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Office of Public and Indian Housing

Small PHA Plan Update
Annual Plan for Fiscal Year: 04/01/2002 – 03/31/2003

**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: LADYSMITH HOUSING AUTHORITY

PHA Number: WI111

PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (mm/yyyy) 04/01/2002

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Public Access to Information

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

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

Display Locations For PHA Plans and Supporting Documents

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

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

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

- X Main business office of the PHA
PHA development management offices
Other (list below)

PHA Programs Administered:

Public Housing and Section 8 Section 8 Only X Public Housing Only

**Annual PHA Plan
Fiscal Year 2002 [24 CFR Part 903.7]**

i. Table of Contents

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

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ii. Executive Summary

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

At PHA option, provide a brief overview of the information in the Annual Plan
All data provided in this annul plan are self-explanatory and do not require additional comment.

1. Summary of Policy or Program Changes for the Upcoming Year

In this section, briefly describe changes in policies or programs discussed in last year’s PHA Plan that are not covered in other sections of this Update.

None

2. Capital Improvement Needs

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (g)]

Exemptions: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this component.

A. X Yes No: Is the PHA eligible to participate in the CFP in the fiscal year covered by this PHA Plan?

B. What is the amount of the PHA’s estimated or actual (if known) Capital Fund Program grant for the upcoming year? \$ 78,118.00

C. X Yes No Does the PHA plan to participate in the Capital Fund Program in the upcoming year? If yes, complete the rest of Component 7. If no, skip to next component.

D. Capital Fund Program Grant Submissions

(1) Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan

The Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan is provided as Attachment C

(2) Capital Fund Program Annual Statement

The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement is provided as Attachment B

3. Demolition and Disposition

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (h)]

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

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

2. Activity Description

Demolition/Disposition Activity Description (Not including Activities Associated with HOPE VI or Conversion Activities)	
1a. Development name:	
1b. Development (project) number:	
2. Activity type: Demolition Disposition	
3. Application status (select one) Approved Submitted, pending approval Planned application	
4. Date application approved, submitted, or planned for submission: (DD/MM/YY)	
5. Number of units affected:	
6. Coverage of action (select one) Part of the development Total development	
7. Relocation resources (select all that apply) Section 8 for units Public housing for units Preference for admission to other public housing or section 8 Other housing for units (describe below)	
8. Timeline for activity: a. Actual or projected start date of activity: b. Actual or projected start date of relocation activities: c. Projected end date of activity:	

4. Voucher Homeownership Program

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (k)]

A. 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 next component; if „yes“, describe each program using the table below (copy and complete questions for each program identified.)

B. Capacity of the PHA to Administer a Section 8 Homeownership Program

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

Establishing a minimum homeowner downpayment requirement of at least 3 percent and requiring that at least 1 percent of the downpayment comes from the family's resources

Requiring that financing for purchase of a home under its section 8 homeownership will be provided, insured or guaranteed by the state or Federal government; comply with secondary mortgage market underwriting requirements; or comply with generally accepted private sector underwriting standards

Demonstrating that it has or will acquire other relevant experience (list PHA experience, or any other organization to be involved and its experience, below):

5. Safety and Crime Prevention: PHDEP Plan

[24 CFR Part 903.7 (m)]

Exemptions Section 8 Only PHAs may skip to the next component PHAs eligible for PHDEP funds must provide a PHDEP Plan meeting specified requirements prior to receipt of PHDEP funds.

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

B. What is the amount of the PHA's estimated or actual (if known) PHDEP grant for the upcoming year? \$ _____

C. Yes No Does the PHA plan to participate in the PHDEP in the upcoming year? If yes, answer question D. If no, skip to next component.

D. Yes No: The PHDEP Plan is attached at Attachment _____

6. Other Information

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

A. Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Recommendations and PHA Response

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 Attached at Attachment (File name)
3. In what manner did the PHA address those comments? (select all that apply)
 - The PHA changed portions of the PHA Plan in response to comments
 - A list of these changes is included
 - Yes No: below or
 - Yes No: at the end of the RAB Comments in Attachment ____.
 - Considered comments, but determined that no changes to the PHA Plan were necessary. An explanation of the PHA's consideration is included at the at the end of the RAB Comments in Attachment ____.
 - Other: (list below)

B. Statement of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

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

1. Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: (provide name here) STATE OF WISCONSIN
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 specific initiatives contained in the Consolidated Plan. (list such initiatives below)

Other: (list below)

3. PHA Requests for support from the Consolidated Plan Agency
 Yes No: Does the PHA request financial or other support from the State or local government agency in order to meet the needs of its public housing residents or inventory? If yes, please list the 5 most important requests below:
4. The Consolidated Plan of the jurisdiction supports the PHA Plan with the following actions and commitments: (describe below)

C. Criteria for Substantial Deviation and Significant Amendments

There were no deviations or amendments to the Consolidation Plan.

1. Amendment and Deviation Definitions

24 CFR Part 903.7(r)

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

A. Substantial Deviation from the 5-year Plan:

None

B. Significant Amendment or Modification to the Annual Plan:

None

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Attachment A

Supporting Documents Available for Review

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

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
X	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 (not required for this update)	5 Year and Annual Plans
	Fair Housing Documentation Supporting Fair Housing Certifications: Records reflecting that the PHA has examined its programs or proposed programs, identified any impediments to fair housing choice in those programs, addressed or is addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available, and worked or is working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdictions' initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement.	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	Housing Needs Statement of the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction/s in which the PHA is located and any additional backup data to support statement of housing needs 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/ACOP), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP]	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	Any policy governing occupancy of Police Officers in Public Housing check here if included in the public housing A&O Policy	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
X	Public housing rent determination policies, including the method for setting public housing flat rents X 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 X check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
X	Public housing management and maintenance policy documents, including policies for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation (including cockroach infestation)	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
	Results of latest binding Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Assessment	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
	Follow-up Plan to Results of the PHAS Resident Satisfaction Survey (if necessary) No follow-up was necessary.	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance and Community Service & Self-Sufficiency

	Results of latest Section 8 Management Assessment System (SEMAP)	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
	Any required policies governing any Section 8 special housing types check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
X	Public housing grievance procedures X check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
X	The HUD-approved Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement (HUD 52837) for any active grant year	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grants	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
	Self-evaluation, Needs Assessment and Transition Plan required by regulations implementing §504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. See, PIH 99-52 (HA).	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing	Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition
X	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, Section 22 of the US Housing Act of 1937, or Section 33 of the US Housing Act of 1937	Annual Plan: Conversion of Public Housing
	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans	Annual Plan: Homeownership
	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program (section _____ of the Section 8 Administrative Plan)	Annual Plan: Homeownership
X	Cooperation agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency and between the PHA and local employment and training service agencies	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	FSS Action Plan/s for public housing and/or Section 8	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Section 3 documentation required by 24 CFR Part 135, Subpart E	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	Annual Plan: Safety

	(PHEDEP) semi-annual performance report	and Crime Prevention
	PHDEP-related documentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Baseline law enforcement services for public housing developments assisted under the PHDEP plan; · Consortium agreement/s between the PHAs participating in the consortium and a copy of the payment agreement between the consortium and HUD (applicable only to PHAs participating in a consortium as specified under 24 CFR 761.15); · Partnership agreements (indicating specific leveraged support) with agencies/organizations providing funding, services or other in-kind resources for PHDEP-funded activities; · Coordination with other law enforcement efforts; · Written agreement(s) with local law enforcement agencies (receiving any PHDEP funds); and · All crime statistics and other relevant data (including Part I and specified Part II crimes) that establish need for the public housing sites assisted under the PHDEP Plan. 	Annual Plan: Safety and Crime Prevention
X	Policy on Ownership of Pets in Public Housing Family Developments (as required by regulation at 24 CFR Part 960, Subpart G) X check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Pet Policy
X	The results of the most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under 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)

**Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report ATTACHMENT B
Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP)**

PHA Name: LADYSMITH HOUSING AUTHORITY	Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program: WI 39P11150101 Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:
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Original Annual Statement Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending: **Reserve for Disasters/ Emergencies Revised Annual Statement Performance and Evaluation Report**

Line No.	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost	
		Original	Revised
1	Total non-CFP Funds		
2	1406 Operations	78,118.00	
3	1408 Management Improvements		
4	1410 Administration		

5	1411 Audit			
6	1415 liquidated Damages			
7	1430 Fees and Costs			
8	1440 Site Acquisition			
9	1450 Site Improvement			
10	1460 Dwelling Structures			
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment—Nonexpendable			
12	1470 Nondwelling Structures			
13	1475 Nondwelling Equipment			
14	1485 Demolition			
15	1490 Replacement Reserve			
16	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration			
17	1495.1 Relocation Costs			
18	1498 Mod Used for Development			
19	1502 Contingency			
20	Amount of Annual Grant: (sum of lines 2-19)	78,118.00		
21	Amount of line 20 Related to LBP Activities			
22	Amount of line 20 Related to Section 504 Compliance			
23	Amount of line 20 Related to Security	0		
24	Amount of line 20 Related to Energy Conservation Measures	0		

CONCRETE WORK	47,620.00	4/01/2001 (COM
REPLACE STORM DOORS (FAMILY UNITS)	20,000.00	4/01/2002
UPGRADE COMPUTER SYSTEM	2500.00	4/01/2002
REPLACE STOVES AND REFRIGERATORS (ALL UNITS)	16,000.00	4/01/2003
REPLACE ENTRY DOORS (FAMILY UNITS)	40,000.00	4/01/2003
Total estimated cost over next 5 years	126,120.00	

PHA 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.

Section 1: General Information/History

A. Amount of PHDEP Grant \$ 0

B. Eligibility type (Indicate with an „x“) N1 _____ N2 _____

R _____

C. FFY in which funding is requested _____

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

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. Unit count information should be consistent with that available in PIC.

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)

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).

12 Months _____ **18 Months** _____ **24 Months** _____

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. The Fund Balances should reflect the balance as of Date of Submission of the PHDEP Plan. The Grant Term End Date should include any HUD-approved extensions or waivers. 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	Grant Start Date	Grant Term End Date
FY 1995						
FY 1996						
FY 1997						
FY 1998						
FY 1999						

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.

B. PHDEP Budget Summary

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

FFY _____ PHDEP Budget Summary	
Original statement	
Revised statement dated:	
Budget Line Item	Total Funding
9110 – Reimbursement of Law Enforcement	
9115 - Special Initiative	
9116 - Gun Buyback TA Match	
9120 - Security Personnel	
9130 - Employment of Investigators	
9140 - Voluntary Tenant Patrol	
9150 - Physical Improvements	
9160 - Drug Prevention	
9170 - Drug Intervention	
9180 - Drug Treatment	
9190 - Other Program Costs	

TOTAL PHDEP FUNDING	
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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.

9110 – Reimbursement of Law Enforcement							Total PHDEP Funding: \$	
Goal(s)								
Objectives								
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	HEDE Funding	Other Funding (Amount/ Source)		
1.								
2.								
3.								

9115 - Special Initiative							Total PHDEP Funding: \$	
Goal(s)								
Objectives								
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHEDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount/ Source)		
1.								
2.								
3.								

9116 - Gun Buyback TA Match							Total PHDEP Funding: \$	
Goal(s)								
Objectives								
Proposed Activities	# of Person Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHEDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)		
1.								
2.								
3.								

9120 - Security Personnel						Total PHDEP Funding: \$	
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of erson Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHEDep Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	
1.							
2.							
3.							

9130 – Employment of Investigators						Total PHDEP Funding: \$	
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of erson Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHEDep Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	
1.							
2.							
3.							

9140 – Voluntary Tenant Patrol						Total PHDEP Funding: \$	
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of erson Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHEDep Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	
1.							
2.							
3.							

9150 - Physical Improvements						Total PHDEP Funding: \$	
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of erson Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	
1.							
2.							
3.							

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

9170 - Drug Intervention						Total PHDEP Funding: \$	
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of erson Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	
1.							
2.							
3.							

9180 - Drug Treatment						Total PHDEP Funding: \$	
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of erson Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	
1.							

2.							
3.							

9190 - Other Program Costs						Total PHDEP Funds: \$	
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of erson Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	
1.							
2.							
3.							

Required Attachment D : 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:

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

- Elected
- Appointed

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

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

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

Other (explain):

- B. Date of next term expiration of a governing board member: 4/1/2002
- C. Name and title of appointing official(s) for governing board (indicate appointing official for the next position):

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CITY OF LADYSMITH
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Required Attachment __E____: Membership of the Resident Advisory Board or Boards

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.)

ALICE HANSON
JEAN DOUGHTY
BERNITA FARLEY
RUTH BATES
HELEN NELSON

ATTACHMENT F - COMMENTS OF RESIDENCE ADVISORY BOARD:

NO COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD

ATTACHMENT G – ASSESSMENT FOR VOLUNTARY CONVERSION RULE:

As required in final Rule 66FR4476, the Housing Authority of the City of Ladysmith, Wisconsin has assessed its 20 general occupancy scattered site units as to whether it would be in the best interest of the HA, its tenants and the community at large to convert these units into Section 8 vouchers. This assessment has determined that it would not be in the best interest of all parties to do so.

1. The City of Ladysmith is located in Rusk County, traditionally one of the poorest counties in the State of Wisconsin. There is a very limited number of rental properties in the county suitable for families that could meet the Uniform Physical Condition Standards (UPCS) criteria. The Ladysmith Housing Authority uses the UPCS criteria for all inspections and maintenance evaluations. Our commitment to quality housing is reflected in our score of 95 from our most recent REAC physical inspection conducted on 8/14/2001.
2. The Real Estate market in Ladysmith and Rusk County is in a depressed state – even with the current low interest rates for home mortgages. It is estimated that there are currently over 100 properties for sale in the area. To add an additional 16 properties (4 of our buildings are duplexes) to the market at this time would only serve to undermine the positive public relations the LHA has with the Ladysmith community. Additionally, given the current market conditions, it has been determined that the sale of these properties in the foreseeable future is very unlikely. Finally, we are a very small HA with only one person on staff in administration. If we were to change our family units to Section 8 vouchers, we would in essence be adding a program that would most likely require hiring additional staff. The LHA has neither the financial resources nor the physical space to accommodate more full time staff.
3. As a PHA, The Ladysmith Housing Authority has provided clean, safe and affordable housing to the families of Ladysmith and Rusk County for 30 years. The Board of Commissioners of the Ladysmith Housing Authority has determined that it is not in the best interest of the LHA, the families it serves or the community as a whole to convert its family units to Section 8 vouchers.