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Streamlined Annual PHA Plan for Fiscal Year: 2006

PHA Name: Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA)

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: Franklin County Reginal Housing and Redevelopment Authority

PHA Number: MA094

PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: 10/2006

PHA Programs Administered:

☐ **Public Housing and Section 8** ☒ **Section 8 Only** ☐ **Public Housing Only**

Number of public housing units: Number of S8 units: 579 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:				

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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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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-LLLa, *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):

HOPE VI Revitalization Grant Status
a. Development Name: b. Development Number:
c. Status of Grant: ☐ Revitalization Plan under development ☐ Revitalization Plan submitted, pending approval ☐ Revitalization Plan approved ☐ 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:
HRA 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)?

HRA will continue to do extensive outreach to new and current participants in the Section 8 program. All clients meeting with HRA staff for their annual re-certification appointment are encouraged to participate in the FSS program in order to take advantage of the Section 8 to homeownership program. HRA is also accepting portability clients who wish to participate in the program from other non-participating Massachusetts PHAs.

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

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

☐ Establishing a minimum homeowner down payment requirement of at least 3 percent 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):

Greenfield Housing Authority	4 years of experience
Greenfield Housing Associates	4 years of experience

☒ Demonstrating that it has other relevant experience (list experience below):

HRA 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.

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:) Six project based vouchers are being utilized at the Moltenbrey Building to support sober housing for single individuals moving from the Beacon Clinic program associated with the Franklin Medical Center.

2. 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

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: (provide name here)

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)

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.

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	**Supporting Document**	**Related Plan Component**
XXX	*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*;	5 Year and Annual Plans
XXX	*PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations and Board Resolution to Accompany the Streamlined Annual Plan*	Streamlined Annual Plans
XXX	*Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plan Consistency with Consolidated Plan*.	5 Year and standard Annual 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	Deconcentration Income Analysis	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
N/A	Any policy governing occupancy of Police Officers and Over-Income Tenants in Public Housing. ☐ 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. ☐ 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
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. ☐ Check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan.	Annual Plan: Rent Determination

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	**Supporting Document**	**Related Plan Component**
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 ☒ Check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
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.	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
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 ☐ 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). ☐ Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Pet Policy
XXX	The results of the most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under the	Annual Plan: Annual Audit

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	**Supporting Document**	**Related Plan Component**
	Single Audit Act as implemented by OMB Circular A-133, the results of that audit and the PHA's response to any findings.	
N/A	Other supporting documents (optional) (list individually; use as many lines as necessary)	(specify as needed)
N/A	Consortium agreement(s) and for Consortium 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 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:**

☐**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 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 Collaterization 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				

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 II: Supporting Pages

PHA Name:		**Grant Type and Number** Capital Fund Program Grant No: Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:				**Federal FY of Grant:**		
Development Number Name/HA-Wide Activities	General Description of Major Work Categories	Dev. Acct No.	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost		Status of Work
				Original	Revised	Funds Obligated	Funds Expended	

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 III: Implementation Schedule

PHA Name:	**Grant Type and Number** Capital Fund Program No: Replacement Housing Factor No:	**Federal FY of Grant:**

Development Number Name/HA-Wide Activities	All Fund Obligated (Quarter Ending Date)			All Funds Expended (Quarter Ending Date)			Reasons for Revised Target Dates
	Original	Revised	Actual	Original	Revised	Actual	

8. Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan **Part I: Summary**					
PHA Name				☐**Original 5-Year Plan** ☐**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					

8. 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			$			$

8. Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan **Part II: Supporting Pages—Work Activities**					
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**
Total CFP Estimated Cost		$			$

HRA
DEVELOPING BETTER COMMUNITIES

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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 Section 8 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

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.

GHA continues to receive grant funding 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 six 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.