999			3/31/2001	03/31/02		9/30/2002		

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Development Number	Description of Work Items	Development Account Number	CONSTRUCTION TIME LINE PHASE				APPROVED FUNDS
			DESIGN	BIDDING	AWARD	COMPLETION	
<b>NY033-1</b>	Repair upper access road/truck pad	<b>1450</b>	<b>8/31/01</b>	<b>9/30/01</b>	<b>10/31/01</b>	<b>07/31/02</b>	<b>49,000</b>
	Repave and stripe existing basketball court		<b>8/31/01</b>	<b>9/30/01</b>	<b>10/31/01</b>	<b>07/31/02</b>	<b>8,400</b>
	Install GFI receptacles in apartments	<b>1460</b>				<b>completed</b>	<b>8,945</b>
	Replace roofs (buildings 1A & 6A)					<b>completed</b>	<b>21,893</b>
	Replace deteriorated bathroom floors		<b>9/15/01</b>	<b>10/15/01</b>	<b>11/30/01</b>	<b>04/30/02</b>	<b>14,000</b>
	Replace roofs (buildings 1B, 4A, 4B, & 6B)		<b>8/31/01</b>	<b>9/30/01</b>	<b>10/31/01</b>	<b>12/31/01</b>	<b>37,000</b>
	Replace/repair existing clean out drains/plumbing	<b>1470</b>	<b>8/31/01</b>	<b>9/30/01</b>	<b>10/31/01</b>	<b>03/31/02</b>	<b>22,000</b>
	Update hot water boilers (buildings 1B & 4B)					<b>completed</b>	<b>18,708</b>
	Replace skylights in Community Room		<b>8/31/01</b>	<b>9/30/01</b>	<b>10/31/01</b>	<b>12/31/01</b>	<b>2,210</b>
	Replace condensing units/vent for office/community room		<b>8/15/01</b>	<b>9/15/01</b>	<b>10/31/01</b>	<b>06/30/02</b>	<b>4,000</b>
	Purchase playground equipment	<b>1475</b>	<b>7/31/01</b>	<b>8/31/01</b>	<b>9/30/01</b>	<b>10/31/01</b>	<b>10,739</b>
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			DESIGN	BIDDING	AWARD	COMPLETION	
<b>NY033-2</b>	tree trimming/ removal	<b>1450</b>	<b>8/15/01</b>	<b>9/15/01</b>	<b>10/31/01</b>	<b>12/31/01</b>	<b>2,000</b>
	replace roof 1487 - 1499 First St.	<b>1460</b>	<b>8/15/01</b>	<b>9/15/01</b>	<b>10/15/01</b>	<b>12/31/01</b>	<b>14,000</b>
	Replace deteriorated sidewalks First & Second St.	<b>1470</b>	<b>8/31/01</b>	<b>9/30/01</b>	<b>10/30/01</b>	<b>07/31/02</b>	<b>15,000</b>
	Replace/repair deteriorated stairs 1556 - 1558 Broadway		<b>8/31/01</b>	<b>9/30/01</b>	<b>10/31/01</b>	<b>07/31/02</b>	<b>5,000</b>