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Streamlined 5-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2005 - 2009

Streamlined Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2005

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Streamlined Five-Year PHA Plan Agency Identification

PHA Name: Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority

PHA Number: MA094

PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: 10/05

PHA Programs Administered:

Public Housing and Section 8

Number of public housing units:

Number of S8 units:

Section 8 Only

Number of S8 units: 579

Public Housing Only

Number of public housing units:

PHA Consortia: (check box if submitting a joint PHA Plan and complete table)

Participating PHAs	PHA Code	Program(s) Included in the Consortium	Programs Not in the Consortium	# of Units Each Program
Participating PHA 1:				
Participating PHA 2:				
Participating PHA 3:				

Public Access to Information

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

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

Display Locations For PHA Plans and Supporting Documents

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

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

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

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

Streamlined Five-Year PHA Plan

PHA FISCAL YEARS 2005 - 2009

[24 CFR Part 903.12]

A. Mission

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

- The mission of the PHA is the same as that of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: To promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination.
- The PHA's mission is: The FCRHRA exists to ensure the availability of affordable, safe, decent and sanitary housing for low and moderate-income households and individuals. The Authority accomplishes this by the creative use and effective administration of state and Federal housing programs in a manner that best meets the housing needs of its service area. The authority serves all of Franklin County, working with the private sector, local elected officials and other local housing authorities.

B. Goals

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

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

- PHA Goal: Expand the supply of assisted housing
 Objectives:
- Apply for additional rental vouchers: FCRHRA will apply for additional rental vouchers whenever available and appropriate.
 - Reduce public housing vacancies:
 - Leverage private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities:
 - Acquire or build units or developments
 - Other : Through its non-profit, Rural Development, Inc., the FCRHRA builds new homes for low and moderate income families using a modified self-help housing program. Low cost mortgages are available through USDA Rural Development. FCRHRA also acquires existing buildings through Rural Development, Inc., rehabilitates the units, and with Low Income Tax Credit Programs makes existing housing available for low and moderate-income families.

The FCRHRA Board of Directors approved the Project Base Administrative plan and landlords have expressed interest in several different locations.

- PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing
- Objectives:
- Improve public housing management: (PHAS score)
 - Improve voucher management: (SEMAP score) FCRHRA will maintain its satisfactory SEMAP score.
 - Increase customer satisfaction:
 - Concentrate on efforts to improve specific management functions: (list; e.g., public housing finance; voucher unit inspections) PIC reporting and rent reasonableness
 - Renovate or modernize public housing units:
 - Demolish or dispose of obsolete public housing:
 - Provide replacement public housing:
 - Provide replacement vouchers:
 - Other: (list below)
- PHA Goal: Increase assisted housing choices
- Objectives:
- Provide voucher mobility counseling: All clients will continue to be briefed regarding mobility options and benefits.
 - Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords: To expand its outreach efforts, the FCRHRA works very closely with area landlords, Housing Consumer Education Centers, social service agencies, advocacy groups and state agencies. FCRHRA will continue to participate in meetings of the local landlord business association; has and will continue to maintain an updated "Briefing Packet for Landlords" to keep landlords abreast of new changes in the Section 8 program. All landlords, new and existing, are routinely invited to attend private and or client briefing sessions to enhance their program knowledge. In addition to the FCRHRA's involvement with the local landlord business association, the FCRHRA formed a Landlord Advisory committee of its own and quarterly informational meetings are held at the FCRHRA office in Turners Falls, and in the North Quabbin area for the benefit of all landlords, social service agencies, advocacy groups and state agencies. The results of these meetings have proven very positive for us in a variety of ways. Through the reputation and trust that we have developed, we continue to recognize a substantial increase in program participation from new landlords and property management companies. Some of the benefits include successfully placing "at risk" clients in housing where they may not have otherwise secured housing on their own, either because of poor rental history or the lack of sufficient funds for security deposit and first/last month's rent; locating affordable housing units that are not typically advertised; and locating units that have been deeded.
 - Increase voucher payment standards: FCRHRA has and will continue to monitor rental market changes for all towns throughout its jurisdiction and adjust voucher payment standards accordingly.

Implement voucher homeownership program: FCRHRA currently works cooperatively with the Greenfield Housing Authority to operate our joint Section 8 Homeownership Program. FCRHRA has had four successful homeownership closings to date.

- Implement public housing or other homeownership programs:
- Implement public housing site based waiting lists:
- Convert public housing to vouchers:
- Other: (list below)

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

PHA Goal: Provide an improved living environment

Objectives:

- Implement measures to deconcentrate poverty by bringing higher income public housing households into lower income developments:
- Implement measures to promote income mixing in public housing by assuring access for lower income families into higher income developments:
- Implement public housing security improvements:
- Designate developments or buildings for particular resident groups (elderly, persons with disabilities) FCRHRA through its non-profit, Rural Development, Inc. has purchased and rehabilitated the Moltenbrey Building in Turners Falls and is working cooperatively with the Beacon Program through the Franklin Medical Center to establish 25 efficiency units of sober housing for single individuals. Project base vouchers are in place in six of the 25 units.
- Other: (list below)

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

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

Objectives:

- Increase the number and percentage of employed persons in assisted families:
- Provide or attract supportive services to improve assistance recipients' employability:
- Provide or attract supportive services to increase independence for the elderly or families with disabilities.
- Other: Through FCRHRA's Family Self sufficiency Program, families are encouraged to attain self-sufficiency by achieving their agreed upon goals.

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

PHA Goal: Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing

Objectives:

- Undertake affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability:
- Undertake affirmative measures to provide a suitable living environment for families living in assisted housing, regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability:
- Undertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all varieties of disabilities regardless of unit size required:
- Other: FCRHRA will continue to operate its tenant and project based programs in full compliance with all equal opportunity laws and regulations.

Other PHA Goals and Objectives: (list below)

- 1. To manage FCRHRA's tenant and project based programs efficiently and effectively to ensure a standard-performer rating under SEMAP.**
 - a. To sustain a utilization rate of at least 95%**
 - b. To continue to operate a successful Homeownership Program.**
 - c. To increase the availability of Project Base units in Franklin County.**

Streamlined Annual PHA Plan

PHA Fiscal Year 2005

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b)]

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B. SEPARATE HARD COPY SUBMISSIONS TO LOCAL HUD FIELD OFFICE

Form HUD-50077, PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations: Board Resolution to Accompany the Standard Annual, Standard Five-Year, and Streamlined Five-Year/Annual Plans;
Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plan Consistency with Consolidated Plan.

For PHAs APPLYING FOR CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM (CFP) GRANTS:
Form HUD-50070, *Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace*;
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Form SF-LLL & SF-LLLa, *Disclosure of Lobbying Activities*.

Executive Summary (optional)

[903.7(r)].

The 5 – Year/Annual Plan details the needs for housing assistance and the policies implemented by the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority (FCRHRA) in operating its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. The FCRHRA continues to apply for additional vouchers as the opportunity avails. In addition to the extensive outreach that is currently in place, the FCRHRA continues its outreach efforts to include offering a routine informational meeting to local landlords, social service agencies, advocacy groups and state agencies. The meetings occur on a quarterly basis, and they are organized and conducted by the Leased Housing Staff for landlords and all interested social service and advocacy groups and state agencies. All parties are invited to attend these informational meetings concerning various housing topics of popular interest. The most recent meeting focused on the proposed Flexible Voucher Program, affects on landlords and tenants. The group plays a major role in the selection of meeting topics. As a result of these meetings, we continue to see an increase in participation in the Section 8 program from new landlords and property management companies.

The FCRHRA continues to monitor all rental market areas within its jurisdiction and utilize the 110% of the FMR standards for all towns in our area.

FCRHRA is also proud of its FSS program, which is a joint effort of the Greenfield Housing Authority (GHA) and FCRHRA. The FSS program participant population has grown substantially and the program has proven itself very successful. Due to the success of the FSS program, in 2002, the FCRHRA joined the GHA to form a Housing Choice voucher Homeownership program that is offered to all FSS participants. The administrative plan and program tools are currently in place and to date, four families have purchased homes and several others are in various stages of homeownership.

1. Statement of Housing Needs [24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7(a)]

A. 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 PHA’s Waiting Lists			
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/sub jurisdiction:			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	274		25%
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	232	85%	

Housing Needs of Families on the PHA's Waiting Lists			
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	37	13%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	5	2%	
Families with children	69		
Elderly families	4		
Families with Disabilities	103		
White	179		
Black/African American	35		
Amer Ind/Alaska Native	4		
Asian	36		
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)			
1BR	126		
2 BR	83		
3 BR	51		
4 BR	12		
5 BR			
5+ BR	1		
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			

B. Strategy for Addressing Needs

Provide a brief description of the PHA's strategy for addressing the housing needs of families on the PHA's public housing and Section 8 waiting lists **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: FCRHRA serves non-elderly/disabled single individuals.

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

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

Select all that apply

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

Need: Specific Family Types: The Elderly**Strategy 1: Target available assistance to the elderly:**

Select all that apply

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

Need: Specific Family Types: Families with Disabilities**Strategy 1: Target available assistance to Families with Disabilities:**

Select all that apply

- Seek designation of public housing for families with disabilities
- Carry out the modifications needed in public housing based on the section 504 Needs Assessment for Public Housing
- Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to families with disabilities, should they become available
- Affirmatively market to local non-profit agencies that assist families with disabilities
- Other: FCRHRA is prepared to apply for the Mainstream Disability vouchers when they are offered in the super Nofa and will continue to work closely with advocacy groups and state agencies serving and representing people with disabilities.

Need: Specific Family Types: Races or ethnicities with disproportionate housing needs**Strategy 1: Increase awareness of PHA resources among families of races and ethnicities with disproportionate needs:**

Select if applicable

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

Strategy 2: Conduct activities to affirmatively further fair housing

Select all that apply

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

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

(2) Reasons for Selecting Strategies

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

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

2. Statement of Financial Resources

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (c)]

List on the following table 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 20__ grants)	N/A	
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	3,197,206.00	
f) Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants	N/A	
g) Community Development Block Grant	N/A	
h) HOME	N/A	
Other Federal Grants (list below)	N/A	
2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below)	0	

Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses		
Sources	Planned \$	Planned Uses
3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income	0	
4. Other income (list below)	0	
4. Non-federal sources (list below)	0	
Total resources	3,197,206.00	

3. PHA Policies Governing Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (b)]

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. Site-Based Waiting Lists-Previous Year

1. Has the PHA operated one or more site-based waiting lists in the previous year? If yes, complete the following table; if not skip to d.

Site-Based Waiting Lists				
Development Information: (Name, number, location)	Date Initiated	Initial mix of Racial, Ethnic or Disability Demographics	Current mix of Racial, Ethnic or Disability Demographics since Initiation of SBWL	Percent change between initial and current mix of Racial, Ethnic, or Disability demographics

2. What is the number of site based waiting list developments to which families may apply at one time? ___

3. How many unit offers may an applicant turn down before being removed from the site-based waiting list? ___

4. Yes No: Is the PHA the subject of any pending fair housing complaint by HUD or any court order or settlement agreement? If yes, describe the order, agreement or complaint and describe how use of a site-based waiting list will not violate or be inconsistent with the order, agreement or complaint below:

d. Site-Based Waiting Lists – Coming Year

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
 - Over-housed
 - Under-housed
 - 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: Does the PHA have any general occupancy (family) public housing developments covered by the deconcentration rule? If no, this section is complete. If yes, continue to the next question.

b. Yes No: Do any of these covered developments have average incomes above or below 85% to 115% of the average incomes of all such developments? If

no, this section is complete. If yes, list these developments on the following table:

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

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):
 - Other history of fraud in public or Section 8 housing, where information is available to FCRHRA.

In addition to requesting a CORI history on all applicants 17 & over, the FCRHRA currently screens all new applicants from the age of 6 & above for Sex Offender Records.

- 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 FCRHRA will furnish prospective owners with the family’s current address as shown in the FCRHRA’s records and, if known to the FCRHRA, the name and address of the landlord at the family’s current and prior address. The FCRHRA will furnish prospective owners with information about the family’s rental history, or any history of drug trafficking. The FCRHRA will provide the following information, based on documentation in its possession: Eviction history, damage to rental units, other aspects of tenancy history, e.g. unauthorized

household members, Drug trafficking by family members. The information will be provided for the last 30 years. The information will be provided orally or in writing.

(2) Waiting List Organization

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

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

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

- PHA main administrative office
 Other (list below)

(3) Search Time

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

If yes, state circumstances below:

Due to lack of affordable and suitable housing, initial vouchers are issued for a full 120 day period. If a client can demonstrate that s/he has actively pursued a housing search but cannot find a unit, or that s/he has a family hardship, the FCRHRA will also grant one 60 day extension for a total of 180 days and beyond for special accommodations.

(4) Admissions Preferences

a. Income targeting

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

b. Preferences

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

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

Former Federal preferences

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

Other preferences (select all that apply)

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

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

- Date and Time

Former Federal preferences:

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

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

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

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

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

*Previous to the new rule, FCRHRA submitted a request for HUD approval that was reviewed and verbally approved based on the FCRHRA's ability to demonstrate compliance with non-discrimination and equal opportunity requirements. Our current policy was established in April of 2002 in accordance with the Housing Choice Voucher program guidebook; residency preferences are permitted and no longer require HUD approval.

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

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

(5) Special Purpose Section 8 Assistance Programs

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

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

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

- Through published notices
- Other Contact relevant social service programs, state agencies, non-profits, advocacy groups and other housing authorities, agencies.

4. PHA Rent Determination Policies

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7(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 of the following two)

- 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))
- 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% of 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

a. 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 The FCRHRA routinely reevaluates its payment standards when it is recognized that at least 40% of its client population is paying greater than 30% of their family's monthly adjusted income for their rental shares.

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 Changes in rental market

(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. Capital Improvement Needs

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7 (g)]

Exemptions from Component 5: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this component and may skip to Component 6.

A. Capital Fund Activities

Exemptions from sub-component 5A: PHAs that will not participate in the Capital Fund Program may skip to component 5B. All other PHAs must complete 5A as instructed.

(1) Capital Fund Program

- a. Yes No Does the PHA plan to participate in the Capital Fund Program in the upcoming year? If yes, complete items 12 and 13 of this template (Capital Fund Program tables). If no, skip to B.
- b. Yes No: Does the PHA propose to use any portion of its CFP funds to repay debt incurred to finance capital improvements? If so, the PHA must identify in

its annual and 5-year capital plans the development(s) where such improvements will be made and show both how the proceeds of the financing will be used and the amount of the annual payments required to service the debt. (Note that separate HUD approval is required for such financing activities.).

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

Applicability of sub-component 5B: 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.

(1) Hope VI Revitalization

- a. Yes No: Has the PHA received a HOPE VI revitalization grant? (if no, skip to next component; if yes, provide responses to questions on chart below 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)
 Development name:
 Development (project) number:
 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
- c. Yes No: Does the PHA plan to apply for a HOPE VI Revitalization grant in the Plan year? If yes, list development name/s below:
- d. Yes No: 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:
- e. Yes No: 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:

6. Demolition and Disposition

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7 (h)]

Applicability of component 6: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this section.

- a. Yes No: Does the PHA plan to conduct any demolition or disposition activities (pursuant to section 18 or 24 (Hope VI) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437p) or Section 202/Section 33 (Mandatory Conversion) in the plan Fiscal Year? (If “No”, skip to component 7; if “yes”, complete one activity description for each development on the following chart.)

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: (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:

7. Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance--Section 8(y) Homeownership Program

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7(k)(1)(i)]

- (1) Yes No: Does the PHA plan to administer a Section 8 Homeownership program pursuant to Section 8(y) of the U.S.H.A. of 1937, as implemented by 24 CFR part 982 ? (If “No”, skip to the next component; if “yes”, complete each program description below (copy and complete questions for each program identified.)

(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, what is the maximum number of participants this fiscal year? ___

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:

The FCRHRA will offer the Section 8 Homeownership option to all current and new participants of the FSS program.

c. What actions will the PHA undertake to implement the program this year (list)?

(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):

- a. Establishing a minimum homeowner downpayment requirement of at least 3 percent of purchase price and requiring that at least 1 percent of the purchase price comes from the family's resources.
- b. 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.
- c. Partnering with a qualified agency or agencies to administer the program (list name(s) and years of experience below).

Greenfield Housing Authority 3 years of experience

- d. Demonstrating that it has other relevant experience (list experience below).

FCRHRA currently administers a Housing Consumer Education Center program, homebuyer counseling programs, community development municipal assistance, housing rehab financing, and public infrastructure programs in the 26 town Franklin County region.

8. Civil Rights Certifications

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (o)]

Civil rights certifications are included in the *PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations: Board Resolution to Accompany the Standard Annual, Standard Five-Year, and Streamlined Five-Year/Annual Plans*, which is submitted to the Field Office in hard copy—see Table of Contents.

9. Additional Information

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (r)]

A. PHA Progress in Meeting the Mission and Goals Described in the 5-

Year Plan

(Provide a statement of the PHA's progress against the goals and objectives established in the previous 5-Year Plan for the period FY 2005 - 2009.)

B. Criteria for Substantial Deviations and Significant Amendments

(1) Amendment and Deviation Definitions

24 CFR Part 903.7(r)

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

a. Substantial Deviation from the 5-Year Plan

FCRHRA will:

- 1.) Consult with the Resident Advisory Board (RAB)
- 2.) FCRHRA will ensure consistency with the consolidated Plan of our jurisdiction
- 3.) Provide for a review of the amendments/modifications by the public during a 45-day public review period

RCRHRA will NOT:

- 1.) Adopt the amendment or modification until the FCRHRA has duly called a meeting of its Board of Directors. This meeting, at which the amendment or modification is adopted, must be open to the public.
- 2.) Implement the amendment or modification until notification of the amendment or modification is provided to HUD and approved by HUD in accordance with HUD's plan review procedures.

b. Significant Amendment or Modification to the Annual Plan

FCRHRA's definition of the terms "significant amendment" and "substantial deviation" :

- 1.) changes to rent or admissions policies or organization of the waiting list.
- 2.) Any change with regard to homeownership programs or conversion activities.

C. Other Information

[24 CFR Part 903.13, 903.15]

(1) Resident Advisory Board Recommendations

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

If yes, provide the comments below:

b. 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)

(2) Resident Membership on PHA Governing Board

The governing board of each PHA is required to have at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA, unless the PHA meets certain exemption criteria. Regulations governing the resident board member are found at 24 CFR Part 964, Subpart E.

a. Does the PHA governing board include at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA this year?

- Yes No:

If yes, complete the following:

Name of Resident Member of the PHA Governing Board:

Method of Selection:

- Appointment
The term of appointment is (include the date term expires):
- Election by Residents (if checked, complete next section--Description of Resident Election Process)

Description of Resident Election Process

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)

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)

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)

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

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

Date of next term expiration of a governing board member:

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

(3) PHA Statement of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

[24 CFR Part 903.15]

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

Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: (Commonwealth of Massachusetts Plan for Franklin County, written by the MA Department of Housing and Community Development)

a. 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 on its waiting list 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)

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

The Consolidated Plan of the jurisdiction states that there is a need for additional affordable

housing because of the low incomes of wage earners in Western Massachusetts. Therefore, the consolidated plan supports FCRHRA’s effort to apply and service additional incremental units of Section 8 vouchers and special programs meeting the needs of people with disabilities. To support FCRHRA’s efforts, the Commonwealth of MA also provides additional state resources, including the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program, the Housing Innovation Fund, State tax credits for the creation of housing for low income families, etc.

(4) (Reserved)

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

10. Project-Based Voucher Program

- a. Yes No: Does the PHA plan to “project-base” any tenant-based Section 8 vouchers in the coming year? If yes, answer the following questions.
- b. Yes No: Are there circumstances indicating that the project basing of the units, rather than tenant-basing of the same amount of assistance is an appropriate option?

If yes, check which circumstances apply:

- Low utilization rate for vouchers due to lack of suitable rental units
- Access to neighborhoods outside of high poverty areas
- Other: Six project based vouchers are being activated at the Moltebrey Building

to support sober housing for single individuals moving from the Beacon Clinic program associated with the Franklin Medical Center.

- c. Indicate the number of units and general location of units (e.g. eligible census tracts or smaller areas within eligible census tracts):
6 units located in Turners Falls at the Moltenbrey building, 76 Avenue A

11. List of Supporting Documents Available for Review for Streamlined Five-Year/ Annual PHA Plans

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

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
XXX	<i>PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations and Board Resolution to Accompany the Standard Annual, Standard Five-Year, and Streamlined Five-Year/Annual Plans.</i>	Standard 5 Year and Annual Plans; streamlined 5 Year Plans

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
XXX	State/Local Government Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan.	5 Year Plans
XXX	Fair Housing Documentation Supporting Fair Housing Certifications: Records reflecting that the PHA has examined its programs or proposed programs, identified any impediments to fair housing choice in those programs, addressed or is addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available, and worked or is working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdictions' initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement.	5 Year and Annual Plans
XXX	Housing Needs Statement of the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction(s) in which the PHA is located and any additional backup data to support statement of housing needs for families on the PHA's public housing and Section 8 tenant-based waiting lists.	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/ACOP), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP] and the Site-Based Waiting List Procedure.	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
N/A	Any policy governing occupancy of Police Officers and Over-Income Tenants in Public Housing. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A&O Policy.	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
XXX	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
N/A	Public housing rent determination policies, including the method 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
N/A	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies (if included in plan, not necessary as a supporting document) and written analysis of Section 8 payment standard policies. <input 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	Results of latest Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Assessment (or other applicable assessment).	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
N/A	Follow-up Plan to Results of the PHAS Resident Satisfaction Survey (if necessary)	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance and Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
XXX	Results of latest Section 8 Management Assessment System (SEMAP)	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
	Any policies governing any Section 8 special housing types <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
N/A	Consortium agreement(s).	Annual Plan: Agency Identification and Operations/ Management
N/A	Public housing grievance procedures <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
	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 Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement /Performance and Evaluation Report for any active grant year.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
N/A	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grants.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
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	Self-evaluation, Needs Assessment and Transition Plan required by regulations implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. See PIH Notice 99-52 (HA).	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, Section 22 of the US Housing Act of 1937, or Section 33 of the US Housing Act of 1937.	Annual Plan: Conversion of Public Housing
N/A	Documentation for required Initial Assessment and any additional information required by HUD for Voluntary Conversion.	Annual Plan: Voluntary Conversion of Public Housing
N/A	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans.	Annual Plan: Homeownership
XXX	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program (Section 20 of the Section 8 Administrative Plan)	Annual Plan: Homeownership
N/A	Public Housing Community Service Policy/Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Public Housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
N/A	Cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency and between the PHA and local employment and training service agencies.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
XXX	FSS Action Plan(s) for public housing and/or Section 8.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
N/A	Section 3 documentation required by 24 CFR Part 135, Subpart E for public housing.	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 for public housing.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
N/A	Policy on Ownership of Pets in Public Housing Family Developments (as required by regulation at 24 CFR Part 960, Subpart G). <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Pet Policy
XXX	The results of the most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under the Single Audit Act as implemented by OMB Circular A-133, the results of that audit and the PHA's response to any findings.	Annual Plan: Annual Audit
N/A	Consortium agreement(s), if a consortium administers PHA programs.	Joint PHA Plan for Consortia
N/A	Consortia Joint PHA Plans ONLY: Certification that consortium agreement is in compliance with 24 CFR Part 943 pursuant to an opinion of counsel on file and available for inspection	Joint PHA Plan for Consortia
N/A	Other supporting documents (optional). List individually.	(Specify as needed)

12. Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report

Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report					
Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part I: Summary					
PHA Name:		Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program Grant No: Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:			Federal FY of Grant:
<input type="checkbox"/> Original Annual Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Reserve for Disasters/ Emergencies <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Annual Statement (revision no:) <input type="checkbox"/> Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending: <input type="checkbox"/> Final Performance and Evaluation Report					
Line	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost	
		Original	Revised	Obligated	Expended
1	Total non-CFP 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	1499 Development Activities				
19	1501 Collateralization or Debt Service				
20	1502 Contingency				
21	Amount of Annual Grant: (sum of lines 2 – 20)				
22	Amount of line 21 Related to LBP Activities				
23	Amount of line 21 Related to Section 504 compliance				
24	Amount of line 21 Related to Security – Soft Costs				
25	Amount of Line 21 Related to Security – Hard Costs				
26	Amount of line 21 Related to Energy Conservation Measures				

13. Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan					
Part I: Summary					
PHA Name				<input type="checkbox"/> Original 5-Year Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Revision No:	
Development Number/Name/HA-Wide	Year 1	Work Statement for Year 2 FFY Grant: PHA FY:	Work Statement for Year 3 FFY Grant: PHA FY:	Work Statement for Year 4 FFY Grant: PHA FY:	Work Statement for Year 5 FFY Grant: PHA FY:
	Annual Statement				
CFP Funds Listed for 5-year planning					
Replacement Housing Factor Funds					

13. Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan						
Part II: Supporting Pages—Work Activities						
Activities for Year 1	Activities for Year : ____ FFY Grant: PHA FY:			Activities for Year: ____ FFY Grant: PHA FY:		
	Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost	Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost
See						
Annual						
Statement						
Total CFP Estimated Cost			\$			\$



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Attachment B

**Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plan's Consistency with the
Consolidated Plan**

*This certification will be sent to DHCD upon completion of the final draft of the
annual plan update for 2005*

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ATTACHMENT C

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ATTACHMENT D – Section 8 Homeownership Capacity Statement

In addition to those rental assistance & public housing programs typically administered by a public housing authority, the Franklin County Regional Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) currently administers a Housing Consumer Education Center program, home buyer counseling programs, community development municipal assistance, housing rehab financing, homeownership and public infrastructure programs in the 26 town Franklin County region.

The HRA continues to operate its Section 8 Homeownership Program in conjunction with a neighboring PHA, Greenfield Housing Authority (GHA), to offer homeownership to Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) participants. A participant must: (1) be a Section 8 recipient in good standing who has completed both an initial Section 8 lease term and their first annual re-certification in the Section 8 Housing choice voucher program (HCVP), (2) be an FSS program participant graduating with a Certificate of Completion, (3) have completed the “Section 8 to Homeownership” component of the HCVP, and (4) meet all of the program qualifications as outlined in the joint HRA & GHA Homeowner Obligation Statements and Administrative Plan.

The Administrative plan for the Homeownership program specifies all of the program requirements necessary to implement the program. The program is currently up and running with positive support from area banks, loan companies, realtors, appraisers, advocacy groups, and etc.

As a part of the program requirements, all Homeownership Program participants are required to attend and successfully complete the HRA’s First-Time Home buyer Educational Workshops prior to purchasing their home as well as post purchase counseling after they’ve become homeowners. To be eligible for the Homeownership program a participant must meet the minimum income requirements as outlined under HUD’s First Time Homebuyer definition. In addition, with the exception of elderly households or families comprised of a

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person with a disability, at least one adult in the family must be employed an average of thirty (30) hours and have been continuously employed during the year before the receipt of the homeownership assistance.

Participants are encouraged to use their FSS escrow earnings to secure a down-payment and are required to obtain mortgage financing on their own from lenders using generally accepted private sector underwriting standards. HRA will make payments directly to the mortgage lender. In addition, the HRA also requires that a family maintain (for a period of five years) an escrow account of \$3,000 for unforeseen house system repairs; for single individuals who receive SSI or SSDI a \$1,000 escrow is required and for couples where both adults receive SSI or SSDI, a \$1,500 escrow is required.

In 2004 GHA applied for and received a one-year Grant through HUD to fund a full time position for a Section 8 to Homeownership Coordinator. Through our relationship with the GHA, we have benefited from the additional staff of a full-time position and a part-time assistant to the current FSS Coordinator.

To date, four Section 8 homeownership closings have been completed; homeowners used USDA/RD mortgage and Citizens Bank. The Section 8 to Homeownership Coordinator is currently working with the many additional FSS clients working towards Homeownership.

We continue to hold informational program briefings on a regular as needed basis with individuals who are ready to begin the program process as well as with groups of current FSS participants who have expressed an interest in the program.



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ATTACHMENT E

Progress in Meeting the 5-Year Plan's Mission & Goals

To remain consistent with its goal to ensure the availability of affordable, safe, decent and sanitary housing for low-income households and individuals, the Franklin County Regional Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) continues to apply for additional Section 8 vouchers that are offered in the yearly NOFA published by HUD and is willing accept any additional vouchers offered to HRA by another housing authority who has chosen to opt out of the Section 8 Voucher program. In its continued efforts to gain additional resources to meet housing needs in its jurisdiction, the HRA applied for 130 fair share vouchers, 75 mainstream vouchers for people with disabilities, and 26 Reallocation vouchers in 2002. We received 57 fair share vouchers. In 2003 HRA applied for 50 mainstream vouchers for people with disabilities. The three allocations totaling 114 vouchers allotted in the state of Massachusetts were awarded to agencies in the eastern part of the state. If the proposed Flexible Voucher Program includes the availability of Welfare to Work Vouchers for high performing PHAs, HRA will apply when the vouchers are offered.

The HRA continues to monitor all rental market areas within its jurisdiction and to utilize the 110% of the FMR standards for all towns in our area. The Authority's successful efforts to ensure equal opportunity for housing assistance are documented by our program participants' lease ups throughout all of the towns of Franklin County and Amherst. The HRA has been able to achieve and sustain a high performer rating on the annual SEMAP assessment. To date we have a 98% lease-up rating.

The HRA reports to PIC on a weekly basis; all errors, if any, are also corrected on a weekly basis. The HRA's rent reasonableness system is in place and used on an on-going basis. In addition to the rental information gathered from local housing developments and newspapers, all participating landlords are routinely requested to provide rental information concerning their unassisted units.

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To expand its outreach efforts, the HRA works very closely with area landlords, Housing Consumer Education Centers, social service agencies, advocacy groups and state agencies. As a part of this outreach, all parties are invited to attend quarterly informational meetings. The meeting topics are selected by the various groups involved and have included lead paint laws, housing discrimination, landlord and renter insurance, the proposed flexible voucher program, Sex Offender Registration, etc. The results of these meetings have proven very positive for us in a variety of ways. Through the reputation and trust that we have developed, we continue to recognize a substantial increase in program participation from new landlords and property management companies. Some of the benefits include successfully placing “at risk” clients in housing where they may not have otherwise secured housing on their own, either because of poor rental history or the lack of sufficient funds for security deposit and first/last month’s rent; locating affordable housing units that are not typically advertised; and locating units that have been dealed.

The Authority briefs new applicants on a regular basis and offers on-going mobility and program counseling options. The HRA is also proud of its FSS and Section 8 to Home Ownership programs, which are joint efforts of the Greenfield Housing Authority (GHA) and the HRA. FSS program participation has grown from an initial allocation of 10 vouchers to a current participation by 40 clients. The program has proven itself very successful. Due to the success of the FSS program, the HRA joined the GHA in 2002 and formed a Section 8 to Homeownership program that is currently being offered to all FSS participants.



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ATTACHMENT F

Resident Membership on the PHA Governing Board

The Franklin County Regional Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) is a PHA that only administers Section 8 and therefore qualifies for the “small PHA exception.” At this time we do not have a current voucher holder serving on our Board. One current Commissioner was a recipient of Section 8 assistance who relinquished her assistance & bought a home. She is a strong advocate for low-income renters. We do not ask former recipients to step down because their situation has improved.

To establish a list of prospective program participants, The HRA will, continues (in accordance with the regulation and through the Resident Advisory Board), to solicit interest from our Section 8 clientele. Due to the uniqueness of the HRA’s regional status, we have an eleven-member board of Commissioners as opposed to a typical five-member board. Two of the eleven slots are allocated for state government appointees and nine are to be filled from local county government appointments. Regulations mandate that local county government appointments limit commissioner representation to one commissioner member from any one Franklin County town within the 25-town region of the HRA. As a result, vacant commissioner seats are frequently difficult to fill due to the lack of interest from the towns that are not currently represented. Many of our small towns have little to no rental housing, which means there are no section 8 voucher holders in many towns.

Through the Resident Advisory Board, the HRA consistently solicits interest for participation to the Board of Directors from the Section 8 client population on an on going basis. Upon receipt of interest from applicants a list will be kept for consideration for the next available slot in a town that is currently not represented by another Commissioner member.

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