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Streamlined Annual PHA Plan for Fiscal Year: 2008

PHA Name: THIEF RIVER FALLS HRA

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

Streamlined Annual PHA Plan Agency Identification

PHA Name: THIEF RIVER FALLS HRA

Participating PHAs	PHA Code	Program(s) Included in Consortium	Programs Not Included In Consortium
LEAD PHA			
Participating PHA			
Participating PHA			
Participating PHA			

PHA Number: MN 027

PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (07/01/2008)

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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)

PHA Programs Administered:

Public Housing and Section 8 Section 8 Only Public Housing Only

Streamlined Annual PHA Plan
Fiscal Year 2008
[24 CFR Part 903.12(c)]

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

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Separate Hard Copy Submissions to Local HUD Field Office

Form HUD-50076, *PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations and 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; Form HUD-50070, *Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace*; Form HUD-50071, *Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions*; and Form SF-LLL & SF-LLLa, *Disclosure of Lobbying Activities*.

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

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

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 next component.

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

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

B. Site-Based Waiting Lists – Coming Year

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

1. How many site-based waiting lists will the PHA operate in the coming year?

2. Yes No: Are any or all of the PHA's site-based waiting lists new for the upcoming year (that is, they are not part of a previously-HUD-approved site based waiting list plan)?
If yes, how many lists?
3. Yes No: May families be on more than one list simultaneously?
If yes, how many lists?
4. Where can interested persons obtain more information about and sign up to be on the site-based waiting lists (select all that apply)?
- PHA main administrative office
 - All PHA development management offices
 - Management offices at developments with site-based waiting lists
 - At the development to which they would like to apply
 - Other (list below)

2. Capital Improvement Needs

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

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

A. Capital Fund Program

1. Yes No Does the PHA plan to participate in the Capital Fund Program in the upcoming year? If yes, include required Capital Fund Program tables as an attachment to the PHA Plan. If no, skip to next component.
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 next component; if yes, provide responses to questions on chart below for each grant, 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:

a. Size of Program

Yes No: Will the PHA limit the number of families participating in the Section 8 homeownership option?

If the answer to the question above was yes, what is the maximum number of participants this fiscal year?

b. PHA-established eligibility criteria

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

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

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

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

- Establishing a minimum homeowner downpayment requirement of at least 3 percent of purchase price and requiring that at least 1 percent of the purchase price comes from the family's resources.
- Requiring that financing for purchase of a home under its Section 8 homeownership will be provided, insured or guaranteed by the state or Federal government; comply with secondary mortgage market underwriting requirements; or comply with generally accepted private sector underwriting standards.
- Partnering with a qualified agency or agencies to administer the program (list name(s) and years of experience below):
- Demonstrating that it has other relevant experience (list experience below):

4. Use of the Project-Based Voucher Program

Intent to Use Project-Based Assistance

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

1. Yes No: Are there circumstances indicating that the project basing of the units, rather than tenant-basing of the same amount of assistance is an appropriate option?

If yes, check which circumstances apply:

- low utilization rate for vouchers due to lack of suitable rental units
- access to neighborhoods outside of high poverty areas
- other (describe below):

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

Attachment A

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
X	PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plan and Related Regulations, including required PHA certification and assurances for policy and program changes since last Annual Plan submission.	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	Fair Housing Documentation Supporting Fair Housing Certifications: Records reflecting that the PHA has examined its programs or proposed programs, identified any impediments to fair housing choice in those programs, addressed or is addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available, and worked or is working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdictions’ initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA’s involvement.	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	Housing Needs Statement of the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction(s) in which the PHA is located and any additional backup data to support statement of housing needs for families on the PHA’s public housing and Section 8 tenant-based waiting lists.	Annual Plan: Housing Needs
X	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources
X	Public Housing Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy Policy (A&O/ACOP), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP] and the Site-Based Waiting List Procedure.	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	Deconcentration Income Analysis	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	Any policy governing occupancy of Police Officers and Over-Income Tenants in Public Housing. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A&O Policy.	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
X	Public housing rent determination policies, including the method for setting public housing flat rents. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
X	Schedule of flat rents offered at each public housing development. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies (if included in plan, not necessary as a supporting document) and written analysis of Section 8 payment standard policies. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan.	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
	Public housing management and maintenance policy documents, including policies for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation (including cockroach infestation).	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
X	Results of latest Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Assessment (or other applicable assessment).	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
	Follow-up Plan to Results of the PHAS Resident Satisfaction Survey (if necessary)	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance and Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Results of latest Section 8 Management Assessment System (SEMAP)	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
	Any policies governing any Section 8 special housing types <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
X	Public housing grievance procedures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan.	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
X	The Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement /Performance and Evaluation Report for any active grant year.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grants.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Approved HOPE VI applications or, if more recent, approved or submitted HOPE VI Revitalization Plans, or any other approved proposal for development of public housing.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
X	Self-evaluation, Needs Assessment and Transition Plan required by regulations implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. See PIH Notice 99-52 (HA).	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing.	Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition
	Approved or submitted applications for designation of public housing (Designated Housing Plans).	Annual Plan: Designation of Public Housing
	Approved or submitted assessments of reasonable revitalization of public housing and approved or submitted conversion plans prepared pursuant to section 202 of the 1996 HUD Appropriations Act, Section 22 of the US Housing Act of 1937, or Section 33 of the US Housing Act of 1937.	Annual Plan: Conversion of Public Housing
	Documentation for required Initial Assessment and any additional information required by HUD for Voluntary Conversion.	Annual Plan: Voluntary Conversion of Public Housing
	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans.	Annual Plan: Homeownership
	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program (Section _____ of the Section 8 Administrative Plan)	Annual Plan: Homeownership
X	Public Housing Community Service Policy/Programs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Public Housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency and between the PHA and local employment and training service agencies.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	FSS Action Plan(s) for public housing and/or Section 8.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Section 3 documentation required by 24 CFR Part 135, Subpart E for public housing.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Most recent self-sufficiency (ED/SS, TOP or ROSS or other resident services grant) grant program reports for public housing.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
X	Policy on Ownership of Pets in Public Housing Family Developments (as required by regulation at 24 CFR Part 960, Subpart G). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Pet Policy
X	The results of the most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under the Single Audit Act as implemented by OMB Circular A-133, the results of that audit and the PHA's response to any findings.	Annual Plan: Annual Audit
	Other supporting documents (optional) (list individually; use as many lines as necessary)	(specify as needed)
	Consortium agreement(s).	Joint Annual PHA Plan for Consortia: Agency Identification and Annual Management and Operations
	Consortia Joint PHA Plans ONLY: Certification that consortium agreement is in compliance with 24 CFR Part 943 pursuant to an opinion of counsel on file and available for inspection.	Joint Annual PHA Plan for Consortia: Agency Identification and Annual Management and Operations

CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM TABLES

Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part I: Summary					
PHA Name: THIEF RIVER FALLS HRA			Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program Grant No: MN46PO2750108 Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:		Federal FY of Grant: 2008
<input checked="" 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	40,000.			
10	1460 Dwelling Structures	45,000.			
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment—Nonexpendable				
12	1470 Nondwelling Structures				
13	1475 Nondwelling Equipment				
14	1485 Demolition				
15	1490 Replacement Reserve				
16	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration				
17	1495.1 Relocation Costs				
18	1499 Development Activities				
19	1501 Collaterization or Debt Service				
20	1502 Contingency				
21	Amount of Annual Grant: (sum of lines 2 – 20)	85,000.			
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				

CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM TABLES

Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan					
Part I: Summary					
PHA Name THIEF RIVER FALLS HRA				<input checked="" 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: 2009 PHA FY:	Work Statement for Year 3 FFY Grant: 2010 PHA FY:	Work Statement for Year 4 FFY Grant: 2011 PHA FY:	Work Statement for Year 5 FFY Grant: 2012 PHA FY:
	Annual Statement				
MN 027-011		\$85,000.	\$85,000.	\$85,000.	\$85,000.
CFP Funds Listed for 5-year planning		\$85,000.	\$85,000.	\$85,000.	\$85,000.
Replacement Housing Factor Funds					

CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM TABLES

Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan					
Part II: Supporting Pages—Work Activities					
Activities for Year :_04____ FFY Grant: 2011 PHA FY: 2011			Activities for Year: 05____ FFY Grant: 2012 PHA FY: 2012		
Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost	Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost
<i>MN 027-001</i>	<i>BOILERS</i>	\$85,000.	<i>MN 027-001</i>	<i>GARAGES</i>	\$85,000.
Total CFP Estimated Cost		\$ 85,000.			\$85,000.

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

Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report					
Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part I: Summary					
PHA Name: THIEF RIVER FALLS HRA		Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program Grant No: MN46PO2750107 Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:			Federal FY of Grant: 2007
<input type="checkbox"/> Original Annual Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Reserve for Disasters/ Emergencies <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Annual Statement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending:02/12/08 <input type="checkbox"/> Final Performance and Evaluation Report					
Line	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost	
		Original	Revised	Obligated	Expended
1	Total non-CFP Funds				
2	1406 Operations	4000.		4000.	4000.
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	25,000.		25,000.	
10	1460 Dwelling Structures	60,819.		60,819.	60819.
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment—Nonexpendable				
12	1470 Nondwelling Structures				
13	1475 Nondwelling Equipment				
14	1485 Demolition				
15	1490 Replacement Reserve				
16	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration				
17	1495.1 Relocation Costs				
18	1499 Development Activities				
19	1501 Collaterization or Debt Service				
20	1502 Contingency				
21	Amount of Annual Grant: (sum of lines 2 – 20)	89,819.		89,819.	64819.
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				

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

Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part III: Implementation Schedule							
PHA Name: THIEF RIVER FALLS HRA			Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program No: MN46PO2750107 Replacement Housing Factor No:			Federal FY of Grant: 2007	
Development Number Name/HA-Wide Activities	All Fund Obligated (Quarter Ending Date)			All Funds Expended (Quarter Ending Date)			Reasons for Revised Target Dates
	Original	Revised	Actual	Original	Revised	Actual	
MN 027-001	09/12/2009			09/12/2011			

Public Housing AOP -- Addendum 1

POLICY ON PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
("VAWA POLICY")

Approved by HRA of Thief River Falls Board of Commissioners
June 12, 2007

I. Purpose

The Housing Authority of Thief River Falls has adopted this policy in compliance with the "Violence Against Women and Justice Department Reauthorization Act of 2005" ("VAWA" or "the Act", P.L. 109-162), a federal law that provides protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. The Housing Authority will comply with all applicable provisions of VAWA. This summary of VAWA protections is not intended to limit the rights of victims provided by the Act.

The Housing Authority notes and supports the statements of Congressional purpose set forth in VAWA including those listed below (paraphrased from the statute).

The purpose of this subtitle (Title VI, Housing Opportunities and Safety for Battered Women and Children) is to

- Reduce domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking; and protect victims of such criminal acts;
- Prevent homelessness caused by domestic violence;
- Create long-term housing solutions for victims of domestic violence;
- Build collaborations among victim service providers, homeless service providers, housing providers and housing agencies to address the housing needs of victims of domestic violence; and
- Enable public and assisted housing agencies, private landlords, private management companies and other housing providers and agencies to respond appropriately to domestic violence, while maintaining a safe environment for all housing residents.

II. Protection of Victims

- A. For the purpose of this policy, the term "domestic violence" encompasses acts or threats of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking, as those terms are defined in VAWA.
- B. VAWA protects qualified applicants or tenants and family members of applicants or tenants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking from being denied, evicted or

terminated from housing assistance based solely on criminal acts of domestic violence against them. Criminal acts of domestic violence shall not be considered “serious or repeated lease violations” by the victim or “criminal activity” by the victim that is grounds for termination of the lease or of housing assistance.

- C. VAWA protections are available to both applicants for and recipients of housing assistance through the Public Housing program.
- D. VAWA protects both women and men who are victims of domestic violence.
- E. The protection provided by VAWA and this policy are to be observed and enforced by all HRA staff, individuals and agencies contracting with the HRA.
- F. VAWA does not limit the authority of the HRA, when notified, to honor court orders addressing rights of access to or control of the property, including civil protection orders issued to protect the victim and issued to address the distribution or possession of property among the household members in cases where a family breaks up.

III. **Certification**

- A. HRA May Request Certification. If an applicant or public housing resident claims protection under VAWA against denial of an application, termination of tenancy or assistance, or other adverse action, the HRA may require the person who claims the VAWA protections to deliver a signed certification or other documentation concerning the incident or incidents. If the person does not deliver this certification within the time allowed, he or she will lose the legal protection under VAWA.
- B. Acceptable Forms of Certification. There are three ways to comply with a certification request by the HRA.
 - i. Complete a certification form approved by HUD (Form HUD-50066 or other approved form);
 - ii. Provide a police report or court record;
 - iii. Provide a document 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.
- C. Self-Certification; Request for Additional Information. The HRA may accept self-certification by the person claiming to be a victim within the protection of VAWA. If the HRA has reason to believe the information provided in the certification is inaccurate or incomplete in material respects, the HRA may request additional information, also certified or attested.
- D. Perjury. The certification must state that the victim and any other person signing it or providing documentation are doing so under penalty of perjury (28 U.S.C. 1746).

- E. Time limit. The applicant or public housing resident must deliver the certification in one of these three ways within 14 business day after receiving the housing authority's request for certification.

IV. **Confidentiality**

Information provided by an applicant, resident or participant about an incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking involving that person or a member of the household will be held by the HRA in confidence and not shared without the consent of the person who provided the information, except that this information may be disclosed in an eviction proceeding or otherwise as necessary to meet the requirements of law.

- V. **Notices.** The HRA will provide notices explaining the VAWA protections to applicants for housing assistance and to public housing residents.

- VI. **Leases; Bifurcation of Leases:** As required by VAWA, the public housing lease shall provide that the HRA may bifurcate a lease to remove a household member who engages in criminal acts of physical violence against family members or others.

The HRA will revise the public housing lease to include provisions required by VAWA. For the interim period before the new lease can be signed by all tenants, the HRA will provide a lease addendum applicable to all leases.

VII. **Rights of HRA to Evict or Terminate Assistance**

- A. **Eviction for reasons other than domestic violence.** VAWA specifically preserves the rights of the HRA to deny or terminate housing assistance to a victim of domestic violence for reasons other than the criminal activity related to the domestic violence, provided that no higher standard is applied.
- B. **Failure to Submit Certification After Request By HRA.** If the person claiming to be a victim within the protection of VAWA fails to deliver the certification or other documentation within 14 business days after receiving the HRA's request, that person loses the legal protections under VAWA.
- C. **Imminent and Actual Threat.** VAWA specifically preserves the rights of the HRA to evict or terminate from assistance any tenant or household member if the HRA can demonstrate an actual and imminent threat to other tenants or those employed at or providing service to the property if that tenant is not evicted or terminated from assistance.

VIII. **POLICY DISTRIBUTION AND TRAINING**

This Policy will be included in the Admission and Occupancy Policies for the Public Housing Program as Addendum 1. It will also be distributed to all HRA staff.