

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing

PHA Plan

Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2004



**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: City of Binghamton, New York

PHA Number: NY437

PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (mm/yyyy) 01/2004

Public Access to Information

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

- Main administrative office of the PHA (38 Hawley St., 4th Fl., Binghamton, NY)
- PHA development management offices
- PHA local offices

Display Locations For PHA Plans and Supporting Documents

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

- Main administrative office of the PHA (38 Hawley St., 4th Fl., Binghamton, NY)
- PHA development management offices
- PHA local offices
- Main administrative office of the local government
- Main administrative office of the County government
- Main administrative office of the State government
- Public library (Main branch, 185 Court St., Binghamton, New York)
- PHA webpage: www.bingnyphcd.com
- Other (list below)

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

- Main business office of the PHA (38 Hawley Street, 4th Fl., Binghamton, NY)
- PHA development management offices
- Other (list below)

**Annual PHA Plan
PHA Fiscal Year 2004**

[24 CFR Part 903.7]

i. Annual Plan Type:

Select which type of Annual Plan the PHA will submit.

Standard Plan

Streamlined Plan:

- High Performing PHA**
- Small Agency (<250 Public Housing Units)**
- Administering Section 8 Only**

Troubled Agency Plan

ii. Executive Summary of the Annual PHA Plan

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

Provide a brief overview of the information in the Annual Plan, including highlights of major initiatives and discretionary policies the PHA has included in the Annual Plan.

The City's Section 8 programs were established in 1976 under State legislation.

In 1976, the City's Section 8 program received its first approved Annual Contributions Contract under the Section 8 Existing Housing Assistance Payment Program. The City currently administers the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Pursuant to Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QWHRA) the City of Binghamton has prepared both five-year and annual plans governing the operation of the Section 8 programs. Since the City operates a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program only, there are relatively few new initiatives outlined in these plans.

Prior to the effective date of the five-year plan, the City revised its Administrative Plan to reflect changes in policy relative to pre-admission screening of applicants, sharing of information with landlords, and the merger of the Certificate and Voucher programs.

Prior to the Public Hearing held on November 6, 2003, the City distributed a flier to all current property managers and owners (approximately 300). The purpose of the flier was to inform interested parties about a public hearing and to solicit comments prior to the preparation of the draft annual plan. In addition to the flier the City also placed a notice in the local newspaper announcing the Public Hearing. A notice of the Public Hearing was also posted on the City's web site, located at www.BingNYPHCD.com, and within the department's public waiting area.

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

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Required Attachments:

- Admissions Policy for Deconcentration
- FY 2004 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
- FY 2004 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.

| List of Supporting Documents Available for Review | | |
|--|---|--|
| Applicable & On Display | Supporting Document | Applicable Plan Component |
| XXXXXX | PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations | 5 Year and Annual Plans |
| XXXXXX | State/Local Government Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan | 5 Year and Annual Plans |
| XXXXXX | Fair Housing Documentation: Records reflecting that the PHA has examined its programs or proposed programs, identified any impediments to fair housing choice in those programs, addressed or is addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available, and worked or is working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdictions’ initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA’s involvement. | 5 Year and Annual Plans |
| XXXXXX | 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 |
| N/A | Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program | Annual Plan: Financial Resources; |
| N/A | 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 |
| XXXXXX | Section 8 Administrative Plan | Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies |
| N/A | Public Housing Deconcentration and Income Mixing Documentation: 1. PHA board certifications of compliance with deconcentration requirements (section 16(a) of the US Housing Act of 1937, as implemented in the 2/18/99 <i>Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act Initial Guidance; Notice</i> and any further HUD guidance) and 2. Documentation of the required deconcentration and income mixing analysis | Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies |
| N/A | 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 |
| N/A | 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 |

| List of Supporting Documents Available for Review | | |
|--|---|---|
| Applicable & On Display | Supporting Document | Applicable Plan Component |
| XXXXXX | Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan | Annual Plan: Rent Determination |
| N/A | 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 |
| N/A | Public housing grievance procedures <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy | Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures |
| XXXXXX | Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan | Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures |
| N/A | The HUD-approved Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement (HUD 52837) for the active grant year | Annual Plan: Capital Needs |
| N/A | Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grant | Annual Plan: Capital Needs |
| N/A | 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 |
| N/A | 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 |
| N/A | Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing | Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition |
| N/A | Approved or submitted applications for designation of public housing (Designated Housing Plans) | Annual Plan: Designation of Public Housing |
| N/A | 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 |
| N/A | Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans | Annual Plan: Homeownership |
| N/A | Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the Section 8 Administrative Plan | Annual Plan: Homeownership |
| | Any cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency | Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency |
| N/A | FSS Action Plan/s for public housing and/or Section 8 | Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency |
| N/A | Most recent self-sufficiency (ED/SS, TOP or ROSS or other resident services grant) grant program reports | Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency |
| N/A | The most recent Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHEDEP) semi-annual performance report for any open grant and most recently submitted PHDEP application (PHDEP Plan) | Annual Plan: Safety and Crime Prevention |
| XXXXXX | 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 | Annual Plan: Annual Audit |

| List of Supporting Documents Available for Review | | |
|---|--|---------------------------|
| Applicable & On Display | Supporting Document | Applicable Plan Component |
| | response to any findings | |
| N/A | Troubled PHAs: MOA/Recovery Plan | Troubled PHAs |
| | Other supporting documents (optional) (list individually; use as many lines as necessary) | (specify as needed) |
| | | |

1. Statement of Housing Needs

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (a)]

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

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

| Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|----------------|--------|---------|----------------|------|-----------|
| Family Type | Overall | Afford-ability | Supply | Quality | Access-ibility | Size | Loca-tion |
| Income <= 30% of AMI | 6,225 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Income >30% but <=50% of AMI | 2,417 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Income >50% but <80% of AMI | 905 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Elderly | N/A | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Families with Disabilities | N/A | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Race/White | N/A | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Race/Black | N/A | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Race/A.I./A.N. | N/A | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Race/Asian/P.I. | N/A | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Note: Based on 2000 Consolidated Plan information using data from the 2000 census
N/A – Data broken down by number of households and income category only.

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

- Consolidated Plan of the Jurisdiction/s
Indicate year: 2001
- U.S. Census data: the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (“CHAS”) dataset
- American Housing Survey data
Indicate year:
- Other housing market study
Indicate year:
- Other sources: (list and indicate year of information)

B. Housing Needs of Families on the Public Housing and Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance Waiting Lists

State the housing needs of the families on the PHA’s waiting list/s. **Complete one table for each type of PHA-wide waiting list administered by the PHA.** PHAs may provide separate tables for site-based or sub-jurisdictional public housing waiting lists at their option.

| Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List | | | |
|--|---|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Waiting list type: (select one) | | | |
| <input 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 | 438 | | <i>Approximately 10%</i> |
| Extremely low income <=30% AMI | N/A | | |
| Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI) | N/A | | |
| Low income (>50% but <80% AMI) | N/A | | |
| Families with children | 156 | 35% | |
| Elderly families | N/A | | |
| Families with Disabilities | N/A | | |
| Race/White | N/A | | |
| Race/Black | N/A | | |

| Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|
| Race/A.I/A.N. | N/A | | |
| Race/Asian/P.I. | N/A | | |
| * - Estimate N/A = Data Not Available from current Waiting List Software | | | |
| Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only) | | | |
| 1BR | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 2 BR | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 3 BR | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 4 BR | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 5 BR | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 5+ BR | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | | | |
| If yes: | | | |
| How long has it been closed (# of months)? 7 months. | | | |
| Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | | | |
| Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | | | |

C. Strategy for Addressing Needs

Provide a brief description of the PHA's strategy for addressing the housing needs of families in the jurisdiction and on the waiting list **IN THE UPCOMING YEAR**, and the Agency's reasons for choosing this strategy.

(1) Strategies

Need: Shortage of affordable housing for all eligible populations

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

Select all that apply

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

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

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

Select all that apply

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

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

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

Select all that apply

- Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in public housing
- Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in tenant-based section 8 assistance
- Employ admissions preferences aimed at families with economic hardships
- Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- Other: (list below) **The City of Binghamton has received a waiver of the targeting requirement.**

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

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

Select all that apply

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

Need: Specific Family Types: The Elderly

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to the elderly:

Select all that apply

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

The City of Binghamton is currently working with First Ward Action Council, a local Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), on a project to transform a former school into a low-income elderly housing complex. This project would create 13 new apartments in a centrally located section of the City. These units would then be open for leasing to elderly HCV clients, similar to the successful Hamilton House apartments, which was also a former school converted to elderly housing by another CHDO group.

Need: Specific Family Types: Families with Disabilities

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to Families with Disabilities:

Select all that apply

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

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

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

Select if applicable

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

Strategy 2: Conduct activities to affirmatively further fair housing

Select all that apply

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

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

(2) Reasons for Selecting Strategies

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

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

2. Statement of Financial Resources

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (b)]

List the financial resources that are anticipated to be available to the PHA for the support of Federal public housing and tenant-based Section 8 assistance programs administered by the PHA during the Plan year. Note: the table assumes that Federal public housing or tenant based Section 8 assistance grant funds are expended on eligible purposes; therefore, uses of these funds need not be stated. For other funds, indicate the use for those funds as one of the following categories: public housing operations, public housing capital improvements, public housing safety/security, public housing supportive services, Section 8 tenant-based assistance, Section 8 supportive services or other.

| Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| Sources | Planned \$ | Planned Uses |
| 1. Federal Grants (FY 2002 grants) | | |
| a) Public Housing Operating Fund | N/A | |
| b) Public Housing Capital Fund | N/A | |
| c) HOPE VI Revitalization | N/A | |
| d) HOPE VI Demolition | N/A | |
| e) Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance | \$1,480,355 | |
| f) Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (including any Technical Assistance funds) | N/A | |
| g) Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants | N/A | |
| h) Community Development Block Grant | N/A | N/A |
| i) HOME | N/A | N/A |
| Other Federal Grants (list below) | N/A | N/A |
| | | |

| Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| Sources | Planned \$ | Planned Uses |
| 2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below) | N/A | N/A |
| | | |
| | | |
| 3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income | N/A | N/A |
| | | |
| 4. Other income (list below) | N/A | N/A |
| | | |
| 4. Non-federal sources (list below) | N/A | N/A |
| | | |
| | | |
| Total resources | \$1,480,355 | |
| | | |
| | | |

3. PHA Policies Governing Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (c)]

A. Public Housing

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

(1) Eligibility

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

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

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

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

- c. Yes No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?
- d. Yes No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?
- e. Yes No: Does the PHA access FBI criminal records from the FBI for screening purposes? (either directly or through an NCIC-authorized source)

(2)Waiting List Organization

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) Assignment

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

- One
- Two
- Three or More

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

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

(4) Admissions Preferences

a. Income targeting:

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

b. Transfer policies:

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

- Emergencies
- Overhoused
- 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
- Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- Other preference(s) (list below)

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

Date and Time

Former Federal preferences:

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

Other preferences (select all that apply)

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

4. Relationship of preferences to income targeting requirements:

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

(5) Occupancy

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

- The PHA-resident lease
- The PHA's Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy policy
- PHA briefing seminars or written materials
- Other source (list)

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

- At an annual reexamination and lease renewal
- Any time family composition changes
- At family request for revision
- Other (list)

(6) Deconcentration and Income Mixing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

B. Section 8

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

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

(1) Eligibility

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

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

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)
- The City of Binghamton accepts applications only through the mail at a designated post office box during the period in which the City has announced the opening of the waiting list.

(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:

- Extensions may be granted in instances where the applicant has met one of three criteria outlined in the Administrative Plan.

(4) Admissions Preferences

a. Income targeting

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

b. Preferences

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

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

Former Federal preferences

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

Other preferences (select all that apply)

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

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

1 Date and Time

Former Federal preferences

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

Other preferences (select all that apply)

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

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

- Date and time of application
- Drawing (lottery) or other random choice technique (Original position on waiting list is established by lottery).

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

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

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

- The PHA applies preferences within income tiers
- Not applicable: the pool of applicant families ensures that the PHA will meet income targeting requirements (**NOTE: Due to the income characteristics of the City’s current waiting list, the City has received a waiver of the income targeting requirement**)

(5) Special Purpose Section 8 Assistance Programs

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

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

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

- Through published notices
- Other (list below)

4. PHA Rent Determination Policies

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (d)]

A. Public Housing

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

(1) Income Based Rent Policies

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

a. Use of discretionary policies: (select one)

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

---or---

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

b. Minimum Rent

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If yes, state amount/s and circumstances below:

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

- For household heads
- For other family members
- For transportation expenses
- 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)
- 95th percentile rents
- 75 percent of operating costs
- 100 percent of operating costs for general occupancy (family) developments
- Operating costs plus debt service
- The "rental value" of the unit
- Other (list below)

f. Rent re-determinations:

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

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

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

(2) Flat Rents

1. In setting the market-based flat rents, what sources of information did the PHA use to establish comparability? (select all that apply.)

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

B. Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance

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

(1) Payment Standards

Describe the voucher payment standards and policies.

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

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

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

- FMRs are adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment of the FMR area
- The PHA has chosen to serve additional families by lowering the payment standard
- Reflects market or submarket
- Other (list below)

c. If the payment standard is higher than FMR, why has the PHA chosen this level? (select all that apply)

- FMRs are not adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment of the FMR area
- Reflects market or submarket
- To increase housing options for families
- Other (list below)

d. How often are payment standards reevaluated for adequacy? (select one)

- Annually
- Other (list below)

e. What factors will the PHA consider in its assessment of the adequacy of its payment standard? (select all that apply)

- Success rates of assisted families
- Rent burdens of assisted families
- Other (list below)

(2) Minimum Rent

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

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

b. Yes No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies? (if yes, list below)

5. Operations and Management

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (e)]

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

A. PHA Management Structure

Describe the PHA's management structure and organization.

(select one)

- An organization chart showing the PHA's management structure and organization is attached.
- A brief description of the management structure and organization of the PHA follows:
See pages 41-42 for a description of the Section 8 management structure.

B. HUD Programs Under PHA Management

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

| Program Name | Units or Families Served at Year Beginning | Expected Turnover |
|---|--|-------------------|
| Public Housing | N/A | N/A |
| Section 8 Vouchers | 437 | 19* |
| Section 8 Certificates | 0 | 0 |
| Section 8 Mod Rehab | 0 | 0 |
| Special Purpose Section 8 Certificates/Vouchers (list individually) | N/A | N/A |
| Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP) | N/A | N/A |
| | | |
| Other Federal Programs(list individually) | N/A | N/A |
| | | |
| | | |

*** - Estimated**

Note: The City of Binghamton elects not to automatically absorb portability clients moving into the jurisdiction. Portability clients are absorbed intermittently to provide the open vouchers for local families on the waiting list.

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)
 - Section 8 Administrative Plan

6. PHA Grievance Procedures

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (f)]

Exemptions from component 6: High performing PHAs are not required to complete component 6. **Section 8-Only PHAs are exempt from sub-component 6A.**

A. Public Housing

1. Yes No: Has the PHA established any written grievance procedures in addition to federal requirements found at 24 CFR Part 966, Subpart B, for residents of public housing?

If yes, list additions to federal requirements below:

2. Which PHA office should residents or applicants to public housing contact to initiate the PHA grievance process? (select all that apply)

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

B. Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance

1. Yes No: Has the PHA established informal review procedures for applicants to the Section 8 tenant-based assistance program and informal hearing procedures for families assisted by the Section 8 tenant-based assistance program in addition to federal requirements found at 24 CFR 982?

If yes, list additions to federal requirements below:

2. Which PHA office should applicants or assisted families contact to initiate the informal review and informal hearing processes? (select all that apply)

- PHA main administrative office (38 Hawley St., 4th Fl., Binghamton, NY)
 Other (list below)

7. Capital Improvement Needs

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (g)]

Exemptions from Component 7: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this component and may skip to Component 8.

A. Capital Fund Activities

Exemptions from sub-component 7A: PHAs that will not participate in the Capital Fund Program may skip to component 7B. All other PHAs must complete 7A as instructed.

(1) Capital Fund Program Annual Statement

Using parts I, II, and III of the Annual Statement for the Capital Fund Program (CFP), identify capital activities the PHA is proposing for the upcoming year to ensure long-term physical and social viability of its public housing developments. This statement can be completed by using the CFP Annual Statement tables provided in the table library at the end of the PHA Plan template **OR**, at the PHA's option, by completing and attaching a properly updated HUD-52837.

Select one:

The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement is provided as an attachment to the PHA Plan at Attachment (state name)

-or-

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

(2) Optional 5-Year Action Plan

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

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

b. If yes to question a, select one:

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

-or-

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

B. HOPE VI and Public Housing Development and Replacement Activities (Non-Capital Fund)

Applicability of sub-component 7B: All PHAs administering public housing. Identify any approved HOPE VI and/or public housing development or replacement activities not described in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement.

Yes No: a) Has the PHA received a HOPE VI revitalization grant? (if no, skip to question c; if yes, provide responses to question b for each grant, copying and completing as many times as necessary)
b) Status of HOPE VI revitalization grant (complete one set of questions for each grant)

1. Development name:
2. Development (project) number:
3. Status of grant: (select the statement that best describes the current status)
 - Revitalization Plan under development
 - Revitalization Plan submitted, pending approval
 - Revitalization Plan approved
 - Activities pursuant to an approved Revitalization Plan underway

Yes No: c) Does the PHA plan to apply for a HOPE VI Revitalization grant in the Plan year?
If yes, list development name/s below:

Yes No: d) Will the PHA be engaging in any mixed-finance development activities for public housing in the Plan year?
If yes, list developments or activities below:

Yes No: e) Will the PHA be conducting any other public housing development or replacement activities not discussed in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement?
If yes, list developments or activities below:

8. Demolition and Disposition

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (h)]

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

1. Yes No: Does the PHA plan to conduct any demolition or disposition activities (pursuant to section 18 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437p)) in the plan Fiscal Year? (If “No”, skip to component 9; if “yes”, complete one activity description for each development.)

2. Activity Description

Yes No: Has the PHA provided the activities description information in the **optional** Public Housing Asset Management Table? (If “yes”, skip to component 9. If “No”, complete the Activity Description table below.)

| Demolition/Disposition Activity Description | |
|---|--|
| 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: <u>(DD/MM/YY)</u> | |
| 5. Number of units affected: | |
| 6. Coverage of action (select one) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Part of the development | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total development | |
| 7. Timeline for activity: | |
| a. Actual or projected start date of activity: | |
| b. Projected end date of activity: | |

9. Designation of Public Housing for Occupancy by Elderly Families or Families with Disabilities or Elderly Families and Families with Disabilities

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (i)]

Exemptions from Component 9; **Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this section.**

1. Yes No: Has the PHA designated or applied for approval to designate or does the PHA plan to apply to designate any public housing for occupancy only by the elderly families or only by families with disabilities, or by elderly families and families with disabilities or will apply for designation for occupancy by only elderly families or only families with disabilities, or by elderly families and families with disabilities as provided by section 7 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437e) in the upcoming fiscal year? (If “No”, skip to component 10. If “yes”, complete one activity description for each development, unless the PHA is eligible to complete a streamlined submission; PHAs completing streamlined submissions may skip to component 10.)

2. Activity Description

Yes No: Has the PHA provided all required activity description information for this component in the **optional** Public Housing Asset Management Table? If “yes”, skip to component 10. If “No”, complete the Activity Description table below.

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

10. Conversion of Public Housing to Tenant-Based Assistance

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (j)]

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

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

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

2. Activity Description

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

Conversion of Public Housing Activity Description

1a. Development name:

1b. Development (project) number:

2. What is the status of the required assessment?

- Assessment underway
- Assessment results submitted to HUD
- Assessment results approved by HUD (if marked, proceed to next question)
- Other (explain below)

3. Yes No: Is a Conversion Plan required? (If yes, go to block 4; if no, go to block 5.)

4. Status of Conversion Plan (select the statement that best describes the current status)

- Conversion Plan in development
- Conversion Plan submitted to HUD on: (DD/MM/YYYY)
- Conversion Plan approved by HUD on: (DD/MM/YYYY)
- Activities pursuant to HUD-approved Conversion Plan underway

5. Description of how requirements of Section 202 are being satisfied by means other than conversion (select one)

- Units addressed in a pending or approved demolition application (date submitted or approved: _____)
- Units addressed in a pending or approved HOPE VI demolition application (date submitted or approved: _____)
- Units addressed in a pending or approved HOPE VI Revitalization Plan (date submitted or approved: _____)
- Requirements no longer applicable: vacancy rates are less than 10 percent
- Requirements no longer applicable: site now has less than 300 units
- Other: (describe below)

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

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

11. Homeownership Programs Administered by the PHA

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (k)]

A. Public Housing

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

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

2. Activity Description

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

| Public Housing Homeownership Activity Description (Complete one for each development affected) | |
|---|--|
| 1a. Development name: | |
| 1b. Development (project) number: | |
| 2. Federal Program authority: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HOPE I <input type="checkbox"/> 5(h) <input type="checkbox"/> Turnkey III <input type="checkbox"/> Section 32 of the USHA of 1937 (effective 10/1/99) | |
| 3. Application status: (select one) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved; included in the PHA’s Homeownership Plan/Program <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted, pending approval <input type="checkbox"/> Planned application | |
| 4. Date Homeownership Plan/Program approved, submitted, or planned for submission: (DD/MM/YYYY) | |
| 5. Number of units affected: | |
| 6. Coverage of action: (select one) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Part of the development <input type="checkbox"/> Total development | |

B. Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance

1. Yes No: Does the PHA plan to administer a Section 8 Homeownership program pursuant to Section 8(y) of the U.S.H.A. of 1937, as implemented by 24 CFRpart 982 ? (If “No”, skip to component 12; if “yes”, describe each program using the table below (copy and complete questions for each program identified), unless the PHA is eligible to complete a streamlined submission due to high performer status. **High performing PHAs** may skip to component 12.)

2. Program Description:

a. Size of Program

- Yes No: Will the PHA limit the number of families participating in the section 8 homeownership option?

If the answer to the question above was yes, which statement best describes the number of participants? (select one)

- 25 or fewer participants
 26 - 50 participants
 51 to 100 participants
 more than 100 participants

b. PHA established eligibility criteria

- Yes No: Will the PHA’s program have eligibility criteria for participation in its Section 8 Homeownership Option program in addition to HUD criteria?
If yes, list criteria below:

12. PHA Community Service and Self-sufficiency Programs

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (l)]

Exemptions from Component 12: High performing and small PHAs are not required to complete this component.
Section 8-Only PHAs are not required to complete sub-component C.

A. PHA Coordination with the Welfare (TANF) Agency

1. Cooperative agreements:

- Yes No: Has the PHA entered into a cooperative agreement with the TANF Agency, to share information and/or target supportive services (as contemplated by section 12(d)(7) of the Housing Act of 1937)?

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

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

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

B. Services and programs offered to residents and participants

(1) General

a. Self-Sufficiency Policies

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

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

b. Economic and Social self-sufficiency programs

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

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

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

13. PHA Safety and Crime Prevention Measures

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (m)]

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

A. Need for measures to ensure the safety of public housing residents

1. Describe the need for measures to ensure the safety of public housing residents (select all that apply)

- High incidence of violent and/or drug-related crime in some or all of the PHA's developments
- High incidence of violent and/or drug-related crime in the areas surrounding or adjacent to the PHA's developments
- Residents fearful for their safety and/or the safety of their children
- Observed lower-level crime, vandalism and/or graffiti
- People on waiting list unwilling to move into one or more developments due to perceived and/or actual levels of violent and/or drug-related crime
- Other (describe below)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C. Coordination between PHA and the police

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

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

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

D. Additional information as required by PHDEP/PHDEP Plan

PHAs eligible for FY 2004 PHDEP funds must provide a PHDEP Plan meeting specified requirements prior to receipt of PHDEP funds.

- Yes No: Is the PHA eligible to participate in the PHDEP in the fiscal year covered by this PHA Plan?
- Yes No: Has the PHA included the PHDEP Plan for FY 2004 in this PHA Plan?
- Yes No: This PHDEP Plan is an Attachment. (Attachment Filename: ____)

14. RESERVED FOR PET POLICY

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (n)]

15. Civil Rights Certifications

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (o)]

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

16. Fiscal Audit

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (p)]

1. Yes No: Is the PHA required to have an audit conducted under section 5(h)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c(h))?
(If no, skip to component 17.)
2. Yes No: Was the most recent fiscal audit submitted to HUD? (FY 2002)
3. Yes No: Were there any findings as the result of that audit?
4. Yes No: If there were any findings, do any remain unresolved?
If yes, how many unresolved findings remain? _____
5. Yes No: Have responses to any unresolved findings been submitted to HUD?
If not, when are they due (state below)?

17. PHA Asset Management

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (q)]

Exemptions from component 17: **Section 8 Only PHAs are not required to complete this component.** High performing and small PHAs are not required to complete this component.

1. Yes No: Is the PHA engaging in any activities that will contribute to the long-term asset management of its public housing stock, including how the Agency will plan for long-term operating, capital investment, rehabilitation, modernization, disposition, and other needs that have **not** been addressed elsewhere in this PHA Plan?
2. What types of asset management activities will the PHA undertake? (select all that apply)
 Not applicable
 Private management
 Development-based accounting
 Comprehensive stock assessment
 Other: (list below)
3. Yes No: Has the PHA included descriptions of asset management activities in the **optional** Public Housing Asset Management Table?

18. Other Information

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

A. Resident Advisory Board Recommendations

1. Yes No: Did the PHA receive any comments on the PHA Plan from the Resident Advisory Board/s?

2. If yes, the comments are: (if comments were received, the PHA **MUST** select one)

Attached at Attachment (File name)

Provided below:

3. In what manner did the PHA address those comments? (select all that apply)

Considered comments, but determined that no changes to the PHA Plan were necessary.

The PHA changed portions of the PHA Plan in response to comments

List changes below:

Other: (list below)

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

1. Yes No: Does the PHA meet the exemption criteria provided section 2(b)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937? (If no, continue to question 2; if yes, skip to sub-component C.)

2. Yes No: Was the resident who serves on the PHA Board elected by the residents? (If yes, continue to question 3; if no, skip to sub-component C.)

3. Description of Resident Election Process

a. Nomination of candidates for place on the ballot: (select all that apply)

Candidates were nominated by resident and assisted family organizations

Candidates could be nominated by any adult recipient of PHA assistance

Self-nomination: Candidates registered with the PHA and requested a place on ballot

Other: (describe)

b. Eligible candidates: (select one)

Any recipient of PHA assistance

Any head of household receiving PHA assistance

Any adult recipient of PHA assistance

Any adult member of a resident or assisted family organization

Other (list)

c. Eligible voters: (select all that apply)

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

The City of Binghamton offers all Section 8 clients the opportunity to serve on the Resident Advisory Board and to comment on the PHA Plan. In January 2003, the City of Binghamton Section 8 Office formally solicited all current adult Section 8 clients to populate the Resident Advisory Board, consisting of a minimum of 3 adult clients. All interested clients remain on the Advisory Board for the entire fiscal year if they continue to receive Section 8 assistance. The board consists of three Section 8 residents and one Section 8 staff.

C. Statement of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

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

1. Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: **City of Binghamton**
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)

Other: (list below)

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

- In an effort to increase the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary rental housing, the City of Binghamton uses a portion of its annual CDBG allocation to provide funding for the rehabilitation of owner-occupied 1-3 family buildings thereby eliminating substandard rental housing.
- The CDBG program funds four Code Enforcement officers to address code problems and housing deterioration in CDBG target areas.

- The CDBG program funds a housing counseling agency to provide services to low/moderate income city residents.
- The City of Binghamton provides funding to local Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) to rehabilitate substandard housing for occupancy by low-income households.

D. Other Information Required by HUD

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

Attachments

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

ORGANIZATIONAL SET-UP

The Section 8 programs are delivered and administered through the City's Department of Planning, Housing, and Community Development. The department is responsible for the operations of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

The Section 8 Program is headed by the Director of Planning, Housing, and Community Development, who reports directly to the Mayor and is responsible for administration of the programs and the staff.

The organization of the department is as follows:

The Section 8 HCV program has caseworkers that are responsible for accepting the pre-application, placing people in order on the waiting list, and taking and verifying the full application. The caseworkers are also responsible for the balance of the Section 8 activities from Voucher issuance through termination.

One staff member is designated as the "Inspector" and performs all inspections, excluding supervisory inspections.

The staff of the Section 8 programs consists of the following:

1. Housing Coordinator/Housing Caseworker

As an important administrative position, the Housing Coordinator (or Housing Caseworker) reports to the Assistant Director of Planning, Housing and Community Development.

The Housing Coordinator is responsible for the following activities:

- Preparation of operating budgets, programmatic, and financial reports as required by HUD.
- Securing funding via ACC's and/or NOFA's.
- Reports to the Assistant Director on program accomplishments and status of activities.
- Maintaining the waiting and transfer lists.
- Outreach to landlords and tenants to ensure sufficient applicants for program.
- Work with Corporation Counsel to ensure legal compliance.
- Maintaining an up to date Administrative Plan.
- Developing and maintaining a Family Self-Sufficiency program.
- Review and revise as necessary Payment Standards for the Voucher Program.
- Review and revise as necessary Utility Allowance schedules.
- Maintain Rent Reasonableness manuals.
- Conduct HQS training as required.
- Develop briefing packets for both landlords and tenants.
- Review and revise as necessary EEO objectives
- Conduct program training as necessary
- Maintains waiting lists and working with clients through Certificate or Voucher issuance.

Housing Coordinators/Caseworkers are also responsible for administering client files from the point of Voucher issuance onward. Typical duties include rent reasonableness determinations, leasing, re-certifications and reexaminations. One Housing Coordinator will be designated to perform all inspections, excluding supervisory inspections.

2. Assistant Housing Coordinators

Assistant Housing Coordinators are exclusively responsible for administering client files from the point of Voucher issuance onward. Typical duties include rent reasonableness determinations, leasing, re-certifications and reexaminations.

3. Senior Account Clerk Typist

This position serves as the clerical support to the HA. Typical duties include data processing, receptionist, and miscellaneous office management duties.

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

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-Nonexpedable | |
| 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) | |
| 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 | |

Annual Statement
Capital Fund Program (CFP) Part II: Supporting Table

| Development Number/Name HA-Wide Activities | General Description of Major Work Categories | Development Account Number | Total Estimated Cost |
|--|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
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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) |
|--|--|---|
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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.

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

