

# PHA Plans

## Streamlined 5-Year/Annual Version

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This information collection is authorized by Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act, which added a new section 5A to the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 that introduced 5-year and annual PHA Plans. The full PHA plan provides a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the PHA's operations, programs, and services, and informs HUD, families served by the PHA, and members of the public of the PHA's mission and strategies for serving the needs of low-income and very low-income families. This form allows eligible PHAs to make a streamlined annual Plan submission to HUD consistent with HUD's efforts to provide regulatory relief to certain PHAs. Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 11.7 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. HUD may not collect this information and respondents are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

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# Streamlined 5-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2005 - 2009

## Streamlined Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2008

# FOREST HOUSING AUTHORITY

**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. Full reporting for each component listed in the streamlined Annual Plan submitted with the 5-year plan is required.**

## Streamlined Five-Year PHA Plan Agency Identification

**PHA Name:** Forest Housing Authority

**PHA Number:** MS111

**PHA Fiscal Year Beginning:** 01/2008

**PHA Programs Administered:**

**Public Housing and Section 8**

Number of public housing units:  
Number of S8 units:

**Section 8 Only**

Number of S8 units:

**Public Housing Only**

Number of public housing units: 78

**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:				

### 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 and attachments (if any) 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)

## Streamlined Five-Year PHA Plan

### PHA FISCAL YEARS 2005 - 2009

[24 CFR Part 903.12]

#### **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: (state mission here)

#### **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:
  - Acquire or build units or developments
  - Other (list below)
- PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing  
Objectives:
  - Improve public housing management:(PHAS 67 and MASS score 26)
  - Improve voucher management: (SEMAP score)
- Increase customer satisfaction:  
The PHA has taking proper steps to improve resident communications by

- implementing a resident newsletter and quarterly resident meetings.
  - Concentrate on efforts to improve specific management functions: (list; e.g., public housing finance; voucher unit inspections)
  - Renovate or modernize public housing units:  
With the use of Capital funds, the PHA will continue ongoing efforts to improve the livability, security, energy efficiency and preserve the physical integrity of the structures. By implementing these improvements, the PHA has established the goal of having the units totally compatible with the private market rentals in the area by the end of the year 2009.
  - Demolish or dispose of obsolete public housing:
  - Provide replacement public housing:
  - Provide replacement vouchers:
  - Other: (list below)
- PHA Goal: Increase assisted housing choices  
Objectives:
- Provide voucher mobility counseling:
  - Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords
  - Increase voucher payment standards
  - Implement voucher homeownership program:
  - Implement public housing or other homeownership program
  - 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:  
Continue efforts to provide proper security as a preventative deterrent to drugs and criminal activity. It is the goal of the PHA to have all developments relatively free of drugs and criminal activity by the year 2009.
  - 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:
  - Provide or attract supportive services to improve assistance recipients' employability:
  - 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: The PHA will continue to undertake affirmative equal access for all applicants that are reinforced in the Admission and Continued Occupancy Policy.
  - 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:
  - Undertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all varieties of disabilities regardless of unit size required:
  - Other: (list below)

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

## Streamlined Annual PHA Plan PHA Fiscal Year 2008

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b)]

### Table of Contents

Provide the following table of contents for the streamlined Annual Plan submitted with the Five-Year Plan, including all streamlined plan components, and additional requirements, together with the list of supporting documents available for public inspection.

#### **A. ANNUAL STREAMLINED PHA PLAN COMPONENTS**

- 1. Housing Needs
- 2. Financial Resources
- 3. Policies on Eligibility, Selection and Admissions
- 4. Rent Determination Policies
- 5. Capital Improvements Needs
- 6. Demolition and Disposition
- 7. Homeownership
- 8. Civil Rights Certifications (included with PHA Certifications of Compliance)
- 9. Additional Information
  - a. PHA Progress on Meeting 5-Year Mission and Goals
  - b. Criteria for Substantial Deviations and Significant Amendments
  - c. Other Information Requested by HUD
    - i. Resident Advisory Board Membership and Consultation Process
    - ii. Resident Membership on the PHA Governing Board
    - iii. PHA Statement of Consistency with Consolidated Plan
    - iv. (Reserved)
- 10. Project-Based Voucher Program
- 11. Supporting Documents Available for Review
- 12. Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor, Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report
- 13. Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan
- 14. Other (List below, providing name for each item)

Admissions Policy for Deconcentration **Attachment "A"**

FY 2008 Capital Fund Program Annual Statement **Attachment "B"**

Capital Fund Program 5 Year Action Plan **Attachment "C"**

P&E Statements, FY 2006 and 2007 **Attachment "D"**

Membership of Resident Advisory Board or Boards **Attachment "E"**

Certification "Initial Assessment" Voluntary Conversion of Development from Public Housing Stock **Attachment "F"**

Pet Policy **Attachment "G"**

Community Service Policy **Attachment "H"**

Management Organizational Structure **Attachment "I"**

PHA Progress Statement on Mission & Goals **Attachment "J"**

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Policy **Attachment "K"**

## **B. SEPARATE HARD COPY SUBMISSIONS TO LOCAL HUD FIELD OFFICE**

**Form HUD-50077**, PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations: Board Resolution to Accompany the Standard Annual, Standard Five-Year, and Streamlined Five-Year/Annual Plans;

Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plan Consistency with Consolidated Plan.

For PHAs APPLYING FOR CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM (CFP) GRANTS:

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

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

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

### **Executive Summary (optional)**

[903.7(r)]. If desired, provide a brief overview of the contents of the streamlined 5-Year/Annual Plan.

The Housing Authority Agency Plan was prepared in accordance with Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The Housing Authority has attempted to provide all the necessary information and documentation for the five year plan. Our goals and objectives are contained in the plan along with adopted policies and procedures to comply with HUD guidelines, rules, regulations and federal laws.

The Agency Plan was made available for public review and prepared with input from local officials, board of commissioners, resident advisory board and general public. All comments were taken under consideration and addressed in this plan. Supporting documentation is attached and/or available upon request.

The Housing Authority Plan has focused on improving the quality of life for its residents, expanding the supply of assisted housing, promote self-sufficiency through education and training, ensure equal opportunity and fair housing, safe environment and physical improvements.

We will continue to use existing relationships that exist between our agency and other local organizations. This type of partnerships has enabled us to better deal with the problems confronting the residents and Housing Authority.

## **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 type="checkbox"/>	Section 8 tenant-based assistance		
<input checked="" 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	76		15%
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	55	72	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	9	.12	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	6	.09	
Families with children	64	84	
Elderly families	6	.09	
Families with Disabilities	2	.03	
Race/ethnicity - White	2	.03	
Race/ethnicity - Black	70	92	
Race/ethnicity- Other	4	.05	
Race/ethnicity			
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)			
1BR	8	11	
2 BR	25	33	
3 BR	35	46	
4 BR	5	.07	
5 BR	3	.04	
5+ BR	0	0	

### 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)?

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

### B. Strategy for Addressing Needs

Provide a brief description of the PHA's strategy for addressing the housing needs of families on the PHA's public housing and Section 8 waiting lists **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
- Undertake measures to ensure access to affordable housing among families assisted by the PHA, regardless of unit size required
- Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by marketing the program to owners, particularly those outside of areas of minority and poverty concentration
- 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
- Other (list below)

**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.
- Other: (list below)

**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)

**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)

**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
- Other: (list below) Provide housing to person on equal opportunity basis.

**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 on the following table 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 2008 grants)</b>		
a) Public Housing Operating Fund	154,395 (82%)	PHA Operations
b) Public Housing Capital Fund	127,958	PHA Capital Improve.
c) HOPE VI Revitalization		
d) HOPE VI Demolition		
e) Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance		
f) Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (including any Technical Assistance funds)		PHA Safety/Security
g) Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants		
h) Community Development Block Grant		
i) HOME		
Other Federal Grants (list below)		
<b>2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below)</b>		
		PHA Capital Improve.
<b>3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income</b>	130,637	PHA Operations
<b>4. Other income (list below)</b>		
Interest on General Fund Investments	952	PHA Operations
Other Income Recipets	37,000	PHA Operations
		PHA Operations
<b>5. Non-federal sources (list below)</b>		

<b>Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses</b>		
<b>Sources</b>	<b>Planned \$</b>	<b>Planned Uses</b>
<b>Total resources</b>	450,942	

### **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) Generally within two weeks of when the applicant can expect to be offered a unit.
- 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. Site-Based Waiting Lists-Previous Year

1. Has the PHA operated one or more site-based waiting lists in the previous year? **NO**  
 If yes, complete the following table; if not skip to d.

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

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:

d. 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 subsection **(3) Assignment**

1. How many site-based waiting lists will the PHA operate in the coming year? **NONE**

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
- Over-housed
- Under-housed
- 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.

- 1 Date and Time Only

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:

**(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) Change in family income

**(6) Deconcentration and Income Mixing**

a.  Yes  No: Does the PHA have any general occupancy (family) public housing developments covered by the deconcentration rule? If no, this section is complete. If yes, continue to the next question.

b.  Yes  No: Do any of these covered developments have average incomes above or below 85% to 115% of the average incomes of all such developments? If no, this section is complete. If yes, list these developments on the following table:

Deconcentration Policy for Covered Developments			
Development Name	Number of Units	Explanation (if any) [see step 4 at §903.2(c)(1)(iv)]	Deconcentration policy (if no explanation) [see step 5 at §903.2(c)(1)(v)]

## 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):
- Other (list below)

b.  Yes  No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?

c.  Yes  No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?

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)

### (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: If the participant request additional time, they are generally given the full 120 days.

**(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)

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)

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 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)

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:

**(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)

#### **4. PHA Rent Determination Policies**

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 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 of the following two)

- 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))
- 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:

The PHA shall immediately grant an exemption from application of the minimum monthly rent to any family making a proper request in writing that is unable to pay because of financial hardship, which includes:

The family has lost eligibility for, or is awaiting an eligibility determination from a federal, state, or local assistance program, including a family that includes a member who is an alien lawfully admitted for permanent resident under the immigration and nationalization act who would be entitled to public benefits but for Title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.

The family evicted as a result of the implementation of the minimum rent (this exemption is only applicable for the initial implementation of a minimum rent or increase to the existing minimum rent).

The income of the family has decrease because of changed circumstance, including loss of employment.

A death in the family has occurred which affects the family circumstances.

Other circumstances which may be decided by the PHA on a case by case basis.

The PHA has adopted a policy allowing a resident rent below the minimum \$50.00 rent in case of server financial hardship for 90 days to be reviewed at 90-day intervals until stable.

c. Rents set at less than 30% of 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:

**Schedule of Flat Rents:**

Flat Rents will be used as a cap on the income based rent.

1BR-\$204.00, 2 BR-\$317.00, 3 BR-\$376.00, 4 BR-\$463.00 and 5 BR-\$541.00

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**

a. 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 (will increase during budget year)
- 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
- 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)

## **(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)

## **5. Capital Improvement Needs**

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

Exemptions from Component 5: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this component and may skip to Component 6.

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

Exemptions from sub-component 5A: PHAs that will not participate in the Capital Fund Program may skip to component 5B. All other PHAs must complete 5A as instructed.

#### **(1) Capital Fund Program**

- a.  Yes  No Does the PHA plan to participate in the Capital Fund Program in the upcoming year? If yes, complete items 12 and 13 of this template (Capital Fund Program tables). If no, skip to B.
- b.  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 of sub-component 5B: 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) Hope VI Revitalization

- a.  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)
- b. Status of HOPE VI revitalization grant (complete one set of questions for each grant)  
Development name:  
Development (project) number:  
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
- c.  Yes  No: Does the PHA plan to apply for a HOPE VI Revitalization grant in the Plan year? If yes, list development name/s below:
- d.  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:
- e.  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:

### **6. Demolition and Disposition**

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

Applicability of component 6: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this section.

- a.  Yes  No: Does the PHA plan to conduct any demolition or disposition activities (pursuant to section 18 or 24 (Hope VI) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437p) or Section 202/Section 33 (Mandatory Conversion) in the plan Fiscal Year? (If "No", skip to component 7; if "yes", complete one activity description for each development on the following chart.)

<b>Demolition/Disposition Activity Description</b>
1a. Development name: Forest Housing Authority Site "A"
1b. Development (project) number:
2. Activity type: Demolition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disposition <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Application status (select one)

Approved <input type="checkbox"/>
Submitted, pending approval <input type="checkbox"/>
Planned application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Date application <b>approved</b> , submitted, or planned for submission: <u>(03/06/2007)</u>
5. Number of units affected: 1 4-Bedroom Single Family Unit
6. Coverage of action (select one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part of the development <input type="checkbox"/> Total development
7. Timeline for activity: a. Actual or projected start date of activity: 10/01/07 b. Projected end date of activity: 12/31/07

### **7. Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance--Section 8(y) Homeownership Program**

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 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? 25 Pike County

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):

- a.  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.
- b.  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.

c.  Partnering with a qualified agency or agencies to administer the program (list name(s) and years of experience below).

d.  Demonstrating that it has other relevant experience (list experience below).

## **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. It is the policy of the Housing Authority to comply with all Federal, State, and local nondiscrimination laws and with rules and regulations governing Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity in housing and employment. The Housing Authority will comply with all laws relating to Civil Rights, including: Title VI and VIII of the Civil Rights Act, Executive Order 11063, Section 504, Age Discrimination Act and American With Disabilities Act.

To further our commitment to fully comply with applicable Civil Rights laws, the Housing Authority will provide Federal/State/Local information to public housing residents regarding “discrimination” and any recourse available to them during resident orientation session, resident meetings and reexaminations.

## **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**

(See attachment)

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

#### **(1) Amendment and Deviation Definitions**

24 CFR Part 903.7(r)

PHAs are required to define and adopt their own standards of substantial deviation from the 5-year Plan and Significant Amendment to the Annual Plan. The definition of significant amendment is important because it defines when the PHA will subject a change to the policies or activities described in the Annual Plan to full public hearing and HUD review before implementation.

#### **A. Substantial Deviation from the 5-year Plan:**

The Housing Authority does recognize the need for public notification for items contained within the 5-Year and Annual Plans. This authority shall make proper notification for any Substantial Deviations from these plans as required under law. The exception to this definition is if the change has been made to meet regulatory compliance with The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requirements. Substantial deviation or Significant amendment or Modification shall mean those of the mission statement, goals and

objective, capital fund program or changes in significant expenditures. And changes in statutory requirement for administration of Public Housing requiring public comment and/or public hearing.

## **B. Significant Amendment or Modification to the Annual Plan**

A Significant Amendment or Modification to the Annual Plan shall be construed to mean the following:

- Changes to rent or admissions policies or organization of the waiting list;
- Additions of non-emergency work items not currently included in the Annual Statement or the 5-Year Action Plan or changes in use of replacement reserve funds under the Capitol Fund;
- Additions of new activities not included in any current PHDEP Plan;
- Any changes with regard to demolition or disposition, designation, homeownership programs or conversion activities.

These issues, if required, shall be raised with proper public notification. The Housing Authority acknowledges that an exception will be made by HUD to comply with the above changes that are adopted to reflect changes in HUD regulatory requirements: such changes will not be considered significant amendments by HUD.

## **C. Other Information**

[24 CFR Part 903.13, 903.15]

### **(1) Resident Advisory Board Recommendations**

- a.  Yes  No: Did the PHA receive any comments on the PHA Plan from the Resident Advisory Board/s?

If yes, provide the comments below:

- b. 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)

### **(2) Resident Membership on PHA Governing Board**

The governing board of each PHA is required to have at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA, unless the PHA meets certain exemption criteria. Regulations governing the resident board member are found at 24 CFR Part 964, Subpart E.

Congress has exempted the State of Mississippi from having residents serve on the Board of Commissioners. Stipulation by Congress ruled that Mississippi must have six (6) members on an Advisory Board. Based on the ruling, the Forest Housing has provided for the following:

The Resident Advisory Board consists of six (6) members who are adult recipient of PHA assistance (See Attachment). They are selected by the resident body and serve in a dual capacity. Meetings are held quarterly.

a. Does the PHA governing board include at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA this year?

Yes  No:

If yes, complete the following:

Name of Resident Member of the PHA Governing Board:

Method of Selection:

Appointment

**The term of appointment is (include the date term expires):**

Election by Residents (if checked, complete next section--Description of Resident Election Process)

### Description of Resident Election Process

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)

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)

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)

b. If the PHA governing board does not have at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA, why not?

- The PHA is located in a State that requires the members of a governing board to be salaried and serve on a full time basis
- The PHA has less than 300 public housing units, has provided reasonable notice to the resident advisory board of the opportunity to serve on the governing board, and has not been notified by any resident of their interest to participate in the Board.
- Other (explain):

Date of next term expiration of a governing board member:

Name and title of appointing official(s) for governing board (indicate appointing official for the next available position):

### **(3) 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).

#### **Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: (State of Mississippi)**

a. 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 list 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) The Housing Authority based its statement on need of families in the jurisdiction on the needs expressed by the waiting list of public housing.

b. The Consolidated Plan of the jurisdiction supports the PHA Plan with the following actions and commitments: (describe below) Provides statistical data that supports PHA mission.

### **MAINTENANCE PLAN**

The Housing Authority has an adopted Maintenance Plan that contains rules, standards and policies governing maintenance and management of its public housing developments. The plan also includes a policy for the prevention and eradication of pest infestation, including cockroach. The Maintenance Plan is posted on the bulletin board and available for public review.

**(4) (Reserved)**

Use this section to provide any additional information requested by HUD.

**10. Project-Based Voucher Program**

- a.  Yes  No: Does the PHA plan to “project-base” any tenant-based Section 8 vouchers in the coming year? If yes, answer the following questions.
- b.  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:)

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

**11. List of Supporting Documents Available for Review for Streamlined Five-Year/ 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.

<b>List of Supporting Documents Available for Review</b>		
<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>Supporting Document</b>	<b>Related Plan Component</b>
X	<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>	Standard 5 Year and Annual Plans; streamlined 5 Year Plans
X	State/Local Government Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan.	5 Year 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	5 Year and Annual Plans

<b>List of Supporting Documents Available for Review</b>		
<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>Supporting Document</b>	<b>Related Plan Component</b>
	involvement.	
	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
X	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 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 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
X	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
	Consortium agreement(s).	Annual Plan: Agency Identification and Operations/ Management
X	Public housing grievance procedures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
	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	Annual Plan: Demolition

<b>List of Supporting Documents Available for Review</b>		
<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>Supporting Document</b>	<b>Related Plan Component</b>
	housing.	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
X	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 type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Public Housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
X	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
X	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
	Consortium agreement(s), if a consortium administers PHA programs.	Joint PHA Plan for Consortia
	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 PHA Plan for Consortia
X	Other supporting documents (optional). List individually. Deconcentration/ Income Mixing, Income Analysis of Public Housing Covered Development, Substantial Deviation and Initial Assessment Voluntary Conversion of Development from Public Housing Stock.	(Specify as needed)

### **Summary of Policy or Program Changes for the Upcoming Year**

In this section, briefly describe changes in policies or programs discussed in last year's PHA Plan that are not covered in other sections of this Update.

The Housing Authority has adopted policies and procedures to support or assist victims of criminal domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking – as well as members of the victims' immediate families from losing their HUD-assisted housing as a consequence of the abuse of which they were the victim. See attachment "k"

## ATTACHMENTS

Admissions Policy for Deconcentration **Attachment "A"**

FY 2008 Capital Fund Program Annual Statement **Attachment "B"**

Capital Fund Program 5 Year Action Plan **Attachment "C"**

P&E Statements, FY 2006 and 2007 **Attachment "D"**

Membership of Resident Advisory Board or Boards **Attachment "E"**

Certification "Initial Assessment" Voluntary Conversion of Development from Public Housing Stock **Attachment "F"**

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Management Organizational Structure **Attachment "I"**

PHA Progress Statement on Mission & Goals **Attachment "J"**

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Policy **Attachment "K"**

# THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FOREST, MISSISSIPPI

## ATTACHMENT A

### DECONCENTRATION POLICY

In an ongoing effort for the Forest Housing Authority to meet or exceed the laws and regulations regarding public housing, a comprehensive Deconcentration Policy has been developed in order to comply with the Housing Quality and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 Section 513, as it applies to the Forest Housing Authority.

#### INCOME MIX TARGETING:

This housing authority must ensure that within a given fiscal year, not less than forty percent (40%) of the public housing dwelling units shall be occupied by families whose incomes at the time of commencement of occupancy does not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the area median income.

#### PROHIBITION OF CONCENTRATION OF LOW-INCOME FAMILIES:

This housing authority may not concentration very low-income families, or those with relatively low incomes, in public housing units in certain projects or certain buildings within projects. There must, however remain at least forty percent (40%) of the families who are at or below thirty percent (30%) of the median area income. The Forest Housing Authority must review the income and occupancy characteristics of the housing projects and the buildings of each project to ensure that a low-income concentration does not occur.

#### DECONCENTRATION:

It shall be the sole and exclusive right of the Forest Housing Authority to move families from one dwelling unit to another as necessary or as vacancies warrant to reduce a concentration of a particular income level of families into any one building or complex. In contrast, the Forest Housing Authority will also make every effort and attempt to maintain a consistent dwelling unit for every family and will only make moves necessary if there is no other alternative as determined by the Forest Housing Authority.

This policy became effective immediately upon adoption by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Forest, Mississippi.

**CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM TABLES**

**ATTACHMENT “B”**

<b>Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report</b>					
<b>Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part I: Summary</b>					
<b>PHA Name: FOREST HOUSING AUTHORITY</b>		<b>Grant Type and Number</b>			<b>Federal FY of Grant:</b>
		Capital Fund Program Grant No: MS26P111501-08			2008
		Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Original Annual Statement</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reserve for Disasters/ Emergencies</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Revised Annual Statement (revision no:            )</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Final Performance and Evaluation Report</b>					
Line No.	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost	
		Original	Revised	Obligated	Expended
1	Total non-CFP Funds				
2	1406 Operations	50,000			
3	1408 Management Improvements				
4	1410 Administration				
5	1411 Audit				
6	1415 Liquidated Damages				
7	1430 Fees and Costs	12,000			
8	1440 Site Acquisition				
9	1450 Site Improvement				
10	1460 Dwelling Structures	68,978			
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)	130,978			
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				

**Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report**  
**Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF)**  
**Part II: Supporting Pages**

PHA Name: FOREST HOUSING AUTHORITY		Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program Grant No: MS26P111501-08 Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:				Federal FY of Grant: 2008		
Development Number Name/HA-Wide Activities	General Description of Major Work Categories	Dev. Acct No.	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost		Status of Work
				Original	Revised	Funds Obligated	Funds Expended	
HA WIDE	Operations	1406		50,000				
HA WIDE	A/E Fees and Consultant Services	1430		12,000				
HA WIDE	Force Account to Correct UPCS Deficiencies: Non-Routine Renovations- Electrical Fixtures, Flooring, Painting, Interior Doors & Kitchen/Bath Accessories @ \$833 per unit	1460	12 Units	10,000				
HA WIDE	Install New Windows/Security Screens \$2,085 per unit- Cont. Program	1460	25 Units	58,978				
			Total	130,978				



**ATTACHMENT "C"**

**Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan**

**Part I: Summary**

PHA Name <b>Forest Housing Authority</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Original 5-Year Plan</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Revision No:</b>			
Development Number/Name/HA-Wide	Year 1	Work Statement for Year 2 FFY Grant: 2009 PHA FY: 1/1/09	Work Statement for Year 3 FFY Grant: 2010 PHA FY: 1/1/2010	Work Statement for Year 4 FFY Grant: 2011 PHA FY: 1/1/2011	Work Statement for Year 5 FFY Grant: 2012 PHA FY: 1/1/2012
	Annual Statement				
PHA Wide		130,978	130,978	130,978	130,978
MS 111-001					
CFP Funds Listed for 5-year planning		130,978	130,978	130,978	130,978
Replacement Housing Factor Funds					





## CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM TABLES

### ATTACHMENT "D"

<b>Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report</b>					
<b>Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part I: Summary</b>					
PHA Name: FOREST HOUSING AUTHORITY		Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program Grant No: MS26P111501-06 Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:		Federal FY of Grant:  2006	
<input type="checkbox"/> Original Annual Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Reserve for Disasters/ Emergencies <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Annual Statement (revision no: ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending: 6/30/07 <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	46,500		46,500	46,500
3	1408 Management Improvements				
4	1410 Administration				
5	1411 Audit				
6	1415 Liquidated Damages				
7	1430 Fees and Costs	20,500		20,500	10,163.50
8	1440 Site Acquisition				
9	1450 Site Improvement				
10	1460 Dwelling Structures	60,958		60,958	10,521.19
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)	127,958		127,958	67,184.69

**Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report**  
**Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part I: Summary**

PHA Name: FOREST HOUSING AUTHORITY	Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program Grant No: MS26P111501-06 Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:	Federal FY of Grant:  2006
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Original Annual Statement  
  Reserve for Disasters/ Emergencies  
  Revised Annual Statement (revision no: )  
 Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending: 6/30/07  
  Final Performance and Evaluation Report

Line No.	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost	
		Original	Revised	Obligated	Expended
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

<b>Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report</b>					
<b>Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part I: Summary</b>					
<b>PHA Name:</b> FOREST HOUSING AUTHORITY		<b>Grant Type and Number</b> Capital Fund Program Grant No: MS26P111501-07 Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:			<b>Federal FY of Grant:</b>  2007
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<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				
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3	1408 Management Improvements				
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21	Amount of Annual Grant: (sum of lines 2 – 20)	127,958	130,978		
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**Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report  
Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part I: Summary**

PHA Name: FOREST HOUSING AUTHORITY	Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program Grant No: MS26P111501-07 Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:	Federal FY of Grant:  2007
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Original Annual Statement  Reserve for Disasters/ Emergencies  Revised Annual Statement (revision no: 1)  
 Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending:  Final Performance and Evaluation Report

Line No.	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost	
		Original	Revised	Obligated	Expended
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				





## **Required Attachment \_E\_: Membership of the Resident Advisory Board or Boards**

List members of the Resident Advisory Board or Boards: (If the list would be unreasonably long, list organizations represented or otherwise provide a description sufficient to identify how members are chosen.)

1. Ms. Annie Walker 129 Rose Street, Forest, MS 39074
2. Mr. Glenn Craft, 515 Valley Street, Forest, MS 39074
3. Ms. April Robinson, 522 Valley Street, Forest, MS 39074
4. Mr. Rickey Moore, 211-A Rose Street, Forest, MS 39074
5. Ms. Patrica Smith, 528 Third Avenue South, Forest, MS 39074
6. Ms. Betty Harris, 521 Third Avenue South, Forest, MS 39074

### **SELECTION OF RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS:**

The Resident Advisory Board consists of six (6) members. They are selected by the housing authority and resident body.

**ATTACHMENT “F”**

**CERTIFICATION  
“INITIAL ASSESSMENT”  
VOLUNTARY CONVERSION OF DEVELOPMENT FROM PUBLIC  
HOUSING STOCK**

This is to certify that The Housing Authority of the City of Forest, Mississippi has reviewed each development operating as public housing; considered the implications of converting the public housing to tenant-based assistance ; and concluded that conversion may be inappropriate because removal of the developments would not meet the necessary conditions for voluntary conversion.

That the initial assessment indicated that 1) cost would be a factor; 2) the ability to occupy the developments; 3) cost and/ or workability of vouchers in the community and 4) other relevant factors that voluntary conversion may be inappropriate.

*Component 10 (B) Voluntary Conversion Initial Assessments*

- a. How many of the PHA’s developments are subject to the Required Initial Assessments? 1
- b. How many of the PHA’s developments are not subject to the Required Initial Assessments based on exemptions (e.g., elderly and/or disabled developments not general occupancy projects)? 0
- c. How many Assessments were conducted for the PHA’s covered developments? 1
- d. Identify PHA developments that may be appropriate for conversion based on the Required Initial Assessments:

<b>Development Name</b>	<b>Number of Units</b>
NONE	

- e. If the PHA has not completed the Required Initial Assessments, describe the status of these assessments. Completed

THEREFORE, the Housing Authority has determined that our developments are not appropriate for conversion based on the following reasons:

1. Conversion **would be** more expensive than continuing to operate the developments (or a portion of it) as public housing;
2. Conversion **would not** principally benefit residents of the public housing development to be converted and the community; and
3. Conversion **would** adversely affect the availability of affordable housing in the community.

The Housing Authority does not plan to demolish or dispose of any public housing units;

Public Housing developments accounts for a large percentage of the housing stock in the community and would effect the availability of affordable housing in the community; and

Conversion would not benefit the residents due to the limited housing stock in the community and the current programs/services being offered by the housing authority. Additionally, our public housing developments are equal to or above existing housing stock in the community;

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FOREST, MISSISSIPPI**  
**ATTACHMENT "G"**  
**PET POLICY**

The Pet Policy set forth herein is reasonably related to the following legitimate interests of the Forest Housing Authority (PHA), including, but not limited to:

- (a) The PHA's interest in providing a decent, safe and sanitary living environment for existing and prospective Residents;
- (b) Protection and preserving the physical condition of the property of the PHA and the housing located thereon; and
- (c) The PHA's financial interests in the property administered by this Housing Authority. Residents occupying units administered by the Forest Housing Authority shall be allowed to house pets on either a temporary or permanent basis, provided by this provision. The Applicant and any Resident must also provide certification from a licensed medical reference. Only after such certification has been received by this Housing Authority, **in writing**, will a Resident be permitted to keep and maintain a pet. The rules set forth herein specify the procedure for obtaining the necessary approval to keep and maintain a pet on this Housing Authority premises and set forth the rules which govern the keeping of such pets. Residents requesting permission to have a pet will be permitted a limit of one (1) pet per household (Dwelling Unit).

(1) SELECTION CRITERIA:

- (a) Management Approval: Prior to a pet being accepted for keeping in a Dwelling Unit the proposed owner must prepare and submit an "*Application to Keep a Pet*". The Resident and this Housing Authority must enter into a "*Pet Agreement*".

In addition to executing the "*Pet Agreement*", the Resident must submit to this Housing Authority documented proof of the proposed pet's health, suitability and acceptability in accordance with provisions outlined in "Standards" below. Pets must be registered with this Housing Authority before the pet is brought onto the premises and annually thereafter.

Registration includes:

1. Certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian or designated State or local authority or agent, stating that the pet has received all inoculations required by State or local law;
2. Statement signed by a licensed veterinarian that the animal is in good health, has no communicable diseases or pests, and, in the case of dogs and cats, is spayed or neutered. Cats must also be declawed;
3. Name, address, and phone number of one or more responsible parties to care for the pet if the owner dies, is incapacitated or unable to care for the pet;
4. Execution of a "*Pet Agreement*" stating that the Resident accepts complete responsibility for the care and cleaning of the pet and acknowledges the applicable rules;
5. Pet must be licensed in accordance with applicable State and local laws and regulations.

Registration will be coordinated with the annual reexamination date. Approval for the keeping of pet shall not be extended until the requirements specified above have been met, and in no event will approval of other than the common household pets be extended.

## **ATTACHMENT "H"**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT**

The Housing Authority of the City of Forest, Mississippi will administer the community service requirement as follows:

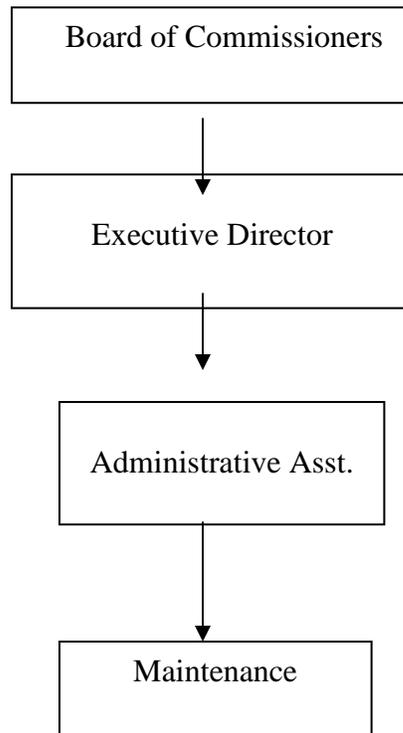
1. Locate potential work sites for those residents required performing voluntary work and maintaining a listing of those sites. Information concerning the work sites will be furnished to residents for advice and counseling only. The resident is ultimately responsible for locating a work site and performing the required hours in compliance with Federal Law.
2. Screen resident records for those who are required to perform community service and provide notification of the requirements. New residents will be informed of the requirements prior to move-in.
3. Prepare and furnish to affected residents a form for third party certification of the community work or self-sufficiency requirement. The completed form will be returned to the Housing Authority and placed in the resident's file.
4. Review or obtain the resident's certification ninety days prior to annual reexamination. If the resident has failed to fulfill the community work or family self-sufficiency requirement, the resident will be notified not less than thirty days prior to lease expiration of the noncompliance. The resident will also be advised that the determination of noncompliance is subject to the Housing Authority grievance procedure; and that unless the resident and the Housing Authority enter into a suitable agreement for the resident to cure the noncompliance, the resident's lease will not be renewed and the Housing Authority will take eviction action. If an agreement is reached the resident will be required to make up lost hours.

Each adult resident must contribute eight (8) hours per month of community service, or participate in an economic self-sufficiency program for eight (8) hours per month, unless exempt from this requirement for one of the following reasons:

- Is 62 years or older;
- Is blind or disable as defined by the Social Security Act, and who is unable to comply with this requirement, or is a primary caretaker of such individual;
- Is engaged in a work activity as defined by Social Security Act;
- Meets the requirements for being exempted from having to engage in a work activity under the State program funded by the Social Security Act, or under any other Mississippi welfare program, including a State administered welfare to work program; and has not been found by the State or other administering entity to be in noncompliance with such program. and
- Is in a family receiving assistance under a State program funded by the Social Security Act, or under any other Mississippi welfare program, including a State administered welfare to work program, and has not been found by the State or other administering entity to be in noncompliance with such program.

# ATTACHMENT "I" ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

The Board of Commissioners is the legal body over the Executive Director and establishes PHA policy. The Executive Director is responsible for the entire administrative function of the PHA.



**ATTACHMENT "J"**  
**PROGRESS STATEMENT MISSIONS AND GOALS**

The PHA continues improve the quality of assisted housing: The Housing Authority is meeting this goal with the main accomplishments being ongoing efforts to raise the standards of public housing with the use of CFP program funds. The PHA established the goal to improve apartments to achieve compatibility with private market rentals by the year 2009. Improvements are currently in progress with the use of CFP funds and the Housing Authority is on schedule to meeting this goal.

The PHA continues to improve its public housing management and improve advisory score to a higher performer level.

The PHA goal to renovate or modernize our public housing units with Capital Fund program funds is being achieved and is on schedule.

The PHA continues to partnership with community agencies to provide residents drug prevention, educational and recreational programs.

The PHA continues its goal to ensure equal access to assisted housing.

The PHA continues to inspect all housing units on a regular basis.

The PHA continues to counseled with residents on homeownership and pledged our support if they choose to pursue homeownership.

The PHA continues to ensure Equal Opportunity in housing for all applicants regardless of their needs.

The PHA continues to improve the physical condition of its units and grounds.

The PHA established the goal to setup computer laboratories in public housing. The PHA is meeting this goal.

The PHA established the goal to continue the policy to assure affirmative equal access for all applicants. The PHA is meeting this goal.

The PHA established the goal to make handicapped modifications to units exceeding 504 requirements based on individual need. The PHA is meeting this goal.

# **ATTACHMENT “k”**

## **Forest Housing Authority (FHA) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Policy**

Adopted Date: 09/11/07

Effective Date: 10/01/07

### **I. Purpose and Applicability**

The purpose of this 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 FHA’s policies and procedures regarding domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, as hereinafter defined.

This Policy shall be applicable to the administration by FHA of all federally subsidized public housing. 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 FHA;
- C. Providing and maintaining housing opportunities for victims of domestic violence dating violence, or stalking;
- D. Creating and maintaining collaborative arrangements between FHA, 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 FHA; and
- E. Taking appropriate action in response to an incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, affecting individuals assisted by FHA.

### **III. Other FHA Policies and Procedures**

This Policy shall be referenced in and attached to FHA’s Five-Year Public Housing Agency Plan and shall be incorporated in and made a part of FHA’s Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy. FHA’s annual public housing agency plan shall also

contain information concerning FHA'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 FHA, 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*. FHA will not deny admission to public housing 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.

## VI. Termination of Tenancy or Assistance

A. *VAWA Protections*. Under VAWA, public housing residents have the following specific protections, which will be observed by FHA:

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 FHA 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 FHA 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, FHA 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 FHA to evict or terminate from assistance any tenant or lawful applicant if the owner, manager or FHA, 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, FHA 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 resident 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 resident 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 FHA. Leases used for all public housing operated by FHA, 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, FHA 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., FHA shall require verification in all cases where an individual claims protection against an action involving such individual proposed to be taken by FHA.

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 FHA 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 FHA 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 FHA 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 FHA, 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 FHA, 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. 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 FHA 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 as permitted in VAWA, or
3. otherwise required by applicable law.

B. *Notification of rights.* All residents of public housing administered by FHA shall be notified in writing concerning their right to confidentiality and the limits on such rights to confidentiality.

## **IX. Court Orders/Family Break-up**

A. *Court orders.* It is FHA's policy to honor orders entered by courts of competent jurisdiction affecting individuals assisted by FHA. 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 FHA policies regarding family break-up are contained in FHA's Public Housing Admissions and Continuing Occupancy Plan (ACOP).

## **X. Relationships with Service Providers**

It is the policy of FHA to cooperate with organizations and entities, both private and governmental that provides shelter and/or services to victims of domestic violence. If FHA staff becomes aware that an individual assisted by FHA is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, FHA 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 FHA either to maintain a relationship with any particular provider of shelter or services to victims or domestic violence or to make a referral in any particular case. FHA's annual public housing agency plan shall describe providers of shelter or services to victims of domestic violence with which FHA has referral or other cooperative relationships.

## **XI. Notification**

FHA shall provide written notification to applicants, tenants, concerning the rights and obligations created under VAWA relating to confidentiality, denial of assistance and, termination of tenancy or assistance.

## **XII. 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.

## **XIII. Amendment**

This policy may be amended from time to time by FHA as approved by the FHA Board of Commissioners.