

PHA Plans

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Streamlined 5-Year Plan for Fiscal Years

2005 - 2009

Streamlined Annual Plan for Fiscal Year

2005

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required.

Streamlined Five-Year PHA Plan Agency Identification

PHA Name: City of White Plains **PHA Number:** NY 115

PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (mm/yyyy) 07/2005

PHA Programs Administered:

Public Housing and Section 8

Section 8 Only

Public Housing Only

Number of public housing units:

Number of S8 units: 400

Number of public housing units:

Number of S8 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)

White Plains Planning Department
City Hall 255 Main Street
White Plains, NY 10601

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)

White Plains Planning Department
City Hall 255 Main Street
White Plains, NY 10601

White Plains Library
100 Martine Avenue
White Plains, NY 10601

City of White Plains Web Site www.white-plains.ny.us

Other (list below)

Thomas H Slater Neighborhood Center
2 Fisher Avenue
White Plains, NY 10601

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

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White Plains, NY 10601

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 City of White Plains is the same as that of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: To promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination.

B. Goals

The goals and objectives listed below are derived from HUD's strategic Goals and Objectives and those emphasized in recent legislation. PHAs may select any of these goals and objectives as their own, or identify other goals and/or objectives. Whether selecting the HUD-suggested objectives or their own, **PHAs are strongly encouraged to identify quantifiable measures of success in reaching their objectives over the course of the 5 Years.** (Quantifiable measures would include targets such as: numbers of families served or PHAS scores achieved.) PHAs should identify these measures in the spaces to the right of or below the stated objectives.

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

PHA Goal: Expand the supply of assisted housing

Objectives:

Apply for additional rental vouchers:

PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing

Objectives:

Improve voucher management: (SEMAP score)

Other: (list below)

PHA Goal: Increase assisted housing choices

Objectives:

Provide voucher mobility counseling:

Increase voucher payment standards

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

Not Applicable

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:

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:

Other PHA Goals and Objectives: (list below)

Streamlined Annual PHA Plan

PHA Fiscal Year 2005

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b)]

Table of Contents

Provide the following table of contents for the streamlined Annual Plan submitted with the Five-Year Plan, including all streamlined plan components, and additional requirements, together with the list of supporting documents available for public inspection.

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PHA Statement of Consistency with Consolidated Plan

(Reserved)

10. Project-Based Voucher Program
11. Supporting Documents Available for Review
12. FY 20__ Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor, Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report
13. Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan
14. Other (List below, providing name for each item)

- race, color, religion national origin, se, 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, se, familial status, and disability*
- ndertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all varieties of disabilities regardless of unit sie reuired*
- Other list below*

Other PHA Goals and Objectives: (list below)

[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) Section 8 tenant-based assistance			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	1402		25
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	1297	92%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	99	7%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	6		
Families with children	1080	77%	
Elderly families	28	1%	
Families with Disabilities	82	5%	
White Non Hispanic	1098	78%	
White Hispanic	75	5%	
Black Non Hispanic	208	14%	

Black Hispanic	10		
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)			
1BR			
2 BR			
3 BR			
4 BR			
5 BR			
5+ BR			
Is the waiting list closed (select one)? Yes If yes: How long has it been closed (# of months)? 17 Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? No Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? No			

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

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

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

Select all that apply

Apply for additional section 8 units should they become available

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

Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work

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

Need: Specific Family Types: The Elderly

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to the elderly:

Select all that apply

Other: (list below)

The elderly have been designated for a local preference under our Administrative Plan

Need: Specific Family Types: Families with Disabilities

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to Families with Disabilities:

Select all that apply

Affirmatively market to local non-profit agencies that assist families with disabilities

Other: (list below) The disabled have been designated for a local preference under our Administrative Plan

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

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:

- 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
- Community priorities regarding housing assistance

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)		
Public Housing Operating Fund		
Public Housing Capital Fund		
HOPE VI Revitalization		
HOPE VI Demolition		

Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance	3,416,716	
Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants		
Community Development Block Grant		
HOME		
Other Federal Grants (list below)		
2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below)		
3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income		
4. Other income (list below)		
4. Non-federal sources (list below)		
Total resources		

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

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)

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**)

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)

More general screening than criminal and drug-related activity (list factors):

Other (list below)

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

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

d. 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)

(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

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

PHA main administrative office .

(3) Search Time _ _ _ _ _

a. Yes : Does the PHA give extensions on standard 60-day period to search for a unit?

If yes, state circumstances below:

All circumstances. All voucher holders have 120 days to look for housing. They can be granted 150 days with written reasons.

(4) Admissions Preferences

a. Income targeting

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 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)

Substandard housing

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

Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction

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

Date and Time

Former Federal preferences:

1 Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)

1 Substandard housing

1 High rent burden

Other preferences (select all that apply)

3 Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability

2. Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction

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

Date and time of application

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

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

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

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 903.12(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:

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)

Above 100% but at or below 110% of FMR

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)

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

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

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

(2) Minimum Rent

a. What amount best reflects the PHA's minimum rent? (select one)
\$1-\$25

b. 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 Disposition	
3. Application status (select one) Approved Submitted, pending approval Planned application	
4. Date application approved, submitted, or planned for submission: (DD/MM/YY)	
5. Number of units affected:	
6. Coverage of action (select one) Part of the development Total development	
7. 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: 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

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

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:

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

We will be conducting a mail out with a pamphlet describing our Family Self Sufficiency Program to all family that we are currently subsidizing. We will follow up with telephone calls to our families to determine if they are interested in our homeownership program.

(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.

d. Demonstrating that it has other relevant experience

The City of White Plains has been operating a Section 8 housing assistance program since 1975. The agencies we will be referring our families to for homeownership counseling have been funded by the City of White Plains CDBG program for many years and have successfully passed monitoring visits. They have successfully run a First Homebuyers Club and have experienced staff that

deal with Fair Housing issues.

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

The City of White Plains has a lease up rate of 99% 396 lease ups out of 400 vouchers. The City

*has met the goals established for itself in the prior five year plan.
5-Year Plan for the period FY 2000 - 2004.*

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
- b. Significant Amendment or Modification to the Annual Plan

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?

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

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: White Plains, New York

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:

b. The Consolidated Plan of the jurisdiction supports the PHA Plan with the following actions and commitments: The Consolidated Plan lists the Section 8 Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program as a strategy for addressing the threat of homelessness, particularly for extremely low income households. The Consolidated Plan states that the City will seek additional Section 8 Vouchers.

(4) (Reserved)

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

10. Project-Based Voucher Program

Yes No: Does the PHA plan to “project-base” any tenant-based Section 8 vouchers in the coming year? No If yes, answer the following questions.

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 (describe below:)

Indicate the number of units and general location of units (e.g. eligible census tracts or smaller areas within eligible census tracts):

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
	<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
X	State/Local Government Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan.	5 Year Plans
	Fair Housing Documentation Supporting Fair Housing Certifications: Records reflecting that the PHA has examined its programs or proposed programs, identified any impediments to fair housing choice in those programs, addressed or is addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available, and worked or is working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdictions’ initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA’s involvement.	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	Housing Needs Statement of the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction(s) in which the PHA is located and any additional backup data to support statement of housing needs 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	Annual Plan: Eligibility,

	Public Housing. Check here if included in the public housing A&O Policy.	Selection, and Admissions Policies
X	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. 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. Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
	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. Check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan. X	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
X	Results of latest Section 8 Management Assessment System (SEMAP)	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
	Any policies governing any Section 8 special housing types check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan X	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
N/A	Consortium agreement(s).	Annual Plan: Agency Identification and Operations/ Management
N/A	Public housing grievance procedures Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures. Check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan. X	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
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
	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
	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
X	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program (Section __24__ of the Section 8 Administrative Plan)	Annual Plan: Homeownership
N/A	Public Housing Community Service Policy/Programs 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
X	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). Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Pet Policy
X	The results of the most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under 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
	Consortium agreement(s), if a consortium administers PHA programs.	Joint PHA Plan for Consortia
	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
	Other supporting documents (optional). List individually.	(Specify as needed)

Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report

Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part I:

PHA Name:	Grant Type and Number
	Capital Fund Program Grant No:
	Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:

**Original Annual Statement Reserve for Disasters/ Emergencies Revised Annual Statement (revision no:)
Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending: Final Performance and Evaluation Report**

Line	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		T
		Original	Revised	
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			

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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 V Catego
See					
Annual					
Statemen					
Total CFP Estimated Cost			\$		

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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
Total CFP Estimated Cost		\$		

Members of Resident Advisory Board
(Community Development Citizens Advisory
Committee)

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Virginia Falzarano
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Attachment

Comments of the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee acting in their role as Resident Advisory Board to the Section 8 Program

The Section 8 Administrator made a presentation to the Committee on the status of the Section 8 Program.

In the past, the City of White Plains was given a number of vouchers and the funding was given to support those vouchers. The City of White Plains Section 8 program has a baseline of 400 vouchers. This meant that HUD had a contract with the City to provide funding for 400 families. In the last five years the cost of the program escalated because there was a concerted effort to utilize all the vouchers that were outstanding. For example, the percentage of utilized vouchers went from 85% to 95% and the government did not want to fund this additional increase. As a result the House of Representatives overrode the Senate and provided funding on a strict dollar basis for the lease ups and the funding that was in existence and reported in August 2004 with a slight inflation factor. This means that communities such as the City of White Plains that utilized this extra money and went from 376 leased up families to 396 leased up families to lease up 20 additional families were penalized.

The City of White Plains received a fixed dollar amount of \$3,347,605.00. We would not be receiving any additional funding to lease up 400 families, even though our base line was 400 vouchers. We were notified about this towards the end of December 2004, but the final numbers were not published until January 2005. Based on these final numbers, we were not able to lease up 400 vouchers. As a result, we had to stop issuing vouchers and close down the program. The White Plains Section 8 Program has been closed since October 2004 and will not reopen anytime during 2005. Also, as families leave our program they are not being replaced. All families on our waiting list that contact the City have been notified that the funding for the Section 8 program has been cut and we will not be able to issue any new vouchers this year.

The effect in real terms is that in November 2004 we were assisting 396 families, as of March 1, 2005 we were assisting 377 families. This is a radical change, since this is the first year that we have not been able to assist 400 families. The present

Administration likes this approach since they favor a dollar based program. Most agencies that administer the section 8 program are opposed to this, they would rather control costs in a fashion that they can assist families without having to go through dollar based budgeting. The dollar based program also puts the onus on the communities to administer the dollars. We use 110% of the Fair Market Rent as our payment standard in the City of White Plains. Right now that is \$1,168.00 for a one bedroom apartment.

We are not under an obligation to keep it at 110%, it can be kept at 100% which frees up more dollars. Also, at 100% it puts the cost on the tenant who would now be expected to pay a higher portion of their rent and the City's subsidy would be lower. Another option would be to deny the landlords any rental increase, ETPA apartments are exempt because their rental increases are negotiated by the state.

The good news is that the funds have been increased for the Section 8 program in the next year's budget and they are still in the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Also, there is still a lot of support for Section 8 and the program nationwide still subsidizes two million families, but White Plains still has over 1,400 families on the waiting list.