

# PHA Plans

## Streamlined Annual Version

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# Streamlined Annual PHA Plan

## for Fiscal Year: 2006

### PHA Name: Scottsdale Housing Agency

**NOTE: This PHA Plan template (HUD-50075-SA) is to be completed in accordance with instructions contained in previous Notices PIH 99-33 (HA), 99-51 (HA), 2000-22 (HA), 2000-36 (HA), 2000-43 (HA), 2001-4 (HA), 2001-26 (HA), 2003-7 (HA), and any related notices HUD may subsequently issue.**

## Streamlined Annual PHA Plan Agency Identification

**PHA Name:** City of Scottsdale

**PHA Number:** AZ032

**PHA Fiscal Year Beginning:** 07/2006

**PHA Programs Administered:**

**Public Housing and Section 8**

Number of public housing units:  
Number of S8 units:

**Section 8 Only**

Number of S8 units: 707

**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:				

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**Public Access to Information**

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

PHA's main administrative office       PHA's development management offices

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

The PHA Plan revised policies or program changes (including attachments) are available for public review and inspection.       Yes       No.

If yes, select all that apply:

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

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

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

**Streamlined Annual PHA Plan**  
**Fiscal Year 2006**  
[24 CFR Part 903.12(c)]

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[24 CFR 903.7(r)]

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**B. SEPARATE HARD COPY SUBMISSIONS TO LOCAL HUD FIELD OFFICE**

**Form HUD-50076, PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations: Board Resolution to Accompany the Streamlined Annual Plan** identifying policies or programs the PHA has revised since submission of its last Annual Plan, and including Civil Rights certifications and assurances the changed policies were presented to the Resident Advisory Board for review and comment, approved by the PHA governing board, and made available for review and inspection at the PHA's principal office;

For PHAs Applying for Formula Capital Fund Program (CFP) Grants:

**Form HUD-50070, Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace;**

**Form HUD-50071, Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions; and**

**Form SF-LLL & SF-LLL a, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities.**

**1. Site-Based Waiting Lists (Eligibility, Selection, Admissions Policies)**

[24 CFR Part 903.12(c), 903.7(b)(2)]

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

**A. 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 B.

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:

**B. 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 next component.

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)

## **2. Capital Improvement Needs**

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

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

### **A. Capital Fund Program**

1.  Yes  No Does the PHA plan to participate in the Capital Fund Program in the upcoming year? If yes, complete items 7 and 8 of this template (Capital Fund Program tables). If no, skip to B.
2.  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: 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.  Yes  No: Has the PHA received a HOPE VI revitalization grant? (if no, skip to #3; if yes, provide responses to the items on the chart located on the next page, copying and completing as many times as necessary).
2. Status of HOPE VI revitalization grant(s):

<b>HOPE VI Revitalization Grant Status</b>	
a. Development Name:	
b. Development Number:	
c. Status of Grant:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Revitalization Plan under development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Revitalization Plan submitted, pending approval
<input type="checkbox"/>	Revitalization Plan approved
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activities pursuant to an approved Revitalization Plan underway

3.  Yes  No: Does the PHA expect to apply for a HOPE VI Revitalization grant in the Plan year?  
If yes, list development name(s) below:

4.  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:

5.  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:

**3. Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance--Section 8(y) Homeownership Program**  
(if applicable) [24 CFR Part 903.12(c), 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:

- First-Time homeowner

- Minimum income requirement
- Employment history
- Completion of initial lease term
- No outstanding debts to any housing Authorities
- No current ownership
- FSS participation
- No prior mortgage defaults

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

- Implementing new Administrative Plan.

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

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

- Establishing a minimum homeowner 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.
- 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.
- Partnering with a qualified agency or agencies to administer the program (list name(s) and years of experience below):
  - Community Services of Arizona- designated by HUD as a Community Development Housing Organization.
- Demonstrating that it has other relevant experience (list experience below):

#### **4. Use of the Project-Based Voucher Program**

##### **Intent to Use Project-Based Assistance**

Yes  No: Does the PHA plan to "project-base" any tenant-based Section 8 vouchers in the coming year? If the answer is "no," go to the next component. If yes, answer the following questions.

1.  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:)

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

## **5. 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) only if the PHA has provided a certification listing program or policy changes from its last Annual Plan submission.

1. Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: City of Scottsdale

2. The PHA has taken the following steps to ensure consistency of this PHA Plan with the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction: (select all that apply)

- The PHA has based its statement of needs of families on its waiting lists 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)

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

The Housing Choice Voucher and the CDBG/HOME programs for Scottsdale are operated out of the same office. The Consolidated Plan and Five Year Plan are each incorporated into the other by reference and were approved by the City Council at the same public hearing. Both documents are based on the City's adopted *Strategy for the Creation and Preservation of High Quality, Safe and Affordable Housing* and incorporate the goals of that policy document.

## **6. Supporting Documents Available for Review for Streamlined 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.

<b>List of Supporting Documents Available for Review</b>		
<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>Supporting Document</b>	<b>Related Plan Component</b>
X	<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>	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	<i>PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations and Board Resolution to Accompany the Streamlined Annual Plan</i>	Streamlined Annual Plans
X	<i>Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plan Consistency with Consolidated Plan.</i>	5 Year and standard Annual Plans
X	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
X	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources
	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
	Deconcentration Income Analysis	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	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
X	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	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
	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
	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
	Public housing management and maintenance policy documents, including policies for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation (including cockroach infestation).	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
	Results of latest Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Assessment (or other applicable assessment).	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
	Follow-up Plan to Results of the PHAS Resident Satisfaction Survey (if necessary)	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance and Community Service & Self-

<b>List of Supporting Documents Available for Review</b>		
<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>Supporting Document</b>	<b>Related Plan Component</b>
		Sufficiency
X	Results of latest Section 8 Management Assessment System (SEMAP)	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
X	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
	Public housing grievance procedures <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
X	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan.	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
	The Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement /Performance and Evaluation Report for any active grant year.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grants.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Approved HOPE VI applications or, if more recent, approved or submitted HOPE VI Revitalization Plans, or any other approved proposal for development of public housing.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
X	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
	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing.	Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition
	Approved or submitted applications for designation of public housing (Designated Housing Plans).	Annual Plan: Designation of Public Housing
	Approved or submitted assessments of reasonable revitalization of public housing and approved or submitted conversion plans prepared pursuant to section 202 of the 1996 HUD Appropriations Act, 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
	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans.	Annual Plan: Homeownership
X	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program (Section 21 of the Section 8 Administrative Plan)	Annual Plan: Homeownership
	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
	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
	Section 3 documentation required by 24 CFR Part 135, Subpart E for public housing.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	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
	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.	Annual Plan: 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
	Other supporting documents (optional) (list individually; use as many lines as necessary)	(specify as needed)
	Consortium agreement(s) and for Consortium Joint PHA Plans <u>Only</u> : 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 Annual PHA Plan for Consortia: Agency Identification and Annual Management and Operations

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

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 No.	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				





**8. Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan**

<b>Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan</b>					
<b>Part I: Summary</b>					
PHA Name				<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Original 5-Year Plan</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Revision No:</b>	
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					

**8. Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan**

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



**City Of Scottsdale Housing Agency  
Resident Advisory Board (RAB)  
January 4, 2006**

**Present:** Betty Ames, Stephanie Simonson, Rob Schweitzer, Justin Lisonbee and Jewel James

**Absent:** Linda Rodriguez, Marguerite Moreland, Christa Mitchell (dropped), Cathy Thurmond (ported out), Amon Rutherford (ported out)

\*It is noted that there are now four active RAB members. Christa Mitchell has been dropped for no interest, no show according to RAB member guidelines. Amon Rutherford and Cathy Thurmond are no longer in the Scottsdale HA jurisdiction.

**Discussions:**

The January 4, 2006 RAB meeting was opened by Sr. Grants Program Specialist, Justin Lisonbee.

Information regarding RAB members being eligible to be a part of the Housing Authority's Governing Board, Scottsdale City Council, was discussed. Mr Lisonbee informed the members of their opportunity to cast a vote at City Council meeting when issues concerning the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program are brought forth before the City Council. Members were made aware that some personal data such as their name, address, etc. would be available to the public. RAB members were informed that they would receive a detailed letter outlining this opportunity. The RAB members will have 30 days in which to determine if they are interested and respond to the letter they will receive.

A discussion was held on the possibility of another meeting being scheduled so that RAB members can discuss whether they want to meet independently of the HA staff and whether they want to exchange personal information with each other. A letter will be mailed to the board members and they can indicate whether they would like the exchange of information or not.

It was also suggested another letter of interest to obtain new board members go out with the upcoming mailing regarding the next housing seminar slated for March/April '2006.

Mr. Lisonbee outlined more details of the Homeownership Program.

***RAB COMMENTS FROM THEIR REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED 2006 ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN AND 2006 AGENCY PLAN***

**Betty Ames** had questions pertaining to the Agency being able to verify that there are unauthorized occupants in a participant's unit and how a preponderance of evidence is determined by the Agency. Ms. Ames also asked for clarification on determination of denial of assistance. Rob Schweitzer addressed the issues by relaying what the HA current methods are which include observations from inspections, telephone or written allegations, and police reports if available. The participant is counseled by their caseworker and must sign paperwork acknowledging that they have been made aware of the allegations, etc and counseled accordingly. Ms Ames stated concern on lack of affordable housing for seniors living on a fixed income. Current Scottsdale building projects are geared toward the affluent in Ms Ames viewpoint.

Mr. Schweitzer also relayed information on grounds for denial of assistance in response to Ms. Ames' question.

**Stephanie Simonson** had a detailed listing of statements and clarification items – synopsis as follows:

*Nondiscrimination* - all employees training on non-discrimination regarding steering participants towards or away from certain areas because of income or lack thereof. Make sure participants know how to complete and file a housing discrimination complaint form. Ms Simonson put forth a correction of a word insertion for Page 2-I.B.

*Reasonable Accommodation* - communicating better to applicants and participants that disabled persons may have a representative review written documentation. Paraphrased, Ms Simonson feels that verbal instructions versus written only can be a means of a reasonable accommodation. Option to bring someone to interpret information for someone with disabilities needs to be communicated better by Agency. Agency concerns for nondiscrimination should factor as much care to the areas of dementia, mental disabilities, etc as to providing service to those with limited English proficiency.

*Waitlist preferences* - if the waiting list preference for elderly (62+)/Disabled is adopted that group of participants will expand and the need for special/reasonable accommodations will grow also. Ms Simonson feels waitlist preference should not be changed from current status unless a preference for homelessness is added.

*Income Eligibility and Targeting* - according to Ms Simonson, at least 75% of families admitted must be extremely low income; this, in conjunction with the Live/Work in Scottsdale preference should appropriately address most housing applicants.

*Eligible non-citizen/ineligible non-citizen* – benefits to non-citizen - difference between types of citizenship was discussed. The Agency’s policy on pro-ration of assistance to families with ineligible citizens, criminal background check requirements and INS cross-reference checks was outlined.

*Landlord outreach*- Ms. Simonson feels that more could be done to promote positive angle on housing program to prospective landlords. Ms Simonson also feels a better strategy needs to be developed and more outreach efforts performed i.e., pamphlet and more landlord information sessions.

Mr. Schweitzer clarified general areas which included waitlist reopening criteria, determining family unit/voucher size, applying new payment standards, rent reasonable data base update, change in ownership, and utility allowance revisions.

**Marguerite Moreland** provided her comments and concerns in regards to Scottsdale not having enough affordable units. Ms. Moreland stated in her opinion the proposed change to the Administrative Plan in regards to preferences will broaden the family base, increase the waiting list and take space away from others. Ms. Moreland also stated that she believes that revising the policies of Chapter 4 would serve the Section 8 program better. Ms. Moreland thinks more outreach can be done and a better picture of local preference needs drawn from the population to be served under the selection method (4-III.C.) before redefining what a “family” is. Ms Moreland also suggests exploring targeted funding (pg 4-10). Find the predominant set of people on the waiting list and go after finding more funding to meet that need.

Ms. Moreland goes further to write that on page 3-2, Chapter 3 it states that The PHA will not discriminate on the basis of marital status or sexual orientation. The PHA policy plans to include that a family includes two or more individuals who are not related by blood, marriage...but who either can demonstrate that they have lived together previously or certify that each individual’s income and other resource will be available to meet the needs of the family (pg 3-2, Chapter 3). By redefining what a family is, a single parent with minor children, persons with disabilities, or senior citizens will now be competing with other persons for quality housing. Ms. Moreland indicated that a change in policy adding people that live together in common law marriage, qualified in other areas, but not in a disadvantaged state, is not fair.

A suggestion of changing the meeting night was mentioned and will be discussed at the next meeting.

The proposed Annual Agency Plan was approved as is by the RAB.

Notes taken by Jewel James

**City Of Scottsdale Housing Agency  
Resident Advisory Board (RAB)  
December 6, 2005**

**Present:** Betty Ames, Marguerite Moreland, Linda Rodriguez, Stephanie Simonson, Mark Bethel, Rob Schweitzer, Justin Lisonbee and Jewel James

**Absent:** Christa Mitchell (called/family emergency), Cathy Thurmond (ported out), Amon Rutherford (ported out)

**Discussions:**

Mark Bethel responded to a question regarding Nan McKay, the source of the proposed Administrative Plan. Mark also gave overview of how the Administrative Plan was developed and its purpose.

Proposed changes to the administrative plan will be reviewed relative to the future impact to the program and its participants. Rob and Justin provided a handout to the RAB of some of the proposed policy changes and gave insight on how to look for the changes as they review the administrative plan. Rob informed the RAB that the “PHA Policy” areas of the administrative plan are the areas that may be modified and set by the PHA. The RAB will give the agency their feedback at the next scheduled meeting.

Stephanie Simonson raised concerns regarding the perceived Scottsdale outlook on low-income people and the possibility of the low-income people being forced to reside elsewhere. Stephanie also voiced the possibility of tax credit financing as an opportunity to obtain or generate interest in providing more affordable housing.

Betty Ames mentioned her concerns regarding the impact of the proposed South Scottsdale upgrades and how this will affect affordable units in that area.

Linda Rodriguez commented that she was supportive of the way the SHA administers the waitlist. Linda stated that since the SHA does not maintain a continuous flow of applicants for the waitlist, it gives all the applicants on the existing waitlist a chance to receive housing assistance.

Marguerite Moreland stated her concerns in regards to finding units within Scottsdale’s current rental market, increased rental prices and the decreased payment standard.

Apartment conversion to condominiums and the impact it has had on the Scottsdale rental market was discussed. The question was raised whether City Council is aware of the rapidly decreasing amount of available, affordable units and if there are any plans being made to combat this situation.

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Mark relayed information on the city awarding CDBG & HOME funds to provide affordable housing. Land price and land scarcity in Scottsdale plays a big part in acquiring sites for affordable housing. Community Services of Arizona and other agencies have been approached as a means to try to establish more affordable housing in Scottsdale. The Housing Board is communicating to City Council the growing need for affordable housing in Scottsdale.

The Annual Agency Plan was also given to the RAB for review.

Our next RAB meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2006.

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