

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
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# PHA Plans

5-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2005 - 2010  
Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2007

**NOTE: THIS PHA PLANS TEMPLATE (HUD 50075) IS TO BE COMPLETED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS LOCATED IN APPLICABLE PIH NOTICES**

## PHA Plan Agency Identification

**PHA Name:** MUNICIPALITY OF CAROLINA

**PHA Number:** RQ-014

**PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (mm/yyyy)** 07/2007

### Public Access to Information

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

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

### Display Locations For PHA Plans and Supporting Documents

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

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

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

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

**5-YEAR PLAN**  
**PHA FISCAL YEARS 2005 - 2009**  
[24 CFR Part 903.5]

**A. Mission**

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

- The mission of the PHA is the same as that of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: To promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination.
- The PHA's mission is: **The Carolina Municipal Housing Department has the mission of uniting forces with the different public and private entities to increase the quality of life of the Carolina residents through the creation of the new housing units, preserve and improve the existing ones. Also preserve and promote an efficient administration of the subsidized program.**

**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:
  - Reduce public housing vacancies:
  - Leverage private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities: **Use private and public funds to create rental housing.**
  - Acquire or build units or developments: Develop new rental housing projects for elderly families.
  - Other (list below)  
**Increase the housing inventory available for leasing through the invitation to homeowners to the program.**
- PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing  
Objectives:
- Improve public housing management: (PHAS score)

- Improve voucher management: (SEMAP score) **Raise the rating of the PHA from standard to excellent.**
  - Increase customer satisfaction: **We will conduct satisfaction studies to identified areas in which we need to improve our customer service division.**
  - Concentrate on efforts to improve specific management functions:  
(list; e.g., public housing finance; voucher unit inspections)
  - Renovate or modernize public housing units:
  - Demolish or dispose of obsolete public housing:
  - Provide replacement public housing:
  - Provide replacement vouchers:
  - Other: (list below)  
**Perform continuing education training for all employees to increase customer satisfaction and increase their personal knowledge in all federal housing program.**
- PHA Goal: Increase assisted housing choices
- Objectives:
- Provide voucher mobility counseling:
  - Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords. **Newspaper add in general circulation newspaper inviting prospective landlords into the Section 8 Housing Program.**
  - Increase voucher payment standards: **Conduct rental studies to compare our actual payment standards with the reasonable rents and revise our PS in accordance with the regulation.**
  - Implement voucher homeownership program: **The Municipality of Carolina has already implemented the Homeownership Program. As of the date of this plan we have 13 new homeowners under this program and has a total of 80 participants enrolled in the program. All of them completed the counseling sessions. For this program year we have a goal to reach 100 new participants.**
  - Implement public housing or other homeownership programs:
  - Implement public housing site-based waiting lists:
  - Convert public housing to vouchers:
  - Other: (list below)

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

- PHA Goal: Provide an improved living environment
- Objectives:
- Implement measures to deconcentrate poverty by bringing higher income public housing households into lower income developments:
  - Implement measures to promote income mixing in public housing by assuring access for lower income families into higher income

- developments:
- Implement public housing security improvements:
  - Designate developments or buildings for particular resident groups (elderly, persons with disabilities)
  - Other: (list below)

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

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

Objectives:

- Increase the number and percentage of employed persons in assisted families: **We will refer families to the local employment opportunity agency / and studies services.**
- Provide or attract supportive services to improve assistance recipients' employability: **Make alliances with local organizations to provide supportive educational services to tenants.**
- Provide or attract supportive services to increase independence for the elderly or families with disabilities.
- Other: (list below)

**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: **Public notice indicating housing voucher are available regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, facility status and disability. Also we will act in any case in which a tenant raises a claim against any owner for violating of the Fair Housing Act.**
- 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: **Public notices indicating that housing vouchers with suitable living environment are available regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, facility status and disability.**
- Undertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all varieties of disabilities regardless of unit size required: **Public notice indicating that housing vouchers are available regardless of unit size to persons with disabilities.**
- Other: (list below)

**Other PHA Goals and Objectives: (list below)**

**Annual PHA Plan**  
**PHA Fiscal Year 2007**  
[24 CFR Part 903.12]

**i. Annual Plan Type:**

Select which type of Annual Plan the PHA will submit.

**Standard Plan**

**Streamlined Plan:**

- High Performing PHA**  
 **Small Agency (<250 Public Housing Units)**

**Troubled Agency Plan**

**ii. Executive Summary of the Annual PHA Plan (optional)**

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

Provide a brief overview of the information in the Annual Plan, including highlights of major initiatives and discretionary policies the PHA has included in the Annual Plan.

The Municipality of Carolina has developed a long-term program for significant change in the community and has been engaged in a holistic vision of its desired future.

It is mission of the City of Carolina to assure that all its very low, low-and moderate income families have access to decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing in suitable living environments with expanded economic opportunities. Additionally, the City is committed to revitalize its economic base with the provision of adequate infrastructure to stimulate economic development and the creation of new direct and indirect jobs to reduce the high unemployment and benefit principally, very low, low-and-moderate income families so they can attain independence and self-sufficiency

Also we are fully committed with the Section 8 Homeownership program, the Municipality as of today has **13** Section 8 Homeownership cases closed with private lenders and has more than 60 families qualified for the program. This program year we have a goal to provide training to more than 50 families.

The Plan included the statement of housing needs, strategy for addressing needs, increase the number of affordable housing units and the policies established by the PHA to manage the program.

**iii. Annual Plan Table of Contents**

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b)]

Provide a table of contents for the Annual Plan, including attachments, and a list of supporting documents available for public inspection.

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### Attachments

Indicate which attachments are provided by selecting all that apply. Provide the attachment's name (A, B, etc.) in the space to the left of the name of the attachment. Note: If the attachment is provided as a **SEPARATE** file submission from the PHA Plans file, provide the file name in parentheses in the space to the right of the title.

#### Required Attachments:

- Admissions Policy for Deconcentration
- FY 2005 Capital Fund Program Annual Statement
- Most recent board-approved operating budget (Required Attachment for PHAs that are troubled or at risk of being designated troubled ONLY)

#### Optional Attachments:

- PHA Management Organizational Chart
- FY 2005 Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan
- Comments of Resident Advisory Board or Boards (must be attached if not included in PHA Plan text)
- Other (List below, providing each attachment name)

### Supporting Documents Available for Review

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>Applicable Plan Component</b>
X	PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	State/Local Government Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	Fair Housing Documentation: 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 of families on the PHA’s public housing and Section 8 tenant-based waiting lists.	Annual Plan: Housing Needs
	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources;
	Deconcentration Income Analysis	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions
	Public Housing Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy Policy (A&O), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP]	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
X	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	Public Housing Deconcentration and Income Mixing Documentation: 1. PHA board certifications of compliance with deconcentration requirements (section 16(a) of the US Housing Act of 1937, as implemented in the 2/18/99 <i>Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act Initial Guidance; Notice</i> and any further HUD guidance) and 2. Documentation of the required deconcentration and income mixing analysis	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	Any policy governing occupancy of Police Officers in Public Housing <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A&O Policy	
	Public housing rent determination policies, including the methodology for setting public housing flat rents	Annual Plan: Rent Determination

<b>List of Supporting Documents Available for Review</b>		
<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>Supporting Document</b>	<b>Applicable Plan Component</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	
	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
X	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
	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 grant	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Most recent, approved 5 Year Action Plan for the Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program, if not included as an attachment (provided at PHA option)	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
	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing	Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition
	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans	Annual Plan: Homeownership
x	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Homeownership
	Troubled PHAs: MOA/Recovery Plan	Troubled PHAs
	Other supporting documents (optional) (list individually; use as many lines as necessary)	(specify as needed)

## **1. Statement of Housing Needs**

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

### **A. Housing Needs of Families on the Public Housing and Section 8 Tenant- Based Assistance Waiting Lists**

State the housing needs of the families on the PHA's waiting list/s. **Complete one table for each type of PHA-wide waiting list administered by the PHA.** PHAs may provide separate tables for site-based or sub-jurisdictional public housing waiting lists at their option.

<b>Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List</b>
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Waiting list type: (select one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 8 tenant-based assistance			
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Combined Section 8 and Public Housing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing Site-Based or sub-jurisdictional waiting list (optional)			
If used, identify which development/subjurisdiction:			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	<b>54</b>		
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	<b>45</b>	<b>83%</b>	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	<b>9</b>	<b>17%</b>	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Families with children	<b>44</b>	<b>81%</b>	
Elderly families	<b>1</b>	<b>2%</b>	
Families with Disabilities	<b>1</b>	<b>2%</b>	
Race/ethnicity			
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)			
1BR			
2 BR			
3 BR			
4 BR			
5 BR			
5+ BR			

### Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List

Is the waiting list closed (select one)?  No  Yes

If yes:

How long has it been closed (# of months)? **6 months – We opened and closed the waiting list on October 5, 2006 and received more than 500 applications**

Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year?  No  Yes

Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed?  No  Yes **Displaced persons as a result of the exercising of the eminent domain by the local or state agency.**

#### B. Strategy for Addressing Needs

Provide a brief description of the PHA's strategy for addressing the housing needs of families in the jurisdiction and on the waiting list **IN THE UPCOMING YEAR**, and the Agency's reasons for choosing this strategy.

##### (1) Strategies

**Need: Shortage of affordable housing for all eligible populations**

**Strategy 1. Maximize the number of affordable units available to the PHA within its current resources by:**

Select all that apply

- Employ effective maintenance and management policies to minimize the number of public housing units off-line
- Reduce turnover time for vacated public housing units
- Reduce time to renovate public housing units
- Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through mixed finance development
- Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through section 8 replacement housing resources
- Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by establishing payment standards that will enable families to rent throughout the jurisdiction. **The PHA maintains the Section 8 Payment Standards above the FMR for the San Juan Metropolitan area to allow the families the rent of safe, decent and affordable unit. Fair Market Rent and Payment Standard table included.**
- Undertake measures to ensure access to affordable housing among families assisted by the PHA, regardless of unit size required. **The PHA will identify housing units based on the size needs to the participant families.**
- Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by marketing the program to owners, particularly those outside of areas of minority and poverty concentration. **The PHA publishes notices inviting owners and local realtors to participate in the program. The potential landlords can have an orientation at any time.**
- Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by effectively screening Section 8 applicants to increase owner acceptance of program

- Participate in the Consolidated Plan development process to ensure coordination with broader community strategies. **The Municipality of Carolina (PHA) prepares the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction.**
- Other (list below) **Develop of rental housing units for elderly families.**

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

Select all that apply

- Apply for additional section 8 units should they become available
- Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed - finance housing
- Pursue housing resources other than public housing or Section 8 tenant-based assistance. **The Municipality will apply for HOPWA funds and Homeless funds to provide assistance to the HIV positive persons and the homelessness**
- Other: (list below) **The Municipality will develop two elderly rental projects with 100 units.**

**Need: Specific Family Types: Families at or below 30% of median**

**Strategy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 30 % of AMI**

Select all that apply

- Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in public housing
- Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in tenant-based section 8 assistance
- Employ admissions preferences aimed at families with economic hardships
- Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- Other: (list below)

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

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

Select all that apply

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

**Need: Specific Family Types: The Elderly**

**Strategy 1: Target available assistance to the elderly:**

Select all that apply

- Seek designation of public housing for the elderly
- Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to the elderly, should they become

- available
- Other: (list below) **The Municipality will develop two elderly rental projects with 100 units.**

**Need: Specific Family Types: Families with Disabilities**

**Strategy 1: Target available assistance to Families with Disabilities:**

Select all that apply

- Seek designation of public housing for families with disabilities
- Carry out the modifications needed in public housing based on the section 504 Needs Assessment for Public Housing
- Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to families with disabilities, should they become available
- Affirmatively market to local non-profit agencies that assist families with disabilities
- Other: (list below) A **preference was established for families with disabilities.**

**Need: Specific Family Types: Races or ethnicities with disproportionate housing needs**

**Strategy 1: Increase awareness of PHA resources among families of races and ethnicities with disproportionate needs:**

Select if applicable

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

**Strategy 2: Conduct activities to affirmatively further fair housing**

Select all that apply

- Counsel section 8 tenants as to location of units outside of areas of poverty or minority concentration and assist them to locate those units
- Market the section 8 program to owners outside of areas of poverty /minority concentrations **in addition to the newspaper add inviting owners to inscribe their properties for rent with us under the Section 8 Program, we will approach prospect landlords by phone.**
- Other: (list below)

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

**(2) Reasons for Selecting Strategies**

Of the factors listed below, select all that influenced the PHA's selection of the

strategies it will pursue:

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

## **2. Statement of Financial Resources**

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

List 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.

<b>Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses</b>		
<b>Sources</b>	<b>Planned \$</b>	<b>Planned Uses</b>
<b>1. Federal Grants (FY 2000 grants)</b>		
a) Public Housing Operating Fund	\$580,320	Public Housing Administration
b) Public Housing Capital Fund		
c) HOPE VI Revitalization		
d) HOPE VI Demolition		
e) Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance	3,678,478	Housing Assistance Payment
f) Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (including any Technical Assistance funds)		
g) Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants		
h) Community Development Block Grant		

<b>Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses</b>		
<b>Sources</b>	<b>Planned \$</b>	<b>Planned Uses</b>
i) HOME	1,427,443	Affordable Housing
Other Federal Grants (list below)		
<b>HOPWA</b>	162,000	Rental Assistance
<b>2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below)</b>		
<b>3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income</b>		
<b>4. Other income (list below)</b>		
<b>4. Non-federal sources (list below)</b>		
<b>Total resources</b>	<b>\$5,848,241</b>	

**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. 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
- Overhoused
- Underhoused
- Medical justification
- Administrative reasons determined by the PHA (e.g., to permit modernization work)
- Resident choice: (state circumstances below)
- Other: (list below)

c. Preferences

1.  Yes  No: Has the PHA established preferences for admission to public housing (other than date and time of application)? (If “no” is selected, skip to subsection **(5) Occupancy**)
2. Which of the following admission preferences does the PHA plan to employ in the coming year? (select all that apply from either former Federal preferences or other preferences)

Former Federal preferences:

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

Other preferences: (select below)

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

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

Date and Time

Former Federal preferences:

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

Other preferences (select all that apply)

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

4. Relationship of preferences to income targeting requirements:

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

**(5) Occupancy**

a. What reference materials can applicants and residents use to obtain information about the rules of occupancy of public housing (select all that apply)

- The PHA-resident lease
- The PHA's Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy policy
- PHA briefing seminars or written materials
- Other source (list)

b. How often must residents notify the PHA of changes in family composition? (select all that apply)

- At an annual reexamination and lease renewal
- Any time family composition changes
- At family request for revision
- Other (list)

**(6) Deconcentration and Income Mixing**

- a.  Yes  No: Did the PHA's analysis of its family (general occupancy) developments to determine concentrations of poverty indicate the need for measures to promote deconcentration of poverty or income mixing?

b.  Yes  No: Did the PHA adopt any changes to its **admissions policies** based on the results of the required analysis of the need to promote deconcentration of poverty or to assure income mixing?

c. If the answer to b was yes, what changes were adopted? (select all that apply)

Adoption of site based waiting lists  
If selected, list targeted developments below:

Employing waiting list “skipping” to achieve deconcentration of poverty or income mixing goals at targeted developments  
If selected, list targeted developments below:

Employing new admission preferences at targeted developments  
If selected, list targeted developments below:

Other (list policies and developments targeted below)

d.  Yes  No: Did the PHA adopt any changes to **other** policies based on the results of the required analysis of the need for deconcentration of poverty and income mixing?

e. If the answer to d was yes, how would you describe these changes? (select all that apply)

- Additional affirmative marketing
- Actions to improve the marketability of certain developments
- Adoption or adjustment of ceiling rents for certain developments
- Adoption of rent incentives to encourage deconcentration of poverty and income-mixing
- Other (list below)

f. Based on the results of the required analysis, in which developments will the PHA make special efforts to attract or retain higher-income families? (select all that apply)

- Not applicable: results of analysis did not indicate a need for such efforts
- List (any applicable) developments below:

g. Based on the results of the required analysis, in which developments will the PHA make special efforts to assure access for lower-income families? (select all that apply)

- Not applicable: results of analysis did not indicate a need for such efforts
- List (any applicable) developments below:

## B. Section 8

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer section 8 are not required to complete sub-component 3B. **Unless otherwise specified, all questions in this section apply only to the tenant-based section 8 assistance program (vouchers, and until completely merged into the voucher program, certificates).**

### (1) Eligibility

- a. What is the extent of screening conducted by the PHA? (select all that apply)
- Criminal or drug -related activity only to the extent required by law or regulation
  - Criminal and drug-related activity, more extensively than required by law or regulation
  - More general screening than criminal and drug-related activity (list factors below)
  - Other (list below)
- b.  Yes  No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law enforcement agencies for screening purposes? **N/A**
- c.  Yes  No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law enforcement agencies for screening purposes? **The only law enforcement agency applicable for us to request information is the State Agency "Policía Estatal de Puerto Rico", which covers the whole island.**
- d.  Yes  No: Does the PHA access FBI criminal records from the FBI for screening purposes? (either directly or through an NCIC-authorized source)
- e. Indicate what kinds of information you share with prospective landlords? (select all that apply)
- Criminal or drug-related activity
  - Other (describe below) **Previous landlords information**

### (2) Waiting List Organization

- a. With which of the following program waiting lists is the section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting list merged? (select all that apply)
- None
  - Federal public housing
  - Federal moderate rehabilitation

- Federal project-based certificate program
- Other federal or local program (list below)

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

- PHA main administrative office
- Other (list below)

### **(3) Search Time**

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

If yes, state circumstances below: Administrative Plan, Chapter 6 Section IV. 1, a. b. c., pages 39-40.

1. A voucher is valid for a 60-day period upon date of emission. The family must then start the searching process. An extension may be granted only under the following criteria's:

- a. Handicap or Disabled person or family, which is/are unable to find a unit adequate for their needs.
- b. Long term illness/hospitalization of any member of the family composition. In such circumstances, they must bring evidence of hospitalization and the period of time in the hospital will be added to the Voucher period.
- c. Single elderly (62 years old or more) who needs a first floor unit.
- d. If the family can prove that they made an extensive effort to locate a unit, they have to provide to the PHA with a list of at least 10 units they visited.

### **(4) Admissions Preferences**

a. Income targeting

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

b. Preferences

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

2. Which of the following admission preferences does the PHA plan to employ in the

coming year? (select all that apply from either former Federal preferences or other preferences)

- A. Involuntarily displacement
  - a. National disaster: hurricane, earthquake o flood (if it was declared by a federal agency)
  - b. Governmental displacement
- B. Catastrophic Disease
- C. Elderly that lives alone & Handicap or Disabled Person that lives alone.
- D. Domestic Violence, reprisal or hate crimes
  - a. Includes child abuse
  - b. Victimizer will not be allowed in family composition and is will not be allowed to participate of the program
- E. Homeless
- F. Substandard Housing
- G. Local Residence

Former Federal preferences

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

Other preferences (select all that apply)

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

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.

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### Former Federal preferences

#### Former Federal preferences:

- 1 Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- 2 Catastrophic Disease
- 3 Elderly and handicapped
- 4 Victims of domestic violence, reprisals or hate crimes
- 5 Homeless
- 6 Substandard Housing
- 7 Local Residence

#### Other preferences (select all that apply)

- Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- Veterans and veterans' families
- Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction
- Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- Other preference(s) (list below) **Persons who are elderly and persons with handicap or disabilities that live alone, that are head of household or members of the family**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(5) Special Purpose Section 8 Assistance Programs**

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

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

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

- Through published notices
- Other (list below) Through communications send by mail to the participants.

**4. PHA Rent Determination Policies**

[24 CFR Part 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)

- 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))

---or---

- The PHA employs discretionary policies for determining income based rent (If selected, continue to question b.)

b. Minimum Rent

1. What amount best reflects the PHA's minimum rent? (select one)

- \$0
- \$1-\$25
- \$26-\$50

2.  Yes  No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies?

3. If yes to question 2, list these policies below:

c. Rents set at less than 30% than 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)
- 95<sup>th</sup> 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**

1. In setting the market-based flat rents, what sources of information did the PHA use to establish comparability? (select all that apply.)

- The section 8 rent reasonableness study of comparable housing
- Survey of rents listed in local newspaper
- Survey of similar unassisted units in the neighborhood
- Other (list/describe below)

**B. Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance**

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer Section 8 tenant-based assistance are not required to complete sub-component 4B. **Unless otherwise specified, all questions in this section apply only to the tenant-based section 8 assistance program (vouchers, and until completely merged into the voucher program, certificates).**

**(1) Payment Standards**

Describe the voucher payment standards and policies.

a. What is the PHA's payment standard? (select the category that best describes your standard)

- At or above 90% but below 100% of FMR
- 100% of FMR
- Above 100% but at or below 110% of FMR
- Above 110% of FMR (if HUD approved; describe circumstances below)

b. If the payment standard is lower than FMR, why has the PHA selected this standard? (select all that apply)

- FMRs are adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment of the FMR area
- The PHA has chosen to serve additional families by lowering the payment standard
- Reflects market or submarket
- Other (list below)

c. If the payment standard is higher than FMR, why has the PHA chosen this level? (select all that apply)

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

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

- Annually, or **as requested by the Regulation**  
 Other (list below)

e. What factors will the PHA consider in its assessment of the adequacy of its payment standard? (select all that apply)

- Success rates of assisted families  
 Rent burdens of assisted families  
 Other (list below) **Assigned Budget**

## **(2) Minimum Rent**

a. What amount best reflects the PHA's minimum rent? (select one)

- \$0  
 \$1-\$25  
 \$26-\$50

b.  Yes  No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies? (if yes, list below)

**The Municipality adopts a minimum rent policy of \$50, the Municipality must grant an exemptions from the minimum rent requirement to any family if the Municipality determines that the family is unable to pay the amount due to financial hardship, unless the hardship is temporary. Financial hardship includes circumstances in which families:**

- 1. Have lost eligibility or are awaiting an eligibility determination for a federal, state or local assistance program or is prevent from rent a unit in a new admission or move-in.**
- 2. Would be evicted as a result of imposing the minimum rent requirement;**
- 3. Experience income decreases because of changed circumstances including the loss of employment;**
- 4. Have a death in the family; or**
- 5. Have other circumstances as determined by the Municipality or HUD**

## **5. Capital Improvement Needs**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 (g)]

Exemptions from Component 7: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this component and may skip to Component 8.

### **A. Capital Fund Activities**

Exemptions from sub-component 7A: PHAs that will not participate in the Capital Fund Program may skip to component 7B. All other PHAs must complete 7A as instructed.

#### **Capital Fund Program**

A.  Yes  No: Is the PHA eligible to participate in the CFP in the fiscal year covered by this PHA Plan?

B. What is the amount of the PHA's estimated or actual (if known) Capital Fund Program grant for the upcoming year? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

C.  Yes  No Does the PHA plan to participate in the Capital Fund Program in the upcoming year? If yes, complete the rest of this component. If no, skip to next component.

D.  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.).

E. Capital Fund Program Grant Submissions

(1) Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan

The Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan is provided as Attachment

(2) Capital Fund Program Annual Statement

The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement is provided as Attachment

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

Applicability of sub-component 7B: 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.

Yes  No: a) Has the PHA received a HOPE VI revitalization grant? (if no,

skip to question c; if yes, provide responses to question b 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)

1. Development name:
2. Development (project) number:
3. 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

Yes  No: c) Does the PHA plan to apply for a HOPE VI Revitalization grant in the Plan year?  
If yes, list development name/s below:

Yes  No: d) 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:

Yes  No: e) 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 903.7 (h)]

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

1.  Yes  No: Does the PHA plan to conduct any demolition or disposition activities (pursuant to section 18 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437p)) in the plan Fiscal Year? (If “No”, skip to component 9; if “yes”, complete one activity description for each development.)

### 2. Activity Description

Yes  No: Has the PHA provided the activities description information in the **optional** Public Housing Asset Management Table? (If

“yes”, skip to component 9. If “No”, complete the Activity Description table below.)

<b>Demolition/Disposition Activity Description</b>
1a. Development name: 1b. Development (project) number:
2. Activity type: Demolition <input type="checkbox"/> Disposition <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Application status (select one) Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted, pending approval <input type="checkbox"/> Planned application <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Date application approved, submitted, or planned for submission: <u>(DD/MM/YY)</u>
5. Number of units affected: 6. Coverage of action (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Part of the development <input type="checkbox"/> Total development
7. Timeline for activity: a. Actual or projected start date of activity: b. Projected end date of activity:

## **7. Homeownership Programs Administered by the PHA**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 (k)]

### **A. Public Housing**

Exemptions from Component 11A: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete 11A.

1.  Yes  No: Does the PHA administer any homeownership programs administered by the PHA under an approved section 5(h) homeownership program (42 U.S.C. 1437c(h)), or an approved HOPE I program (42 U.S.C. 1437aaa) or has the PHA applied or plan to apply to administer any homeownership programs under section 5(h), the HOPE I program, or section 32 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437z-4). (If “No”, skip to component 11B; if “yes”, complete one activity description for each applicable program/plan, unless eligible to complete a streamlined submission due to **small PHA** or **high performing PHA** status. PHAs completing streamlined submissions may skip to component 11B.)

#### 2. Activity Description

- Yes  No: Has the PHA provided all required activity description information for this component in the **optional** Public Housing

Asset Management Table? (If “yes”, skip to component 12. If “No”, complete the Activity Description table below.)

<b>Public Housing Homeownership Activity Description (Complete one for each development affected)</b>
1a. Development name: 1b. Development (project) number:
2. Federal Program authority: <input type="checkbox"/> HOPE I <input type="checkbox"/> 5(h) <input type="checkbox"/> Turnkey III <input type="checkbox"/> Section 32 of the USHA of 1937 (effective 10/1/99)
3. Application status: (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Approved; included in the PHA’s Homeownership Plan/Program <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted, pending approval <input type="checkbox"/> Planned application
4. Date Homeownership Plan/Program approved, submitted, or planned for submission: (DD/MM/YYYY)
5. Number of units affected: 6. Coverage of action: (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Part of the development <input type="checkbox"/> Total development

## B. Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance

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 component 12; if “yes”, describe each program using the table below (copy and complete questions for each program identified), unless the PHA is eligible to complete a streamlined submission due to high performer status. **High performing PHAs** may skip to component 8.)

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, which statement best describes the number of participants? (select one)

- 25 or fewer participants
- 26 - 50 participants
- 51 to 100 participants
- more than 100 participants

b. PHA-established eligibility criteria

Yes  No: Will the PHA's program have eligibility criteria for participation in its Section 8 Homeownership Option program in addition to HUD criteria?

If yes, list criteria below:

- a. Participants will be qualified using the same criteria for the Section 8 Program participants.
- b. The family or any member of the family composition must not owe or have owed a house during the last three years before starting to participate of the program.
- c. The family must have a minimum annual income of (\$10,300.00). This will not be required for elderly families or with disabled persons.
- d. The applicant must be employed in a full time basis (not less than 30 hours per week) for a period of one year or more before beginning with the program.
- e. The family has not participated of the "Homeownership" before.
- f. The family has no mortgage default history.
- g. The family must be able to proof their capacity to afford 3% of the total cost of the loan for down payment. Of this amount, (1%) has to be provided by their own means (savings accounts, IRA accounts, inheritance) from the family and the remaining 2% my be provided by another source such as subsidize from the HOME Program, Community Development Block Grant, Section 203(k) rural, "La Llave para tu Hogar" State Housing Department and Puerto Rico Law 124 among others.
- h. The participants must qualify under the Housing Choice Voucher Program.  
The applicant must comply with all the regulations of all the programs with which funds are combined.

## **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.

## **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**

We have accomplished incrementing the amount of vouchers, receiving 119 additional vouchers.

In addition, landlords are more committed to inscribe their units for lease under the program do to the efforts by notices placed on the newspaper and phone calls of our office employees exhorting and explaining the program to prospect owners.

As for the middle of the year 2002 we started to implement the Homeownership Program. All the participants of the program are receiving financing counseling and are being certified for the First Home Buyer Savings Account. **As of today we already identified 80 potential home owners and 13 of them acquire their first home with the program. With the FSS we graduate 9 participants.**

### **B. Criteria for Substantial Deviations and Significant Amendments**

The Municipality has established as a substancial deviations and significant amendments any change on 10 or more of the Administraive Plan Chapters, and any mayor change that affect the participants. This include the change in the minimum rent, the homeownership require percentage of participation and the elimination of any strategy from the PHA Plan.

### **C. Other Information**

[24 CFR Part 903.13]

#### **A. Resident Advisory Board Recommendations**

1.  Yes  No: Did the PHA receive any comments on the PHA Plan from the Resident Advisory Board/s?
  
2. If yes, the comments are: (if comments were received, the PHA **MUST** select one)  
 Attached at Attachment (File name)  
 Provided below:
  
3. 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)

**B. Description of Election Process for Residents on the PHA Board**

1.  Yes  No: Does the PHA meet the exemption criteria provided in section 2(b)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937? (If no, continue to question 2; if yes, skip to sub-component C.) The Municipality does have a PHA Board, the Mayor is the Executive Officer of the Municipality. The Municipality select a residents advisory board.

2.  Yes  No: Was the resident who serves on the PHA Board elected by the residents? (If yes, continue to question 3; if no, skip to sub-component C.)

3. Description of Resident Election Process

a. 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)

b. 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)

c. 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)

**C. 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).

1. Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: Municipality of Carolina
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 in the jurisdiction 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)

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

- Target available assistance to the Elderly; by include the development of rental housing projects for the elderly families.
- Increase the numbers of affordable housing by develop more than 1000 new affordable units.
- Support of the effort to promote the Family Self Sufficient and the Section 8 Homeownership program, by providing new units to this participants.
- Assure that all its very low, low-and-moderate income families have access to decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing in suitable living environments with expanded economic opportunities.
- Revitalize its economic base with the provision of adequate infrastructure to stimulate economic development and the creation of new direct and indirect jobs to reduce the high unemployment and benefit principally, very low, low-and-moderate income families so they can attain independence and self-sufficiency.
- Preservation of the existing housing stock.
- Provision of rental assistance to the extremely poor households (those working families with incomes below 30% of the median and the unemployment marginally employed homeless)

- Development of rental housing - expansion of the City's affordable rental housing through the development of additional rental housing with below-market rents.
- Housing counseling. The provision of housing counseling services will attempt to match the needs of lower-income households with appropriate affordable housing opportunities.
- Expand homeownership opportunities.
- Preservation of the existing homeownership housing stock.

### **10. Project-Based Voucher Program (if applicable)**

If the PHA plans to use the project-based voucher program, provide a statement of the projected number of project-based units and general locations, and how project basing would be consistent with its PHA Plan.

N/A

### **11. Prohibition for Sex Offenders**

The Municipality of Carolina has established standards that prohibit admission to the program if any member of the household is subject to a lifetime registration under a State sex offender registration program (24CFR 982.553 (2)). The Municipality of Carolina (RQ014) will screen the family by performing a criminal history background check necessary to determine whether any household member is subject to a lifetime sex offender registration requirement in the State where the dwelling unit is located and in other States where the household members are known to have resided. The screening is to be carried-out through the Puerto Rico Police Department, which issues a Certificate of Conduct.

The Municipality of Carolina will deny admission if any member of the household is subject to a lifetime registration requirement under a State sex offender registration program. Sex offenders, not subject to lifetime registration, will be denied assistance for the entire period they are subject to registration as sex offenders. (See attachment #13)

### **12. Violence Against Women**

The Municipality of Carolina provides the victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking the right to a preference in their Section 8 application.

Also, the Municipality has established a local office for the assistance of victims of such crimes, and the Municipal Housing Office refers victims to receive psychological assistance and counseling.

The Municipality's Administrative Plan, establishes as a policy that an event (or events) of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking does not constitute grounds to cancel or deny assistance in the Section 8 Program. Also, the Municipality adopted the following goals and objectives:

- ◆ The applicant/ tenant/ victim will be treated with due respect and dignity.
- ◆ The Municipality of Carolina will notify Housing Choice Voucher owners and managers of VAWA.
- ◆ The Municipality of Carolina will notify voucher holders of their rights under VAWA, including the possible portability of vouchers to escape an imminent threat of further domestic violence or stalking.
- ◆ VAWA will be incorporated into the landlord and tenant orientation process.

(See Attachment #14)

### 13. Attachments Submitted to Local Office

1. SEMAP Score
2. Education Schedule
3. Publication Inviting Potential Landlords
4. Mi Futuro Hogar Savings Account and HOMEOWNERSHIP Counseling
5. FSS Graduate
6. Local Employment Agency's Brochure
7. Opening and Closing of Waiting List
8. Housing Office Organizational Chart
9. Payment Standard and Utility Allowance
10. Eligibility Criteria
11. Single Audit (6/30/2006)
12. PHA Plan Public Notice and Participant Survey
13. Prohibition of Sex Offenders
14. Violence against Women



