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Streamlined Annual PHA Plan for Fiscal Year: 2008

PHA Name:
Amesbury Housing Authority
MA116

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: Amesbury Housing Authority **PHA Number:** MA116

PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (mm/yyyy) 10/2008

PHA Programs Administered:

Public Housing and Section 8
 Section 8 Only
 Public Housing Only
 Number of public housing units:
 Number of S8 units: 84
 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 2008
[24 CFR Part 903.12(c)]

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[24 CFR 903.7(r)]

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B. SEPARATE HARD COPY SUBMISSIONS TO LOCAL HUD FIELD OFFICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A. Site-Based Waiting Lists-Previous Year

- 1. Has the PHA operated one or more site-based waiting lists in the previous year? If yes, complete the following table; if not skip to B.

Site-Based Waiting Lists				
Development Information: (Name, number, Location)	Date Initiated	Initial mix of Racial, Ethnic or Disability Demographics	Current mix of Racial, Ethnic or Disability Demographics since Initiation of SBWL	Percent change between initial and current mix of Racial, Ethnic, or Disability demographics

2. What is the number of site based waiting list developments to which families may apply at one time?
3. How many unit offers may an applicant turn down before being removed from the site-based waiting list?
4. Yes No: Is the PHA the subject of any pending fair housing complaint by HUD or any court order or settlement agreement? If yes, describe the order, agreement or complaint and describe how use of a site-based waiting list will not violate or be inconsistent with the order, agreement or complaint below:

B. Site-Based Waiting Lists – Coming Year

If the PHA plans to operate one or more site-based waiting lists in the coming year, answer each of the following questions; if not, skip to next component.

1. How many site-based waiting lists will the PHA operate in the coming year?1
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) During the coming fiscal year beginning October 1, 2007, the AHA has plans to participate in the Centralized waiting list managed by the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (MASSNAHRO) in Boston. This participation will preclude the AHA from managing its own waiting list and is expected to save time, paper, and postage in managing the Housing

Choice Voucher Program. The list will always be current and will not have to be updated (culled) periodically. This listing and applications can be found at www.MassNahro.org.

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:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Revitalization Plan under development	
<input type="checkbox"/> Revitalization Plan submitted, pending approval	
<input type="checkbox"/> Revitalization Plan approved	
<input type="checkbox"/> Activities pursuant to an approved Revitalization Plan underway	

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

4. Yes No: Will the PHA be engaging in any mixed-finance development activities for public housing in the Plan year? If yes, list developments or activities below:
5. Yes No: Will the PHA be conducting any other public housing development or replacement activities not discussed in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement? If yes, list developments or activities below:

3. Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance--Section 8(y) Homeownership Program

(if applicable) [24 CFR Part 903.12(c), 903.7(k)(1)(i)]

1. Yes No: Does the PHA plan to administer a Section 8 Homeownership program pursuant to Section 8(y) of the U.S.H.A. of 1937, as implemented by 24 CFR part 982 ? (If "No", skip to the next component; if "yes", complete each program description below (copy and complete questions for each program identified.)
2. Program Description: The Amesbury Housing Authority has had a home ownership program in place since 2001. Those clients (most taken from existing program participants) have been able to avoid foreclosure. Some took advantage of post-purchase counseling offered by the AHA, as we wanted to help them avoid those financial institutions that prey on low-income homeowners and seek to rob them of their homes and any equity they may have established.

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? Four

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:

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

1. The program is already in place
2. 10% of the current allotment by unit will be allowed which equals 8 units

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

The Amesbury & Merrimac PHA has integrated the Home Purchase Component of the Housing Choice Voucher Program into respective Revised Administrative Plans, previous submitted to HUD. The AHA utilizes a Regional First Time Home Buyers Program - The Coastal First Time Home Buyers Program (Headquartered in Newburyport, MA) to provide training and certificates of completion to any HCVP recipients who wish to participate. Both PHA's pay the \$45 course fee for the program participants from program reserves, as required by HUD. To date, five (5) families hand taken advantage of this training opportunity and have secured \certificates of completion (a requisite for participation in the Home Purchase Program). Three families have purchased a home using the program to supplement their monthly P&I and escrow payments.

The AHA staff has provided the remainder of the expertise required to promote and administer this program. The Executive Director has considerable experience in First Time Home Buyers Programs. This experience was gained by overseeing a First Time Home Buyers program in Lowell, MA provided by the Department of Planning and Development and funded under the HOME and CDBG programs. Over 100 Home Purchases were completed during the tenure of the AHA director as the City of Lowell Assistance Director of Community and Economic Development. The Director also help to organized the "Home of Your Home Program" Offered by the Citizen's Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA) under the auspices of Freddie Mac for persons with disabilities during his tenure with the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. .

The section 8 Administrator has a lengthy Section 8 HCVP Program background is fully aware of the requirements of this new program. The software provider for the AHA has already updated the Section 8 Administration Software to permit the computation of payments to the home buyer. Training for management of Home Ownership Programs was received by AHA staff from LISC, a non-profit housing advocacy group headquartered in Washington, DC.

The AHA board wanted to offer this option to those HCVP program participants under the respective Section 8 Programs. The AHA board previously approved the addition of this program into the Section 8 Administrative Plan.

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.

During fiscal 2007, the AHA may be exploring the utilization of project-based certificates in the near future. That provision was included in the last approved revision of the Section 8 Administrative Plan.

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:) Only applicable if it will keep a unit affordable after rehabilitation has been completed; guaranteeing a regular income stream to the property owner and keeping units available in a fairly tight rental market.

2. Indicate the number of units and general location of units (e.g. eligible census tracts or smaller areas within eligible census tracts): A maximum of 16 units (20% of allocation) , as designated in our current Administrative Plan

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: Town of Amesbury, c/o Community Development Dept., Attention: Shauna Bicotte , Director Community & Economic Development Department , Work: 978-388-8111 x 315 , Fax: 978-388-0597 E-Mail: becottes@ci.amesbury.ma.us, 5 School St., Amesbury Town Hall - Community Planning & Development Office, Amesbury, MA 01913.

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) None

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
Main Administrative Office 180 Main St. Amesbury, MA 01913	<i>PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations and Board Resolution to Accompany the Standard Annual, Standard Five-Year, and Streamlined Five-Year/Annual Plans;</i>	5 Year and Annual Plans
Main Administrative Office 180 Main St. Amesbury, MA 01913	<i>PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations and Board Resolution to Accompany the Streamlined Annual Plan</i>	Streamlined Annual Plans
Main Administrative Office 180 Main St. Amesbury, MA 01913	<i>Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plan Consistency with Consolidated Plan.</i>	5 Year and standard Annual Plans
Main Administrative Office 180 Main St. Amesbury, MA 01913	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
<hr/> Shauna Bicotte, Director Community & Economic Development Work: 978-388-8111 x 315 Fax: 978-388-0597 Amesbury Town Comm & Dev. Dept. 5 School St. Amesbury, MA 01913 E-Mail: becottes@ci.amesbury.ma.us	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
Main Administrative Office 180 Main St. Amesbury, MA 01913	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources
Main Administrative Office 180 Main St. Amesbury, MA 01913	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
Main Administrative Office 180 Main St. Amesbury, MA 01913	Deconcentration Income Analysis	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
Section 8 Only PHA	Any policy governing occupancy of Police Officers and Over-Income Tenants in Public Housing. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A&O Policy.	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
Main Administrative Office 180 Main St. Amesbury, MA 01913	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
Section 8 Only PHA	Public housing rent determination policies, including the method for setting public housing flat rents. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
Section 8 Only PHA	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
Main Administrative Office 180 Main St. Amesbury, MA 01913	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
Section 8 Only PHA	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
Section 8 Only PHA	Results of latest Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Assessment (or other applicable assessment).	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
Section 8 Only PHA	Follow-up Plan to Results of the PHAS Resident Satisfaction Survey (if necessary)	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance and Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
Main Administrative Office 180 Main St. Amesbury, MA 01913	Results of latest Section 8 Management Assessment System (SEMAP)	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
Main Administrative Office 180 Main St. Amesbury, MA 01913	Any policies governing any Section 8 special housing types <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
	Public housing grievance procedures <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
Main Administrative Office 180 Main St. Amesbury, MA 01913	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan.	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
Section 8 Only PHA	The Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement /Performance and Evaluation Report for any active grant year.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
Section 8 Only PHA	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grants.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
Section 8 Only PHA	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
Section 8 Only PHA	Self-evaluation, Needs Assessment and Transition Plan required by regulations implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans	Annual Plan: Capital Needs

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
	with Disabilities Act. See PIH Notice 99-52 (HA).	
Section 8 Only PHA	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing.	Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition
Section 8 Only PHA	Approved or submitted applications for designation of public housing (Designated Housing Plans).	Annual Plan: Designation of Public Housing
Section 8 Only PHA	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
Section 8 Only PHA	Documentation for required Initial Assessment and any additional information required by HUD for Voluntary Conversion.	Annual Plan: Voluntary Conversion of Public Housing
Section 8 Only PHA	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans.	Annual Plan: Homeownership
Main Administrative Office 180 Main St. Amesbury, MA 01913	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program (Section XIV of the Section 8 Administrative Plan)	Annual Plan: Homeownership
Section 8 Only PHA	Public Housing Community Service Policy/Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Public Housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
Section 8 Only PHA	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
No FSS Program	FSS Action Plan(s) for public housing and/or Section 8.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
Section 8 Only PHA	Section 3 documentation required by 24 CFR Part 135, Subpart E for public housing.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Most recent self-sufficiency (ED/SS, TOP or ROSS or other resident services grant) grant program reports for public housing.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
Section 8 Only PHA	Policy on Ownership of Pets in Public Housing Family Developments (as required by regulation at 24 CFR Part 960, Subpart G). <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Pet Policy

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
Main Administrative Office 180 Main St. Amesbury, MA 01913	The results of the most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under the Single Audit Act as implemented by OMB Circular A-133, the results of that audit and the PHA's response to any findings.	Annual Plan: Annual Audit
Main Administrative Office 180 Main St. Amesbury, MA 01913	Other supporting documents (optional) (list individually; use as many lines as necessary) Violence Against Women Act (VAHA) Adopted in 2007 as recommended by HUD (see attached)	Section 8 Administrative Plan update
Main Administrative Office 180 Main St. Amesbury, MA 01913	Consortium agreement(s) and for Consortium Joint PHA Plans <u>Only</u> : Certification that consortium agreement is in compliance with 24 CFR Part 943 pursuant to an opinion of counsel on file and available for inspection.	Joint Annual PHA Plan for Consortia: Agency Identification and Annual Management and Operations

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

Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part I: Summary					
PHA Name:		Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program Grant No: Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:			Federal FY of Grant:
<input type="checkbox"/> Original Annual Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Reserve for Disasters/ Emergencies <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Annual Statement (revision no:)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending: <input type="checkbox"/> Final Performance and Evaluation Report					
Line No.	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost	
		Original	Revised	Obligated	Expended
1	Total non-CFP Funds				
2	1406 Operations				
3	1408 Management Improvements				
4	1410 Administration				
5	1411 Audit				
6	1415 Liquidated Damages				
7	1430 Fees and Costs				
8	1440 Site Acquisition				
9	1450 Site Improvement				
10	1460 Dwelling Structures				
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment—Nonexpendable				
12	1470 Nondwelling Structures				
13	1475 Nondwelling Equipment				
14	1485 Demolition				
15	1490 Replacement Reserve				
16	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration				
17	1495.1 Relocation Costs				
18	1499 Development Activities				
19	1501 Collateralization or Debt Service				
20	1502 Contingency				
21	Amount of Annual Grant: (sum of lines 2 – 20)				
22	Amount of line 21 Related to LBP Activities				
23	Amount of line 21 Related to Section 504 compliance				
24	Amount of line 21 Related to Security – Soft Costs				
25	Amount of Line 21 Related to Security – Hard Costs				
26	Amount of line 21 Related to Energy Conservation Measures				

8. Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan					
Part I: Summary					
PHA Name				<input type="checkbox"/> Original 5-Year Plan <input type="checkbox"/> 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 : ____ 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		\$			\$

AMESBURY & MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA)
POLICY - 2008

I. Purpose and Applicability

The purpose of this policy (herein called "Policy") is to implement the applicable provisions of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-162) and more generally to set forth Amesbury & Merrimac HA's policies and procedures regarding domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, as hereinafter defined.

This Policy shall be applicable to the administration by Amesbury & Merrimac HA of all federally subsidized Section 8 rental assistance under the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. §1437 et seq.). Notwithstanding its title, this policy is gender-neutral, and its protections are available to males who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking as well as female victims of such violence.

II. Goals and Objectives

This Policy has the following principal goals and objectives:

- A. Maintaining compliance with all applicable legal requirements imposed by VAWA;
- B. Ensuring the physical safety of victims of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking who are assisted by Amesbury & Merrimac HA;
- C. Providing and maintaining housing opportunities for victims of domestic violence dating violence, or stalking;
- D. Creating and maintaining collaborative arrangements between Amesbury & Merrimac HA, law enforcement authorities, victim service providers, and others to promote the safety and well-being of victims of actual and threatened domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, who are assisted by Amesbury & Merrimac HA; and
- E. Taking appropriate action in response to an incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, affecting individuals assisted by Amesbury & Merrimac HA.

III. Other Amesbury & Merrimac HA Policies and Procedures

This Policy shall be referenced in and attached to Amesbury & Merrimac HA's Five-Year Public Housing Agency Plan and shall be incorporated in and made a part of Amesbury & Merrimac HA's Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy and the Amesbury & Merrimac HA's Section

8 Administrative Plan. Amesbury & Merrimac HA's annual public housing agency plan shall also contain information concerning Amesbury & Merrimac HA's activities, services or programs relating to domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. To the extent any provision of this policy shall vary or contradict any previously adopted policy or procedure of Amesbury & Merrimac HA, the provisions of this Policy shall prevail.

IV. Definitions As used in this Policy:

A. Domestic Violence – The term 'domestic violence' includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabiting with or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction."

B. Dating Violence – means violence committed by a person—

(A) who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and

(B) where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:

(i) The length of the relationship.

(ii) The type of relationship.

(iii) The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

C. Stalking – means –

(A) (i) to follow, pursue, or repeatedly commit acts with the intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate another person; and (ii) to place under surveillance with the intent to kill, injure, harass or intimidate another person; and

(B) in the course of, or as a result of, such following, pursuit, surveillance or repeatedly committed acts, to place a person in reasonable fear of the death of, or serious bodily injury to, or to cause substantial emotional harm to –

(i) that person;

(ii) a member of the immediate family of that person; or

(iii) the spouse or intimate partner of that person;

D. Immediate Family Member - means, with respect to a person –

(A) a spouse, parent, brother, sister, or child of that person, or an individual to whom that person stands in loco parentis; or

(B) any other person living in the household of that person and related to that person by blood or marriage.

E. Perpetrator – means person who commits an act of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking against a victim.

V. Admissions and Screening

A. Non-Denial of Assistance. Amesbury & Merrimac HA will not deny admission to public housing or to the Section 8 rental assistance program to any person because that person is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, provided that such person is otherwise qualified for such admission.

B. Mitigation of Disqualifying Information. When so requested in writing by an applicant for assistance whose history includes incidents in which the applicant was a victim of domestic violence, Amesbury & Merrimac HA, may but shall not be obligated to, take such information into account in mitigation of potentially disqualifying information, such as poor credit history or previous damage to a dwelling. If requested by an applicant to take such mitigating information into account, Amesbury & Merrimac HA shall be entitled to conduct such inquiries as are reasonably necessary to verify the claimed history of domestic violence and its probable relevance to the potentially disqualifying information. Amesbury & Merrimac HA will not disregard or mitigate potentially disqualifying information if the applicant household includes a perpetrator of a previous incident or incidents of domestic violence.

VI. Termination of Tenancy or Assistance

A. VAWA Protections. Under VAWA, public housing residents and persons assisted under the Section 8 rental assistance program have the following specific protections, which will be observed by Amesbury & Merrimac HA:

1. An incident or incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking will not be considered to be a "serious or repeated" violation of the lease by the victim or threatened victim of that violence and will not be good cause for terminating the tenancy or occupancy rights of or assistance to the victim of that violence.

2. In addition to the foregoing, tenancy or assistance will not be terminated by Amesbury & Merrimac HA as a result of criminal activity, if that criminal activity is directly related to domestic violence, dating violence or stalking engaged in by a member of the assisted household, a guest or another person under the tenant's control, and the tenant or an immediate family member is the

victim or threatened victim of this criminal activity. However, the protection against termination of tenancy or assistance described in this paragraph is subject to the following limitations:

(a) Nothing contained in this paragraph shall limit any otherwise available authority of Amesbury & Merrimac HA' or a Section 8 owner or manager to terminate tenancy, evict, or to terminate assistance, as the case may be, for any violation of a lease or program requirement not premised on the act or acts of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking in question against the tenant or a member of the tenant's household. However, in taking any such action, neither Amesbury & Merrimac HA nor a Section 8 manager or owner may apply a more demanding standard to the victim of domestic violence dating violence or stalking than that applied to other tenants.

(b) Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to limit the authority of Amesbury & Merrimac HA or a Section 8 owner or manager to evict or terminate from assistance any tenant or lawful applicant if the owner, manager or Amesbury & Merrimac HA, as the case may be, can demonstrate an actual and imminent threat to other tenants or to those employed at or providing service to the property, if the tenant is not evicted or terminated from assistance.

B. Removal of Perpetrator. Further, notwithstanding anything in paragraph VI.A.2. or Federal, State or local law to the contrary, Amesbury & Merrimac HA or a Section 8 owner or manager, as the case may be, may bifurcate a lease, or remove a household member from a lease, without regard to whether a household member is a signatory to a lease, in order to evict, remove, terminate occupancy rights, or terminate assistance to any individual who is a tenant or lawful occupant and who engages in acts of physical violence against family members or others. Such action against the perpetrator of such physical violence may be taken without evicting, removing, terminating assistance to, or otherwise penalizing the victim of such violence who is also the tenant or a lawful occupant. Such eviction, removal, termination of occupancy rights, or termination of assistance shall be effected in accordance with the procedures prescribed by law applicable to terminations of tenancy and evictions by Amesbury & Merrimac HA. Leases used

for all public housing operated by Amesbury & Merrimac HA and, at the option of Section 8 owners or managers, leases for dwelling units occupied by families assisted with Section 8 rental assistance administered by Amesbury & Merrimac HA, shall contain provisions setting forth the substance of this paragraph.

VII. Verification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence or Stalking

A. Requirement for Verification. The law allows, but does not require, Amesbury & Merrimac HA or a section 8 owner or manager to verify that an incident or incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking claimed by a tenant or other lawful occupant is bona fide and meets the requirements of the applicable definitions set forth in this policy. Subject only to waiver as provided in paragraph VII. C., Amesbury & Merrimac HA shall require verification in all cases where an individual claims protection against an action involving such individual proposed to be taken by Amesbury & Merrimac HA. Section 8 owners or managers receiving rental assistance administered by Amesbury & Merrimac HA may elect to require verification, or not to require it as permitted under applicable law. Verification of a claimed incident or incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence or stalking may be accomplished in one of the following three ways:

1. HUD-approved form - by providing to Amesbury & Merrimac HA or to the requesting Section 8 owner or manager a written certification, on a form approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), that the individual is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking that the incident or incidents in question are bona fide incidents of actual or threatened abuse meeting the requirements of the applicable definition(s) set forth in this policy. The incident or incidents in question must be described in reasonable detail as required in the HUD-approved form, and the completed certification must include the name of the perpetrator.

2. Other documentation - by providing to Amesbury & Merrimac HA or to the requesting Section 8 owner or manager documentation signed by an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney, or a medical professional, from whom the victim has sought assistance in addressing the domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, or the effects of the abuse, described in such documentation. The professional providing the documentation must sign and attest under penalty of perjury (28 U.S.C. 1746) to the professional's belief that the incident or incidents in question are bona fide incidents of abuse

meeting the requirements of the applicable definition(s) set forth in this policy. The victim of the incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking described in the documentation must also sign and attest to the documentation under penalty of perjury.

3. Police or court record – by providing to Amesbury & Merrimac HA or to the requesting Section 8 owner or manager a Federal, State, tribal, territorial, or local police or court record describing the incident or incidents in question.

B. Time allowed to provide verification/ failure to provide. An individual who claims protection against adverse action based on an incident or incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, and who is requested by Amesbury & Merrimac HA, or a Section 8 owner or manager to provide verification, must provide such verification within 14 business days (i.e., 14 calendar days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and federally-recognized holidays) after receipt of the request for verification. Failure to provide verification, in proper form within such time will result in loss of protection under VAWA and this policy against a proposed adverse action.

C. Waiver of verification requirement. The Executive Director of Amesbury & Merrimac HA, or a Section 8 owner or manager, may, with respect to any specific case, waive the above-stated requirements for verification and provide the benefits of this policy based on the victim's statement or other corroborating evidence. Such waiver may be granted in the sole discretion of the Executive Director, owner or manager. Any such waiver must be in writing. Waiver in a particular instance or instances shall not operate as precedent for, or create any right to, waiver in any other case or cases, regardless of similarity in circumstances.

VIII. Confidentiality

A. Right of confidentiality. All information (including the fact that an individual is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking) provided to Amesbury & Merrimac HA or to a Section 8 owner or manager in connection with a verification required under section VII of this policy or provided in lieu of such verification where a waiver of verification is granted, shall be retained by the receiving party in confidence and shall neither be entered in any shared database nor provided to any related entity, except where disclosure is:

1. requested or consented to by the individual in writing, or
2. required for use in a public housing eviction proceeding or in

connection with termination of Section 8 assistance, as permitted in VAWA, or
3. otherwise required by applicable law.

B. Notification of rights. All tenants of public housing and tenants participating in the Section 8 rental assistance program administered by Amesbury & Merrimac HA shall be notified in writing concerning their right to confidentiality and the limits on such rights to confidentiality.

C. Security. All information pertaining to the fact that an individual is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking shall be maintained separately and securely by the Resident Services Department unless such information is subject to the disclosure exceptions noted in this section.

IX. Transfer to New Residence

A. Application for transfer. In situations that involve significant risk of violent harm to an individual as a result of previous incidents or threats of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, Amesbury & Merrimac HA will, if an approved unit size is available at a location that may reduce the risk of harm, approve transfer by a public housing or Section 8 tenant to a different unit in order to reduce the level of risk to the individual. A tenant who requests transfer must attest in such application that the requested transfer is necessary to protect the health or safety of the tenant or another member of the household who is or was the victim of domestic violence dating violence or stalking and who reasonably believes that the tenant or other household member will be imminently threatened by harm from further violence if the individual remains in the present dwelling unit.

B. Action on applications. Amesbury & Merrimac HA will act upon such an application promptly.

C. No right to transfer. Amesbury & Merrimac HA will make every effort to accommodate requests for transfer when suitable alternative vacant units are available and the circumstances warrant such action. However, except with respect to portability of Section 8 assistance as provided in paragraph IX. E. below the decision to grant or refuse to grant a transfer shall lie within the sole discretion of Amesbury & Merrimac HA, and this policy does not create any right on the part of any applicant to be granted a transfer.

D. Family rent obligations. If a family occupying Amesbury & Merrimac HA public housing moves before the expiration of the lease term in order to protect the health or safety of a household member, the family will remain liable for the

rent during the remainder of the lease term unless released by Amesbury & Merrimac HA. In cases where Amesbury & Merrimac HA determines that the family's decision to move was reasonable under the circumstances, Amesbury & Merrimac HA may wholly or partially waive rent payments and any rent owed shall be reduced by the amounts of rent collected for the remaining lease term from a tenant subsequently occupying the unit.

E. Portability. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Section 8-assisted tenant will not be denied portability to a unit located in another jurisdiction (notwithstanding the term of the tenant's existing lease has not expired, or the family has not occupied the unit for 12 months) so long as the tenant has complied with all other requirements of the Section 8 program and has moved from the unit in order to protect a health or safety of an individual member of the household who is or has been the victim of domestic violence dating violence or stalking and who reasonably believes that the tenant or other household member will be imminently threatened by harm from further violence if the individual remains in the present dwelling unit.

X. Court Orders/Family Break-up

A. Court orders. It is Amesbury & Merrimac HA's policy to honor orders entered by courts of competent jurisdiction affecting individuals assisted by Amesbury & Merrimac HA and their property. This includes cooperating with law enforcement authorities to enforce civil protection orders issued for the protection of victims and addressing the distribution of personal property among household members in cases where a family breaks up.

B. Family break-up. Other Amesbury & Merrimac HA policies regarding family break-up are contained in Amesbury & Merrimac HA's Public Housing Admissions and Continuing Occupancy Plan (ACOP) and its Section 8 Administrative Plan.

XI. Relationships with Service Providers

It is the policy of Amesbury & Merrimac HA to cooperate with organizations and entities, both private and governmental, which provide shelter and/or services to victims of domestic violence. If Amesbury & Merrimac HA staff become aware that an individual assisted by Amesbury & Merrimac HA is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, Amesbury & Merrimac HA will refer the victim to such providers of shelter or services as appropriate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Policy does not create any legal obligation requiring Amesbury & Merrimac HA either to maintain a relationship with any particular provider of shelter or services to victims of domestic violence or to make a referral in any particular case. Amesbury & Merrimac HA's annual public housing agency plan shall describe providers of

shelter or services to victims of domestic violence with which Amesbury & Merrimac HA has referral or other cooperative relationships.

XII. Notification

Amesbury & Merrimac HA shall provide written notification to applicants, tenants, and Section 8 owners and managers, concerning the rights and obligations created under VAWA relating to confidentiality, denial of assistance and, termination of tenancy or assistance at time of initial lease-up and at each annual recertification. The full policy and required forms will also be made available on the Amesbury & Merrimac HA's website www.Amesbury & Merrimac HAMA.com.

XIII. Relationship with Other Applicable Laws

Neither VAWA nor this Policy implementing it shall preempt or supersede any provision of Federal, State or local law that provides greater protection than that provided under VAWA for victims of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking.

XIV. Amendment

This policy may be amended from time to time by Amesbury & Merrimac HA as approved by the Amesbury & Merrimac HA Board of Commissioners.

This policy was adopted by the Amesbury HA Board of Commissioners at their Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday February 19, 2008.