

## MUNICIPALITY OF UTUADO

### Statement of Progress in Meeting the 5-Year Plan Mission and Goals

#### Statement of Progress

As required in Notice PIH 2000-43 the Municipality of Utuado is submitting the following statement of progress to meet the 5-year plan. During the 2005 fiscal year, the municipality made progress toward accomplishing the PHA mission, HUD strategic goals and the PHA goals. Highlights of achievements are described as follows.

**PHA Mission:** To provide rental assistance payments to very low income families in order to allow them to rent an adequate and affordable housing, increasing their economic opportunities to become self sufficient in a suitable living environment free from discrimination.

**Accomplishments:** The mission has been accomplished carrying out the policies adopted by the PHA, specifically deconcentrating the tenants throughout the municipality, including 12 tenants with portability vouchers and using the 100% payment standard to motivate landlords of higher income neighborhoods to accept program participants.

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

**Accomplishments:** In order to expand the supply of assisted housing, the municipality will apply for additional rental vouchers as soon the corresponding NOFAs are available.

In order to improve the quality of assisted housing, the municipality will pursue to improve the voucher management increasing the SEMAP score to 135% and to increase customer satisfaction. A customer satisfaction survey will be conducted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of each fiscal year.

To increase assisted housing choices the municipality will provide voucher mobility counseling, conducting outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords and to start the implementation of the voucher homeownership program.

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

**Accomplishments:** In order to provide an improved living environment, the municipality implements several measures to deconcentrate poverty by bringing higher income tenants into lower income neighborhoods and to implement measures to promote income mixing assuring access for lower income families into higher income neighborhoods.

**HUD Strategic Goal:** Promote self-sufficiency and assets development of families and individuals.

Accomplishments: In Utuado, we have the family self sufficiency Program, in order to promote its sufficiency and development of assisted households. Housing.

There are 3 of them enrolled in Academic or Vocational course.

----- Three (3) participants are part-time employed, One has purchasing their homes; One through the state program La Llave para tu Hogar.

----- Two (2) participants graduated and bought their homes. One of them purchased it through the state Program La Llave para tu Hogar.

----- One (1) of them is making his own home. ----- (12) of the fifteen F.S.S. participants are unemployed. Their respective vouchers will be revised to determine further assistance.

Actually, Escrow Account saved for the family self sufficiency participants, the amount of: \$4,154.00.

**HUD Strategic Goal:** Ensure equal opportunity in housing for all Americans.

Accomplishments: Equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing is the commitment of the municipality to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability. To undertake affirmative measures to provide a suitable living environment for families living in assisted housing, regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability. And to undertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all varieties of disabilities regardless of unit size required.

To this date no complaints of fair housing violations has been filed at the municipality Fair Housing Officer.

### **Resident Advisory Board Consultation Process**

The Resident Advisory Board, presided by Julia Torres Maldonado was called on March 14, 2006, to hear and to comment on the 2006-2007, PHA Annual Plan for the Municipality of Utuado. The board without any reservation approved the plan. The President of the Resident Advisory Board signed an endorsement letter to the Mayor of Utuado.

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Streamlined PHA Plan  
PHA Certifications of Compliance

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Office of Public and Indian Housing

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PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related  
Regulation'.

Board Resolution to Accompany the Streamlined Annual PHA Plan

Acting Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Agency (PHA)  
outlined below, as its Chairman or authorized PHA official, I approve the  
submission of the Streamlined Annual PHA Plan for  
PHA fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006. Hereafter referred to as the  
Streamlined Annual Plan, of which this document is a  
part and make the following certifications, agreements with, and assurances to  
the Department of Housing and Urban Development  
(HUD) in connection with the submission of the Streamlined Annual Plan and  
implementation thereof;

1. The Streamlined Annual Plan is consistent with the  
requirements of the Public Housing Act of 1937, as amended,  
incorporating the strategy for (the jurisdiction in which the PHA is  
located).

2. The PHA has established a Resident Advisory Board or Boards, the  
membership of which represent the residents assisted by the  
PHA, and provided this Board or Boards an opportunity to review and comment  
on any program and policy changes since submission  
of the last Annual Plan,

3. The PHA made the proposed streamlined Annual Plan, including policy and  
program revisions since submission of the last Annual  
Plan, and all information relevant to the public hearing available for  
public inspection at least 45 days before the hearing, published a  
notice of a hearing would be held and conducted as required by the  
Public Housing Act and its amendments.

4. The PHA will carry out the Streamlined Annual Plan in conformity with Title VI  
of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing  
Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and title IV of the Americans  
with Disabilities Act of 1990.

5. The PHA will affirmatively further the housing by examining their  
programs or proposed programs identify any impediments to fair  
housing choice within those programs, address those impediments in a  
reasonable fashion in view of the resources available and work:

with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives  
to affirmatively further housing that require the PHA's  
involvement and "i\*\*\*\*" records reflect these analyses and studies.

6. For stream-lined Annual Plan that include a policy or change in policy for waiting lists:

The PHA regularly submits required data w HOD'S MTCS in an accurate, complete and timely manner (as specified in PM Notice 99-

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- The system of site-based waiting lists provides for full disclosure to each applicant in the selection of development in which to reside. Including basic information about available sites; and an estimate of the period of time the applicant would likely have to wait to be admitted to unit (rent size and types at each site;

- Adoption of site-based waiting list would not violate any court order or settlement agreement or be inconsistent with a pending complaint brought by HUD;

- The PHA shall take reasonable measures to assure that such waiting list is consistent with affirmatively fair housing;

- The PHA provides for review of its site-based waiting list policy to determine if it is consistent with civil rights laws and

certifications, as specified in 24 CFR part 903.7(b)(2).

7. The PHA will comply with the provisions of the Fair Housing Act of 1968 of a

1978.

8. The PHA will comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and 24 CFR Part 41, Policies and Procedures for the Enforcement of Standards and Requirements established by the Physically Handicapped.

9. The PHA will comply with the requirements of section 3 of The Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Employment

Opportunities for low-or Very-Low Income Persons, and with its implementing regulation at 24 CFR Part 135.

10. The PHA has submitted with the streamlined Plan a certification with regard to a drug-free workplace required by 24 CFR Part 24,

Subpart F.

11. The PHA has submitted with the streamlined Plan a certification with regard to the plan with restrictions on lobbying required by 24 CFR Part 17, together with disclosure forms if required by in Part, and with restrictions on payment to influence Federal transactions, in accordance with 100 Byrd Amendment and implementing regulation\* at 49 CFR Part 24.

12. The PHA will comply with the Act and related requirements of the Equal Housing Opportunity Act of 1970 and implementing regulation at 49 CFR Part 24 as applicable.

13. The PHA will take appropriate affirmative action to award contracts to minority and women's business enterprises under 24 CFR

5.105(a).

14. The PHA will provide HUD or the responsible entity any documentation that the Department needs to carry out its review under the National Environmental Policy Act and other related authorities in accordance with 24 CFR Part 55,

15. With respect to public housing the PHA will comply with Davis-Bacon or other applicable wage rate requirements under section 12 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

16. The PHA will keep records in accordance with 24 CFR 85-20 and facilitate an effective audit to determine compliance with program requirements,

17. The PHA will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act and 24 CFR Part 35.

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