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# PHAPlans

AnnualPlanforFiscalYear 2003

## TownofColonie

**NOTE: THIS PHA PLAN TEMPLATE (HUD50075) IS TO BE COMPLETED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS LOCATED IN APPLICABLE PIH NOTICES**

**PHA Plan  
Agency Identification**

**PHAName: TOWN OF COLONIE**

**PHANumber: NY408**

**PHAFiscalYearBeginning: 10/ 2003**

**Public Access to Information**

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

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

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

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- Main administrative office of the County government
- Main administrative office of the State government
- Public library

- PHAwebsite
- Other(listbelow)

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**AnnualPHAPlan**  
**PHAFiscalYear 2003**  
[24CFRPart903.7]

**i. AnnualPlanType:**

SelectwhichtypeofAnnualPlanthePHAwillsubmit.

**StandardPlan**

**StreamlinedPlan:**

- HighPerformingPHA**
- SmallAgency(<250PublicHousingUnits)**
- AdministeringSection8Only**

**TroubledAgencyPlan**

**ii. ExecutiveSummaryoftheAnnualPHAPlan**

[24CFRPart903.79(r)]

Provideabriefoverviewoftheinform ationintheAnnualPlan,includinghighlights of majorinitiativesanddiscretionarypolicies thePHAhasincludedintheAnnualPlan.

*ThisrequirementeliminatedbyPIH99 -51(HA)issuedDecember14,1999.*

**iii. AnnualPlanTableofContents**

[24CFRPart903.79(r)]

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**Required Attachments:**

- Admissions Policy for Deconcentration
- FY2000 Capital Fund Program Annual Statement
- Most recent board -approved operating budget (Required Attachment for PHAs that are troubled or at risk of being designated troubled ONLY)

**Optional Attachments:**

- PHA Management Organizational Chart
- FY2000 Capital Fund Program 5 Year Action Plan
- Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP) Plan
- Comments of Resident Advisory Board or Boards (must be attached if not included in PHA Plan text)
- Other (List below, providing each attachment name)

**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>
<b>X</b>	PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations	5 Year and Annual Plans
<b>X</b>	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	5 Year and Annual Plans

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<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>Supporting Document</b>	<b>Applicable Plan Component</b>
	view of the resources available, and workers working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdictions' initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement.	
	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
	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
<b>X</b>	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	Public Housing Deconcentration and Income Mixing Documentation: 1. PHA Board certification 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
<b>X</b>	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	Annual Plan:

<b>List of Supporting Documents Available for Review</b>		
<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>Supporting Document</b>	<b>Applicable Plan Component</b>
	documents, including policies for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation (including cockroach infestation)	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
<b>X</b>	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
	The HUD -approved Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement (HUD 52837) for the active grant year	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grant	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Most recent, approved 5 Year Action Plan for the Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program, if not included as an attachment (provided at PHA option)	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Approved HOPEVI applications or, if more recent, approved or submitted HOPEVI 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
<b>X</b>	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Homeownership
<b>X</b>	Any cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency	Annual Plan: Community Service &

<b>List of Supporting Documents Available for Review</b>		
<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>Supporting Document</b>	<b>Applicable Plan Component</b>
		Self-Sufficiency
<b>X</b>	FSS Action Plan/s for public housing and/or Section 8	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Most recent self-sufficiency (ED/SS, TOP or ROSS or other resident services grant) grant program reports	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	The most recent Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP) semi-annual performance report for any open grant and most recently submitted PHDEP application (PHDEP Plan)	Annual Plan: Safety and Crime Prevention
	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 the 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.StatementofHousingNeeds

[24CFRPart903.79(a)]

## **A.HousingNeedsofFamiliesintheJurisdiction/sServedbythePHA**

BasedupontheinformationcontainedintheConsolidatedPlan/sapplicabletothejurisdiction,and/or otherdataavailab letothePHA,provideastatementofthehousingneedsinthejurisdictionby completingthefollowingtable.Inthe“Overall”Needscolumn,providetheestimatednumberofrenter familiesthathavehousingneeds.Fortheremainingcharacteristics,ra tetheimpactofthatfactoronthe housingneedsforeachfamilytype,from1to5,with1being“noimpact”and5being“severeimpact.” UseN/AtoindicatehatnoinformationisavailableuponwhichthePHAcannmakethisassessment.

<b>HousingNeedsof FamiliesintheJurisdiction byFamilyType</b>							
FamilyType	Overall	Afford- ability	Supply	Quality	Access- ibility	Size	Loca- tion
Income<=30% ofAMI	<b>174</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
Income>30%but <=50%ofAMI	<b>67</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
Income>50%but <80%ofAMI	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Elderly	<b>53</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
Familieswith Disabilities	<b>43</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Black	<b>35</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Asian/Pacific Islander	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
American Indian/Alaska Native	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

WhatsourcesofinformationdidthePHAusetoconductthisanalysis?(Checkallthat apply;allmaterials mustbemadeavailableforpublicinspection.)

- ConsolidatedPlanoftheJurisdiction/s  
Indicateyear:
- U.S.Censusdata:theComprehensiveHousingAffordabilityStrategy  
 (“CHAS”)dataset
- AmericanHousingSurveydata  
Indicateyear:
- Otherhousingmarketstudy  
Indicateyear:
- Othersources: ***PHAWaitingList***

**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.

<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	<b>241</b>		<b>75</b>
Extremely low income (<=30% AMI)	<b>174</b>	<b>72.1</b>	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	<b>67</b>	<b>27.9</b>	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
Families with children	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
Elderly families	<b>53</b>	<b>22.0</b>	
Families with Disabilities	<b>43</b>	<b>17.8</b>	
White	<b>201</b>	<b>83.4</b>	
Black	<b>35</b>	<b>14.5</b>	
Asian/Pacific Islander	<b>5</b>	<b>2.1</b>	
American Indian/Alaska Native	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	
Characteristics by Bedroom Size			

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
(Public Housing Only)			
1BR			
2BR			
3BR			
4BR			
5BR			
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 financed 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 units size required

- Maintain or increase section 8 lease -uprates by marketing the program to owners, particularly those outside of areas of minority and poverty concentration
- Maintain or increase section 8 lease -uprates 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)

*Application for funding for additional Section 8 tenant -based assistance may be made during the life of this annual plan if waiting list growth warrants.*

**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 voucher targeted to the elderly, should they become available

*Application for funding for additional Section 8 tenant -based assistance for the elderly may be made during the life of this annual plan if demand warrant such application and if assistance for the elderly becomes available.*

- Other: (list below)

*Provide preference for elderly families of two or fewer members over singles who are not elderly or disabled.*

**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 voucher targeted to families with disabilities, should they become available

*Application for funding for additional Section 8 tenant -based assistance for the disabled may be made during the life of this annual plan if demand warrant such application.*

- 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**

[24CFRPart903.79(b)]

List the financial resources that are anticipated to be available to the PHA for the support of Federal public housing and tenant-based Section 8 assistance programs administered by the PHA during the Plan year. Note: the table assumes that Federal public housing or tenant based Section 8 assistance grant funds are expended on eligible purposes; therefore, uses of these funds need not be stated. For other funds, indicate the use of those funds as one of the following categories: public housing operations, public housing capital improvements, public housing safety/security, public housing support services, Section 8 tenant-based assistance, Section 8 support 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 2000 grants)</b>		
a) Public Housing Operating Fund		
b) Public Housing Capital Fund		
c) HOPE VI Revitalization		
d) HOPE VI Demolition		
e) Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance	<b>2,091,331</b>	
f) Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (including any Technical Assistance funds)		
g) Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants	<b>48,576</b>	
h) Community Development Block Grant		
i) HOME		
Other Federal Grants (list below)		
<b>2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below)</b>		
<b>3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income</b>		
<b>4. Other income (list below)</b>		

Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses		
Sources	Planned \$	Planned Uses
4. Non-federal sources (list below)		
<b>Total resources</b>	<b>2,139,907</b>	

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

[24CFR Part 903.79(c)]

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

Exemptions: PHA 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)

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

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

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

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

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

**(2) Waiting List Organization**

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

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

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

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

c. If the PHA plan to operate one or more site-based waiting lists in the coming year, answer each of the following questions; if not, skip to subsection **(3) Assignment**

1. How many site-based waiting lists will the PHA operate in the coming year?

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

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

4. Where can interested persons obtain more information about and sign up to be on the site-based waiting lists (select all that apply)?

- PHA main administrative office
- All PHA development management offices
- Management offices at developments with site-based waiting lists
- At the development to which they would like to apply
- Other (list below)

**(3) Assignment**

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

- One
- Two
- Three or More

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

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

#### **(4) Admissions Preferences**

a. Income targeting:

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

b. Transfer policies:

In what circumstances will transfer 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:

- 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
- Household that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- Household 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 points 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

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Other preferences (select all that apply)

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

4. Relationship of preferences to income targeting requirements:

- The PHA applies preferences within income tiers
- Not applicable: the pool of applicant families ensure 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
- Anytime family composition changes
- At family request for revision
- Other (list)

**(6) Deco ncentration 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 development 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)

***Past experience as a tenant within this agency and any of 1,557 agencies registered in Tenant Check throughout the United States.***

Other (list below)

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

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

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

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

- Criminal or drug -related activity
- Other (describe below)

**(2) Waiting List Organization**

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

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

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

- PHA main administrative office
- Other (list below)

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**(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:

*Automatically to the disabled, and on an as needed basis for other applicants*

**(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)

***Elderly and disabled singles over single that are not elderly or disabled***

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.

**2 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 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 *Elderly and disabled singles over single that are not elderly or disabled***

4. Among applicants on the waiting list with the 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 preference 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 admission 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 program to the public?

- Through published notices
- Other (list below)

*Direct contact with advocates for the population that will benefit from the special purpose program.*

## **4. PHA Rent Determination Policies**

[24CFR Part 903.79(d)]

### **A. Public Housing**

Exemptions: PHA that do not administer public housing are not required to complete sub-component 4A.

#### **(1) Income Based Rent Policies**

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

a. Use of discretionary policies: (select one)

The PHA will not employ any discretionary rent -setting policies for income based rent in public housing. Income -based rents are set at the higher of 30% of adjusted monthly income, 10% of unadjusted monthly income, the welfare rent, or minimum rent (less HUD mandatory deductions and exclusions). (If selected, skip to sub -component (2))

---or---

The PHA employs discretionary policies for determining income based rent (If selected, continue to question b.)

b. Minimum Rent

1. What amount best reflects the PHA's minimum rent? (select one)

- \$0
- \$1-\$25
- \$26-\$50

2.  Yes  No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies?

3. If yes to question 2, list these policies below :

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

1.  Yes  No: Does the PHA plan to charge rents at a fixed amount or percentage less than 30% of adjusted income?

2. If yes to above, list the amounts or percentages charged and the circumstances under which these will be used below:

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

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

Fixed percentage (other than general rent -setting policy)

If yes, state percentage/s and circumstances below:

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

e. Ceiling rents

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

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

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

- For all developments
- For all general occupancy developments (not elderly 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. Rentre -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
- Anytime the family experiences an income increase
- Anytime 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 repayment standards reevaluated for adequacy? (select one)

- Annually
- Other (list below)

*As needed based on lease -up*

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)

- ❑ Family lost eligibility for or is awaiting an eligibility determination for a Federal, State, or local assistance program.
- ❑ Family would be evicted as a result of the imposition of the minimum TTP requirement.
- ❑ Income of the family has decreased because of changed circumstances, including loss of employment.
- ❑ A death in the family has occurred.
- ❑ Other acceptable circumstances stated by the family.

## **5. Operations and Management**

[24CFR Part 903.79(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 PHA uses a consultant to administer its tenant-based program.*

### **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 10/2001</b>	<b>Expected Turnover</b>
Public Housing	N/A	
Section 8 Vouchers	429	75
Section 8 Certificates	N/A	
Section 8 Mod Rehab	N/A	
Special Purpose Section	42 WTW	10

8C certificates/Vouchers (list individually)	<b>Mainstream 30 units</b>	<b>3</b>
Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP)	<b>N/A</b>	
Other Federal Programs (list individually)	<b>64 FSS</b>	<b>10</b>

**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*

**6. PHA Grievance Procedures**

[24 CFR Part 903.79(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 offices 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 offices 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 903.79(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 Plant 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 as Attachment (state name)

-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 as Attachment (state name)

-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 Plans 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 -financed 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 903.79(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**

[24CFR Part 903.79(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.

<b>Designation of Public Housing Activity Description</b>
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: <u>          (DD/MM/YY)</u>
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**

[24CFR Part 903.79(j)]

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

**A. Assessment of Reasonable Revitalization Pursuant to section 202 of the HUD FY1996 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 FY1996 HUD Appropriations Act? (If "No", skip to component 11; if "yes", complete one activity description for each identified development, unless eligible to complete as streamlined submission. PHAs completing streamlined submissions may skip to component 11.)

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

<b>Conversion of Public Housing Activity Description</b>
1a. Development name:
1b. Development (project) number:
2. What is the status of the required assessment? <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 HOPEVI demolition application (date submitted or approved: ) <input type="checkbox"/> Units addressed in a pending or approved HOPEVI 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**

[24CFR Part 903.79(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 Home ownership Activity Description (Complete one for each development affected)</b>
1a. Development name: 1b. Development (project) number:
2. Federal Program authority: <input type="checkbox"/> HOPEI <input type="checkbox"/> 5(h) <input type="checkbox"/> Turnkey III <input type="checkbox"/> Section 32 of the U.S.H.A 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 24CFR 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: ***Program will follow HUD regulations***

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

3. 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 down payment requirement of at least 3 percent and requiring that at least 1 percent of the down payment 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):

**Homeownership program is administered by Joseph E. Mastrianni, Inc. a firm with twenty-seven years of experience in the subsidized housing industry.**

3. 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:

***FSS Participation Required***

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

[24CFR Part 903.79(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 entered into a cooperative agreement with the TANF Agency, to share information and/or target support services (as contemplated by section 12(d)(7) of the Housing Act of 1937)?

If yes, what was the date that agreement was signed? **08/22/93**

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 programsto 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 home ownership option participation
- Preference/eligibility for section 8 home ownership option participation
- Other policies (list below)

b. Economic and Social Self-Sufficiency Programs

- Yes  No: Does the PHA coordinate, promote or provide any program 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>				
Program Name & Description (including location, if appropriate)	Estimated Size	Allocation Method (waiting list/random selection/specific criteria/other)	Access (development office/PHA main office/other provider name)	Eligibility (public housing or section 8 participants or both)


**(2) Family Self Sufficiency program/s**

a. Participation Description

<b>Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Participation</b>		
<b>Program</b>	<b>Required Number of Participants (start of FY 2000 Estimate)</b>	<b>Actual Number of Participants (As of: 2/3/99)</b>
Public Housing		
Section 8	<b>60</b>	<b>62</b>

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

**C. Welfare Benefit Reductions**

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

- Adopting appropriate changes to the PHA's public housing rent determination policies and train staff to carry out those policies
- Informing residents of new policy on admission and reexamination
- Actively notifying residents of new policy at times in addition to admission and reexamination.
- Establishing or pursuing a cooperative agreement with all appropriate TANF agencies regarding the exchange of information and coordination of services

- Establishing a protocol for exchange of information with all appropriate TANF agencies
- Other: (list below)

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

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

[24CFR Part 903.79(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 area 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 level of violent and/or drug -related crime
- Other (describe below)

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

- Safety and security survey of residents
- Analysis of crime statistics over time for crimes committed "in and around" public housing authority
- Analysis of cost trends over time for repair of vandalism and removal of graffiti
- Resident reports
- PHA employee reports
- Police reports
- Demonstrable, quantifiable success with previous or ongoing anticrime/anti drug programs
- Other (describe below)

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

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

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

- Contracting with outside and/or resident organizations for the provision of crime- and/or drug -prevention activities
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Activities targeted to at -risk youth, adults, or seniors
- Volunteer Resident Patrol/Block Watchers Program
- Other (describe below)

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

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

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

- Police involvement in development, implementation, and/or ongoing evaluation of drug -elimination plan
- Police provide crime data to housing authority staff for analysis and action
- Police have established a physical presence on housing authority property (e.g., community policing office, officer in residence)
- Police regularly testify in and otherwise support eviction cases
- Police regularly meet with the PHA management and residents
- Agreement between PHA and local law enforcement agency for provision of above-baseline law enforcement services
- Other activities (list below)

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

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

PHA eligible for FY2000 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 FY2000 in this PHA Plan?
- Yes  No: This PHDEP Plan is an Attachment. (Attachment Filename: \_\_\_\_)

## **14. RESERVED FOR PET POLICY**

[24CFR Part 903.79(n)]

## **15. Civil Rights Certifications**

[24CFR Part 903.79(o)]

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

## **16. Fiscal Audit**

[24CFR Part 903.79(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**

[24CFR Part 903.79(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
- Privatization
- Development-based accounting
- Comprehensive stock assessment
- Other: (list below)

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

## **18. Other Information**

[24 CFR Part 903.79(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 as Attachment (Filename)
- Provided below:

### **Required Attachment B: 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.)

**A43 - member Resident Advisory Board was selected to represent a cross-section of tenants from the town of Colonie Section 8 Program, representing just over ten percent of all tenants in the program. Sixteen members responded representing thirty-seven percent of the membership.**

Although Attachment B requires that members be listed here, no such listing is provided since a large proportion of the members of the Resident Advisory Board submitted their comments anonymously. In addition, it is the policy of this PHA not to release names of Section 8 tenants to the public.

Names of Resident Advisory Board members will be released to appropriate HUD officials only with assurance that such names will not be made public or posted in any document or vehicle that is accessible to the public.

Board members were asked to state if they agreed or disagreed with policies in the Plan, and to offer any comments they thought would be appropriate. Those responses and comments are summarized in this section of the Plan.

**Required Attachment C: Comments of Resident Advisory Board & Explanation of PHA Response (16 out of 43 members offered comments)**

Plan Policies	Member Responses		
	Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
<p><b>1. Program Mission</b></p> <p>The program's mission should be to provide affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary housing to elderly and disabled low-income families, as well as to other low-income families, as dictated by local needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It's a wonderful program and very necessary</li> </ul>	16	0	0
<p><b>2. Program Size</b></p> <p>There should be a limit on the number of families that can be helped by the program.</p>	2	13	1

- Families who can be helped by this program should be helped.
- I disagree because you don't know how many families that may need the assistance since the "war" has started.
- I think if they really need it, give it to them.
- Anybody that qualifies should be helped. I would hate to think that because I am being helped some family with small children is homeless while they wait to be next on the list.
- I really don't know.
- If limited by money, better to give less to all needy families.
- It feels it should be available to all who need it

**3. Quality of Service** **150** **1**

The quality of service provided to you by our staff is acceptable and there is no need to improve service.

- The staff have been wonderful.
- The people I have dealt with have been very helpful and courteous.
- I have found your staff always helpful and kind and considerate of my needs, as I am sure that is for all.
- There is always room for improvement.

**4. Self-Sufficiency** **14** **1** **1**

Promoting self-sufficiency by increasing the percentage of employed persons in the program, providing supportive services to assist tenants in gaining employment, and attracting supportive services to increase independence for the elderly or families with disabilities should be goals of the program.

- While desirable, it's very hard to find a job.

- It's great to see continued assistance with employment.
- I agree that these things should be done, but aren't other services responsible for that? VESID for example. Shouldn't this agency just focus on helping people pay for housing?
- If they are able.
- It would be most helpful for those able to become self-sufficient. (physically)
- My income will not change. My status will remain the same.

**5. Fair Housing** **160** **0**

Staff should take extra measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, or disability.

- We are all the same in the eyes of God.
- Definitely!
- They seem to do all that they can.

**6. Preferences** **150** **1**

In providing assistance to applicants, preference should be given to residents of the community, the elderly, and the disabled.

- All people who lose their jobs.
- I said "Agree" because there are other assistance programs in some other areas or communities.
- It seems that they do.
- But what about families with children? It is vital for a child to have some place safe to call "home".

**7. Home Ownership** **105** **1**

Considerations should be given to allowing Section 8 tenants to use rental subsidies to purchase the house they rent, another house they wish to purchase, or to build a new house.

- How much money are we talking about?
- If one can rent a car, and later buy it, why not a home.
- I really don't know if they are able to keep the up keep inside and out. Maybe.
- If someone needs help to pay their rent, then how could they possibly afford the maintenance cost of a house?
- I think it would reduce costs all around.

#### **8. Additional Comments made by Members:**

- Your program means a great deal to me personally and I am very, very thankful for your assistance and constant help. You have all been "there" for me (and I am sure all the others in your program) when I have needed answers. Thank you so much.
- I know that funding is limited for this program, but I'm not sure that the waiting list and being next in line approach is best. What if the person that's third in line has a greater need than the person who is first in line? I wish there was enough funding to help all who qualify so that there wouldn't be a waiting list at all.
- I've lived in Colonie all my life. Section 8 has helped me and my two children live in a safe, healthy, and clean area. I feel as if more homeowners could learn more about Section 8, especially in Colonie. Note everyone on Section 8 is "on the system". I called a lot of apartments in Colonie, I asked them if they accept Section 8. They would say "welfare no". Section 8 is not welfare. It's better than welfare. Thank you Section 8. Thank you to my landlord for accepting Section 8.

**Members of the Resident Advisory Board offered opinions that generally agreed with the policies in the plan with the exception of program size where thirteen of sixteen respondents disagreed that there should be a limit on program size.**

**Policies concerning the plan mission, quality of service, and self-sufficiency were endorsed by all respondents. Also there was strong support for fair housing, preferences, and home ownership.**

**Policies endorsed by the membership of the Resident Advisory Board will continue to be stressed in the Annual Plan. Because of the strong interest expressed by members of the Resident Advisory Board in a home ownership program, work has started on implementing a home ownership program.**

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:

- **Application for additional units, including units to serve the elderly and the disabled will be evaluated during the coming plan year.**
- **Work on implementing a home ownership program will continue during the coming plan year.**
- **Outreach to owners will be emphasized to increase the supply of housing available to Section 8 tenants. To date, the following outreach activities have been implemented:**
  - **Program information has been mailed to all owners of two to four unit buildings listed on the town of Colton tax rolls.**
  - **All apartment complexes have been contacted and encouraged to accept Section 8 tenants.**
  - **"Rent to High" brochures have been distributed to a number of locations.**
  - **Program managers have visited senior citizen complexes to assist residents in applying for Section 8 assistance.**
  - **Program managers have visited Colton Senior Resources and distributed program information.**

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: (provide name here)

*Town of Colonie*

#### 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)

- *Implement a home ownership program similar to the program currently operated by the Town of Colonie Community Development Department.*

Other: (list below)

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

*The priority and objectives of the Town of Colonie Consolidated Plan for the years July 2000 through July 2005 support this Agency Plan with the following statement in the Strategic Plan Section of the Town's Consolidated Plan:*

*The Town of Colonie, Village of Colonie, and Village of Menand have cooperatively participated in the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Programs since 1978. During that time, the major emphasis of the programs pursued has been to preserve the housing that exists; replace, repair, and improve public facilities; provide rental assistance and affordable new housing for individuals and families with modest income or special needs; and extend supportive services aimed at improving the quality of life and self sufficiency of those individuals and families that could benefit from such services. Over the next five years, this same emphasis is expected to continue, and broaden somewhat, to meet the anticipated needs.*

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

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

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

- **Work on implementing a home ownership program has begun and will continue during the coming plan year.**
- **Outreach to owners has been increased and will be emphasized during the plan year to increase the supply of housing available to Section 8 tenants, and to increase the awareness of potential participants of the benefits of the program. To date, the following outreach activities have been implemented:**

- **Program information has been mailed to all owners of two to four unit buildings listed on the town of Colonie tax rolls.**

- **All apartment complexes have been contacted and encouraged to accept Section 8 tenants.**
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## **Attachments**

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

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

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

Capital Fund Grant Number                      FFY of Grant Approval:    (MM/YYYY)

Original Annual Statement

Line No.	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost
1	Total Non -CGP Funds	
2	1406 Operations	
3	1408 Management Improvements	
4	1410 Administration	
5	1411 Audit	
6	1415 Liquidated Damages	
7	1430 Fees and Costs	
8	1440 Site Acquisition	
9	1450 Site Improvement	
10	1460 Dwelling Structures	
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment -Nonexpendable	
12	1470 Nondwelling Structures	
13	1475 Nondwelling Equipment	
14	1485 Demolition	
15	1490 Replacement Reserve	
16	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration	
17	1495.1 Relocation Costs	
18	1498 Mod Used for Development	
19	1502 Contingency	
20	<b>Amount of Annual Grant (Sum of lines 2 -19)</b>	
21	Amount of line 20 Related to LBP Activities	
22	Amount of line 20 Related to Section 504 Compliance	
23	Amount of line 20 Related to Security	
24	Amount of line 20 Related to Energy Conservation Measures	

**AnnualStatement  
CapitalFundProgram(CFP)PartII:SupportingTable**

Development Number/Name HA-WideActivities	GeneralDescriptionofMajorWork Categories	Development Account Number	Total Estimated Cost

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

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

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

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

<b>Optional 5 -Year Action Plan Tables</b>					
<b>Development Number</b>	<b>Development Name (or indicate PHA wide)</b>	<b>Number Vacant Units</b>	<b>% Vacancies in Development</b>		
<b>Description of Needed Physical Improvements or Management Improvements</b>				<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Planned Start Date (HA Fiscal Year)</b>
<b>Totalestimated cost over next 5 years</b>					

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