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Office of Public and Indian Housing

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# PHA Plans

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

HARTFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY (VT 010)

171 BRIDGE STREET

WHITE RIVER JCT., VT 05001

**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:** Hartford Housing Authority

**PHA Number:** VT010

**PHA Fiscal Year Beginning:** 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

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

The HHA Plans (including attachments) are available for public inspection at:

- Main administrative office of the Hartford Housing Authority
- 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 Hartford Housing Authority

**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 HARTFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY 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.**

**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.**

- HHA Goal: Expand the supply of assisted housing  
Objectives:
- Apply for additional rental vouchers: 50% increase (54)
  - Reduce public housing vacancies:
  - Leverage private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities: Collaborate on 10 new units in a neighboring high income town.
  - Acquire or build units or developments:  
Purchase a 3 unit downtown building with a store front for an Office for Authority or a non-profit agency
  - Other (list below)
    - \* Explore innovative ways to promote and preserve safe, decent and affordable housing.
    - \* Work with other entities such as White River Area Housing Development Corp. to coordinate efforts to increase the supply of affordable housing by purchasing 10 units that the HHA will manage.

- HHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing
  - Objectives:
    - Improve public housing management: (PHAS score)
    - Improve voucher management: (SEMAP score)
    - Increase customer satisfaction: Work with tenants in marginal units to find an upgrade in better neighborhoods.
    - Concentrate on efforts to improve specific management functions, especially in the area of policy revisions.
    - Renovate or modernize public housing units.
    - Demolish or dispose of obsolete public housing:
    - Provide replacement public housing:
    - Provide replacement vouchers:
    - Other: Introduce landlords to the option and advantages of Community Development Grants and other resources to improve their housing stock.
  
- HHA Goal: Increase assisted housing choices
  - Objectives:
    - Provide voucher mobility counseling:
    - Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords to increase family choices in rental opportunities
    - Increase voucher payment standards: Work with the Vermont State Housing Authority to increase the Hartford Area payment standard for 1 and 2 bedroom units.
    - Implement voucher homeownership program if feasible after reviewing demonstrations being developed by other Vermont Public Housing Authorities.
    - Implement public housing site-based waiting lists
    - Convert public housing to vouchers:
    - Other: Seek exception FMRs to allow voucher holders to lease anywhere in the jurisdiction.

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

- HHA 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: Work with landlords in better neighborhoods to rent to low income families.

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

- HHA 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: \* Work with area social service agencies to increase employment opportunities for persons in assisted households.  
\* Continue with our Family Self-Sufficiency program and communicate with tenants discussing new opportunities in our community for them.

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

- HHA 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: \* Continue to promote cooperation and communication with Town Officials.  
\* Be prepared to respond to shifting federal policies.

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

- **Work with the Vermont Department of Health to present an awareness program to all local families with children under 6 for Lead Based Paint issues in their home.**
- **Start a “Chore Core” for the Elderly working with a group from a local church, Hartford’s Bugbee Senior Center and volunteers from the Turning Point Club.**
- **Purchase an apartment house on S. Main Street with a commercial store front. This will save the 3 apartments for low income housing stock and give the Authority a place on Main Street should they have to relocate out of the Municipal Building.**

**Annual PHA Plan**  
**PHA Fiscal Year 2001**  
[24 CFR Part 903.7]

**i. FY 2001 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)]

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

The overwhelmingly obvious housing need of the Town of Hartford is for additional affordable housing. Local rents average 10% higher than our already 10 % allowance over FMR's (Fair Market Rents) and the vacancy rate is below 1%. The housing shortage has become a crisis and is difficult for every income group, but extremely burdensome for the lowest income level renters. In 1990 census figures, 791 households in Hartford had less income than the median income for a family of 3 and potentially qualified for rental assistance. There were 592 households reporting paying more than 30% of their income for rent. As a direct result, homelessness is at record high levels.

With the good local economy, landlords do not find it advantageous to provide housing for low-income tenants. Once a low-income tenant moves, that apartment is open to the private sector for a higher rent and the stock is lost to us. The Hartford Housing Authority will undertake

activities in support of their mission that will expand the supply of assisted housing, improve the quality of assisted housing we provide, increase housing choices, promote self sufficiency and asset development of those families in assisted housing, and ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing.

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**iii. FY 2001 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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Indicate which attachments are provided by selecting all that apply. Provide the attachment's name (A, B, etc.) in the space to the left of the name of the attachment. Note: If the attachment is provided as a

**SEPARATE** file submission from the PHA Plans file, provide the file name in parentheses in the space to the right of the title.

**Required Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Admissions Policy for Deconcentration
- Attachment B: FY 2000 Capital Fund Program Annual Statement
- Most recent board-approved operating budget (Required Attachment for PHAs that are troubled or at risk of being designated troubled ONLY)

**Optional Attachments:**

- Attachment C: PHA Management Organizational Chart
- Attachment D: FY 2000 Capital Fund Program 5 Year Action Plan
- Attachment E: Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP) Plan
- Attachment F: Comments of Resident Advisory Board or Boards (must be attached if not included in PHA Plan text)
- Other (List below, providing each attachment name)

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**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
	Fair Housing Documentation: Records reflecting that the PHA has examined its programs or proposed programs, identified any impediments to fair housing choice in those programs, addressed or is addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available, and worked or is working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdictions' initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement.	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction/s in which the PHA is located (which includes the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) and any additional backup data to support statement of housing needs in the jurisdiction	Annual Plan: Housing Needs

<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	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources;
	Public Housing Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy Policy (A&O), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP]	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
X	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	Public Housing Deconcentration and Income Mixing Documentation: 1. PHA board certifications of compliance with deconcentration requirements (section 16(a) of the US Housing Act of 1937, as implemented in the 2/18/99 <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
	Public housing rent determination policies, including the methodology for setting public housing flat rents <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
	Schedule of flat rents offered at each public housing development <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
	Public housing management and maintenance policy documents, including policies for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation (including cockroach infestation)	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
	Public housing grievance procedures <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
X	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures

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<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>Supporting Document</b>	<b>Applicable Plan Component</b>
	The HUD-approved Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement (HUD 52837) for the active grant year	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grant	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Most recent, approved 5 Year Action Plan for the Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program, if not included as an attachment (provided at PHA option)	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Approved HOPE VI applications or, if more recent, approved or submitted HOPE VI Revitalization Plans or any other approved proposal for development of public housing	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing	Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition
	Approved or submitted applications for designation of public housing (Designated Housing Plans)	Annual Plan: Designation of Public Housing
	Approved or submitted assessments of reasonable revitalization of public housing and approved or submitted conversion plans prepared pursuant to section 202 of the 1996 HUD Appropriations Act	Annual Plan: Conversion of Public Housing
	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans	Annual Plan: Homeownership
	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Homeownership
	Any cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
X	FSS Action Plan/s for Section 8	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Most recent self-sufficiency (ED/SS, TOP or ROSS or other resident services grant) grant program reports	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	The most recent Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHEDEP) semi-annual performance report for any open grant and most recently submitted PHDEP application (PHDEP Plan)	Annual Plan: Safety and Crime Prevention

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<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>Supporting Document</b>	<b>Applicable Plan Component</b>
X	The most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under section 5(h)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c(h)), the results of that audit and the PHA's response to any findings	Annual Plan: Annual Audit
	Troubled PHAs: MOA/Recovery Plan	Troubled PHAs
	Other supporting documents (optional) (list individually; use as many lines as necessary)	(specify as needed)

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

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (a)]

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

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

<b>Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type</b>							
<b>Family Type</b>	<b>Overall</b>	<b>Afford- ability</b>	<b>Supply</b>	<b>Quality</b>	<b>Access- ibility</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Loca- tion</b>

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	345	5	5	3	3	2	2
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	748	5	5	3	3	2	2
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	NA						
SElderly	280	5	5	3	3	2	2
Families with Disabilities	NA						
African/American	NA						
Asian	NA						
Hispanic	NA						
Race/Ethnicity							

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

- Consolidated Plan of the Jurisdiction/s  
Indicate year: 1998-2000
- U.S. Census data: 1990
- 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
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<b>Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List</b>			
Waiting list type: (select one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 8 tenant-based assistance			
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Combined Section 8 and Public Housing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing Site-Based or sub-jurisdictional waiting list (optional)			
If used, identify which development/subjurisdiction:			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	16		5
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	8	50	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	8	50	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	0	0	
Families with children	6	38	
Elderly families	3	19	
Families with Disabilities	3	19	
Single (Non E/D)	4	25	
American Indian	1	6	
Hispanic	0		
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)			
1BR			
2 BR			
3 BR			
4 BR			
5 BR			

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Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
5+ BR			
Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input 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)			
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			
Extremely low income <=30% AMI			
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)			
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)			
Families with children			
Elderly families			
Families with Disabilities			
African/American			
Hispanic			
Race/ethnicity			
Race/ethnicity			
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)			
1BR			
2 BR			

<b>Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List</b>			
3 BR			
4 BR			
5 BR			
5+ BR			
Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input 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

- 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. Also participate in the LIHTC allocation criteria refinement process.
- Other (list below) Outreach to landlords to maintain a good relationship with the Housing Authority office and assure them of our commitment to help them with tenant and HUD rules and issues proactively. The HHA office is in a position to help with new federal Lead Based Paint rules and Housing Choice Voucher conversions.

**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: Present income targeting requirements match waiting list percentages.

- 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) Participate in the Vermont Rental Survey with the Vermont State Housing Authority to increase the FMRs for jurisdiction to allow new Program participants to meet the rule of paying no more than 40% of monthly income for rent and still lease up in the jurisdiction.

**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: There are no specifically poverty or minority concentrations: all areas in the jurisdiction are high rent.

- 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)**

**Strategy 1: Work with the local family homeless shelter, the Haven, with help to find housing as a part of their transition plan.**

**(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



### **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.

#### **B. Section 8**

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

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

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

a. What is the extent of screening conducted by the PHA? (select all that apply)

- Criminal or drug-related activity only to the extent required by law or regulation
- Criminal and drug-related activity, more extensively than required by law or regulation
- More general screening than criminal and drug-related activity (list factors below)
- Other (list below)

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

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

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

e. Indicate what kinds of information you share with prospective landlords? (select all that apply)

- Criminal or drug-related activity
- Other (describe below) We provide the family composition and if the family is new or been with our program in the past. We always suggest the landlord do a reference check.

**(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:

- Our rental housing market is extremely limited, especially for 2, 3 and 4 bedroom apartments.
- Inability to find a unit, especially within the restriction that the tenant rent must not exceed 40% of the monthly income of a new admission family, 75% of whom must be at or below 30% of median income.

**(4) Admissions Preferences**

a. Income targeting

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

b. Preferences

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

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

Former Federal preferences

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

Other preferences (select all that apply)

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

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

Date and Time

Former Federal preferences

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

Other preferences (select all that apply)

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

- Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- Other preference(s) (list below)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- The Section 8 Administrative Plan
- Briefing sessions and written materials
- Other (list below) The Federal Register notice of fund availability and the ACC.

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

- Through published notices
- Other (list below) Targeted notices and telephone calls to agencies dealing with special purpose population.

**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.

**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)  
For Reasonable Accommodation.

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) When program utilization rates drop, indicating a decrease in lease-up rate.

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:  
As this is a one half time person position managing a 43 Section 8 Voucher Program, the 5 member Board of Commissioners are active and available for this part time Director. This position also manages a 3 unit apartment house for the Authority and 3 units for a local non-profit.

**B. HUD Programs Under PHA Management**

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

Program Name	Units or Families Served at Year Beginning 2001	Expected Turnover
Public Housing		
Section 8 Vouchers	33	0
Section 8 Certificates	10	2
Section 8 Mod Rehab		
Special Purpose Section 8 Certificates/Vouchers (list individually)		

Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP)		
Other Federal Programs(list individually)		

**C. Management and Maintenance Policies**

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

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

(2) Section 8 Management: (list below)  
 Administrative Plan Governing Admission and Continued Occupancy

**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.

**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.

**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.


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

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (j)]

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

## **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 (1)]

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 entered into a cooperative agreement with the TANF Agency, to share information and/or target supportive services (as contemplated by section 12(d)(7) of the Housing Act of 1937)?

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

2. Other coordination efforts between the PHA and TANF agency (select all that apply)
- Client referrals
  - Information sharing regarding mutual clients (for rent determinations and otherwise)
  - Coordinate the provision of specific social and self-sufficiency services and programs to eligible families
  - Jointly administer programs
  - Partner to administer a HUD Welfare-to-Work voucher program
  - Joint administration of other demonstration program
  - Other (describe)

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

**(1) General**

a. Self-Sufficiency Policies

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

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

b. Economic and Social self-sufficiency programs

- Yes  No: Does the PHA coordinate, promote or provide any programs to enhance the economic and social self-sufficiency of residents? (If “yes”, complete the following table; if “no” skip to sub-component 2, Family Self Sufficiency Programs. The position of the table may be altered to facilitate its use. )

<b>Services and Programs</b>
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- 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) As this is a Section 8 Agency only, we will inform all Participants of the new policy on admission and reexamination

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

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

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (m)]

Exemptions from Component 13: High performing and small PHAs not participating in PHDEP and Section 8 Only PHAs may skip to component 15. High Performing and small PHAs that are participating in PHDEP and are submitting a PHDEP Plan with this PHA Plan may skip to sub-component D.

**14. RESERVED FOR PET POLICY**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (n)]

**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.

## **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) A

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: State of Vermont
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.

This Plan is consistent with the State of Vermont Consolidated Plan.

- a) The first housing issue listed in the Consolidated Plan is “Affordable Housing Lacking in Vermont.” Windsor County is third in number of low-income households with unmet rental needs. Our Hartford, Vermont area, with expanding rental housing needs because of the surrounding communities economics, are losing low-income housing units to the private sector. This plan seeks to obtain higher Fair Market Rents to continue housing our Section 8 participants in local housing. Working with our non profit entity, we plan to manage 10 units they intend to purchase by early 2001.
- b) The Consolidated Plan lists recent estimates of 9,000 households as living in severe to moderately substandard housing. This plan seeks to introduce landlords to the option and advantages of Community Development Grants and other sources to improve their housing stock. As an example: The Hartford Housing Authority is very active in educating the local landlords to the Lead Based Paint issues in our community. The Housing Authority Director is EMP certified and works closely with the Vermont State Health Department providing updated materials to local landlords and helps with their yearly requirements for the EMP Program. The Housing Authority has submitted for a grant to VHCB for the Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program. These funds are needed by the non-profit house they manage which contains three 3 bedroom family units. The intent of the Authority is to have this LBP Hazard Reduction Project done and show the local landlords how to submit for their own properties.

- The PHA has consulted with the Consolidated Plan agency during the development of this PHA Plan.
  - Activities to be undertaken by the PHA in the coming year are consistent with the initiatives contained in the Consolidated Plan. (list below)
  - Other: (list below)
4. The Consolidated Plan of the jurisdiction supports the PHA Plan with the following actions and commitments: (describe below)

**D. Other Information Required by HUD**

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

## **Attachments**

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

### ATTACHMENT “F”

#### RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

##### **HARTFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY** **2000 ANNUAL PLAN ATTACHMENT “F”**

Hartford Housing Authority  
Resident Advisory Board  
Minutes of the Meeting September 29, 2000

Present: Patricia Searles, Linda Carbino and Terry Chesbro, Director

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm. (This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of this Board this year.)

This was a very informal meeting over lunch as the last plan was submitted in July and there are very few changes. The group agreed to discuss the general problems of the town in relation to housing and their own personal experiences.

Discussion included comments regarding:

- 1) The Waiting lists are too long. Terry explained that the current housing shortage creates long lists, especially when we are headed into winter. The main crisis is for working families as most of the apartments available have very high rents. The good economics of the area does not help the low wage worker. Supply and demand drives the rents beyond fair market making available apartments out of reach. Terry stated that the Non-Profit group, which has housing managed by the Housing Authority, is purchasing a 7 apartment house by the end of the year and will be able to save some affordable housing for very low income renters.
- 2) Both tenants on this Board found better apartments this year.  
Linda Carbino found an apartment with a referral from the Hartford Housing Authority Office. A Section 8 Landlord let us know that he was remodeling a two bedroom apartment closer to the town’s business area and she and her husband were able to rent closer to his work and her volunteer position.  
Ms. Searles tried to port out to another part of the country. The weather did not agree with her and she returned. We were able to suggest a landlord who had another section 8 moving to a larger apartment. They met and she was able to upgrade from her past living arrangement.
- 3) Linda Carbino volunteers with The Turning Point Club. This group provides a safe atmosphere for people with substance abuse issues and problems. Both AA and NA have

scheduled meetings there as well as a teen group with Saturday night meetings run by a previous police officer.

This group would like to do volunteer work in the community. Right now, they are working on moving to a remodeled area in the same building. This is good information that can be passed on to persons who may need this strong support group.

- 4) The new Lead Based Paint HUD requirements were discussed. As Vermont has been active in this area, we are all aware of the children's safety issues in apartments with peeling paint and other hazards. We all agreed this was a good program.

Terry thanked the board for their comments and concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Minutes by Terry Chesbro

