

5.2	<p>Goals and Objectives continued:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. 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 assisted recipients' employability; Implement a successful Resident Services Program; Upon approval of 2009 ROSS Grant expand services; Continue the HCV FSS Program as long as HUD funding is sufficient for said program. 6. Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing. Objectives: Keep residents and applicants informed of their rights; Staff training will be required annually. 7. Continue to enhance the marketability of JURHA's Public Housing Units. Objectives: JURHA continues to encourage customer service for all residents with a friendly staff and a genuinely caring atmosphere; Curb appeal continues to improve with development wide clean-up, lawn maintenance, landscaping, playground maintenance and careful modernization evaluation and monitoring performance through CFP monies; Demolition and reconstruction of 8 units in the Oakrun Complex; Research funding for Implement the knock and drag wall texture painting during GRO process when feasible. 8. Maintain resident safety and community perception of safety and security in the JURHA's Public Housing complexes. Objectives: JURHA shall continue our cooperation with local law enforcement to continually assess and monitor resident activities, quickly investigate any reports of crime and take appropriate actions to insure a safe neighborhood; Continue to maintain on-site Resident managers to monitor resident activities and deter loitering. 9. Expand the range and quality of housing choices available to participants in the JURHA's tenant-based assistance program Objectives: JURHA shall achieve and sustain a utilization rate of no less than 97% in its tenant-based program; JURHA shall continue outreach programs that interest and attracts new landlords to participate in its program 10. Deliver timely and high quality maintenance service that meet or exceed HUD guidelines to the residents of JURHA's Public Housing Objectives: JURHA shall continue to maintain an average response time of less than 3 days in responding to routine work orders; JURHA shall maintain our appealing modern environment in Public Housing. 11. JURHA shall ensure equal treatment of all applicants, residents, tenant-based participants, employee and vendors. Objectives: JURHA shall continue to mix its populations as much as possible with respect to ethnicity, race and income within the Public Housing and HCV programs; JURHA shall give all applicants equal consideration for employment opportunities including any residents that meet the qualifications for the job; Continue to implement Section 3 requirements in hiring and contract bidding and awards. 12. Ensure full compliance with all applicable standards and regulations including government generally accepted accounting practices. Objectives: The JURHA shall operate so that income (including subsidy) exceeds expenses every year. 13. PHA Goal: Enhance the image of public housing in our community. Objectives: JURHA shall ensure that there is a minimum of two (2) positive stories a year in the local media about the Housing Authority, JURHA staff or JURHA residents; JURHA shall continue to encourage staff participation and partnering with local service and support agencies. 14. PHA Goal: Improve economic opportunity (self-sufficiency) for the families and individuals that are assisted in our housing programs. Objectives: The JURHA will continue partnerships with local agencies in order to enhance self-sufficiency services to our program participants; The JURHA will more effectively utilize its community centers to provide resident services as measured by increasing their utilization. 15. The JURHA will continue to work diligently on case management to aid participants in successfully reaching their goals to become self-sufficient 16. Ensure applicants and tenants are fully informed of their protections and rights under the Violence Against Women Act, including their right to confidentiality. Objectives: Applicants are given an Applicant Information and Appointment Packet containing information regarding domestic abuse and how to receive help; HCV Briefings will verbally inform clients of their protections and rights under VAWA and have VAWA resource kits available; Public Housing move-ins packets containing information on the Violence Against Women Act; JURHA will prominently display notice 16-1 and 16-2 and the Local and National Domestic Violence Hot line phone numbers; Public Housing monthly newsletter posts Local and National Domestic Violence Hotline and how to obtain VAWA resource packet. 17. Ensure owners and managers are fully informed of their rights and responsibilities under the Violence Against Women Act. Objectives: Conduct quarterly owner (landlord) workshops which inform landlord of their responsibility under VAWA; Quarterly distribute Newsletters' to HCV Landlords which inform landlords of their responsibility under VAWA. <p>SEE ATTACHMENT L for a progress report the PHA has made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5-Year plan.</p>
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6.0	<p>PHA Plan Update</p> <p>(a) Identify all PHA Plan elements that have been revised by the PHA since its last Annual Plan submission:</p> <p>5.2 Goals and Objectives</p> <p>6.2 Financial Resources</p> <p>6.3 Rent Determination</p> <p>6.11 Fiscal Year Audit</p> <p>8.1 Capital fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report – Attachments G-J</p> <p>8.2 Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan - Attachment K</p> <p>9.0 Housing Needs</p> <p>9.1 Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs</p> <p>10.0 Progress in Meeting Mission and Goals, Significant Amendment and Substantial Deviation/Modification: ATTACHMENT L</p> <p>(b) Identify the specific location(s) where the public may obtain copies of the 5-Year and Annual PHA Plan. For a complete list of PHA Plan elements, see Section 6.0 of the instructions.</p> <p>5-Year and Annual PHA Plan is made available to the public at our main office located at 330 Union, Jonesboro AR 72401 during normal business hours. We will post 5-Year and Annual PHA Plan to our website – www.jurha.org. A copy will be provided to each resident council member.</p>
7.0	<p>Hope VI, Mixed Finance Modernization or Development, Demolition and/or Disposition, Conversion of Public Housing, Homeownership Programs, and Project-based Vouchers. <i>Include statements related to these programs as applicable.</i></p> <p>JURHA administers two homeownership programs, a Section 5 (h) Homeownership Plan and a Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program. The Section 5(h) Homeownership Plan was approved in April, 1998 and revised in February, 2005.</p> <p>The policies that govern homeownership for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program are located in the Agency Policies binder under Section 8 Administrative Plan in chapter 21 “Special Housing Types, Section G.”</p> <p>In additional to the homeownership program, JURHA also offers a Housing Counseling Action Plan, which is presented by JURHA Housing and Community Development Organization (JURHA HCDO).</p> <p>Additional information can be found in the 5-Year and Annual Plan binder, Section 1, tabs “Section 5(h) Homeownership”, “Section 8 HCV Homeownership” and “JURHA HCDO Housing Counseling”.</p>
8.0	<p>Capital Improvements. Please complete Parts 8.1 through 8.3, as applicable.</p>
8.1	<p>Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report. As part of the PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan, annually complete and submit the <i>Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report</i>, form HUD-50075.1, for each current and open CFP grant and CFFP financing.</p> <p>SEE ATTACHMENTS G-J</p>
8.2	<p>Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan. As part of the submission of the Annual Plan, PHAs must complete and submit the <i>Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan</i>, form HUD-50075.2, and subsequent annual updates (on a rolling basis, e.g., drop current year, and add latest year for a five year period). Large capital items must be included in the Five-Year Action Plan.</p> <p>SEE ATTACHMENT K</p>
8.3	<p>Capital Fund Financing Program (CFFP).</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if the PHA proposes to use any portion of its Capital Fund Program (CFP)/Replacement Housing Factor (RHF) to repay debt incurred to finance capital improvements.</p> <p>We are just in the initial stages of studies, etc. HUD has not approved any part of our Plan other than to exempt our units. After our studies are complete then we will go back to the table and develop a Plan and request HUD approval.</p>

Housing Needs. Based on information provided by the applicable Consolidated Plan, information provided by HUD, and other generally available data, make a reasonable effort to identify the housing needs of the low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families who reside in the jurisdiction served by the PHA, including elderly families, families with disabilities, and households of various races and ethnic groups, and other families who are on the public housing and Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting lists. The identification of housing needs must address issues of affordability, supply, quality, accessibility, size of units, and location.

Housing needs have been assessed using the City of Jonesboro Department of Community Development 5-Year Consolidated Plan FY 2007/2011 and the JURHA Waiting Lists.

Households with Lower Incomes (5 Year Consolidated Plan)

	Household income <=30% Extremely low income			Household income >30 to <=50% Very low income		
	Renter	Owner	Total	Renter	Owner	Total
Elderly	403	358	761	146	578	724
Small Related	836	168	1,004	505	332	837
Large Related	132	18	150	189	38	227
All Others	1,014	108	1,122	818	145	963
Total	2,385	652	3,037	1,658	1,093	2,751

	Household income >50% to <=80% Low income			Total household with Low Income (total of all three)		
	Renter	Owner	Total	Renter	Owner	Total
Elderly	238	694	932	787	1,630	2,417
Small Related	874	508	1,382	2,215	1,008	3,223
Large Related	102	124	226	423	180	603
All Others	906	252	1,158	2,738	505	3,243
Total	2,120	1,578	3,698	6,163	3,323	9,486

Source: SOCD.S.HUDUSER.ORG

9.0 In 2000 the breakdown of household with low income were : 12.49% of Jonesboro's total households were within the Extremely Low Income levels, 11.31% were within the Very Low Income Levels, and 15.21% were within the Low Income level. Thus, households with lower incomes comprised approximately 39% of the total households.

Household compositions- 5 Year Consolidated Plan

In Jonesboro the White population constitutes 84.2% of the City residents. Black or African American is the second largest racial/ethnic group in the City (11.5%), followed by the Hispanic (2.3%) population. Comparing the racial/ethnic composition of the population with that of the occupied housing units indicates that 88.0% of households in Jonesboro are headed by non-Hispanic White, 9.5% by African American and 1.5% by Hispanic households.

Race/Ethnic Group	Persons		Households					
	Number	%	Owners	Owner %	Renter	Renter %	Total	Total %
Non-Hispanic White	46,764	84.2	12,075	62.3	7,298	37.7	19,373	100
Non-White Black	6,380	11.5	510	24.0	1619	76.0	2,129	100
Hispanic	1,297	2.3	72	21.7	260	78.3	332	100
Asian	592	1.1	70	35.4	128	64.6	198	100
Other	482	0.9	83	44.4	104	55.6	187	100
Total	55,515	100	12,810	57.7	9,409	42.3	22,219	100

Source: The Lewis Mumford Center for Comparative Urban and Regional Research 2000: Jonesboro, Arkansas, Homeownership by Race and Ethnicity.

Housing Needs Continued:

Housing Need Findings – 5 Year Consolidated Plan

The Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) developed by the Census for HUD provides detailed information on the housing needs by income level for different types of households. Table 3-6: Housing Problems by Household Income can be found in the City of Jonesboro Department of Community Development 5-year consolidated Plan. The following are the key findings from the CHAS information concerning housing needs in Jonesboro. Cost burden was the primary problem as identified for these groups.

1. In general, renter households had a high level of housing problems (43.6%) than owner households (17.8%). Owners, as a group, had fewer problems and represented a much smaller number of households compared to renters (6,163 lower income renters households compared to 3,323 lower income homeowners.) Among all owners, 73.9% of extremely low-income, 54.9% of very low-income, and 33.6% of low-income owner households experienced housing problems. The percentages were significantly higher for renters. For all renters, 76.8% of extremely low income, 80.6% of very low income, and 34.15 of low-income renter households experienced housing problems.
2. Large family households (5 or more related persons) had the highest level of housing problems regardless of income level or tenure. All (100%) extremely low-income large family homeowners and almost all (97%) of extremely low-income large family renters experience housing problems. A high proportion of very low-income family owners (78.9%) and renter (73.5%) also experienced housing problems, as did large family renters and homeowners at the low-income level (70.6% renters and 50% homeowners).
3. Small family households (2 to 4 related persons) also experienced housing problems. 85.7% of extremely low-income small family homeowners and also 79.85 of extremely low-income small family renters experienced housing problems. A high proportion of very low-income small family owners (75.3%) and renters (84.6%) also experienced housing problems, as did small family renters and homeowners of low-income level (28.6% renter and 49.2% homeowners).
4. Other households (comprised of non-senior singles and unrelated households) also experienced housing problem among very low-income renter households (81.8%) , extremely low income renters (77.1%) and low income renter households (32.8%). Homeowners in this category also had similar housing problems.
5. Elderly households accounted for 69.9% of the very low income and 63.5% of extremely low-income elderly renters having a housing problem. Also, 68.4% of extremely low-income elderly homeowners had at least one housing problem. Elderly homeowners with housing problems with very low-income total 41.0% and low-income elderly homeowners total 16.1%.
6. Among elderly, small family, and other renter households, the very-low income group had higher percentages of housing problems than their extremely low income counterparts. This situation may be due to fewer housing assistance programs targeted to the very low income group and insufficient resources to address the needs of extremely low income as well as very low income households. This situation may also create a disincentive for extremely low income households to improve their economic status, since households in the next higher income (very low income group) are experiencing higher percentages of housing problems.

Disproportionate Housing Need Findings

Disproportionate need refers to any need that is more than 10 percentage points above the need demonstrated for the total households. For example, 62.9% of large renter families (a subset of renter households) experienced housing problems, compared to 43.6% of all renter households and 28.7% of all households. Thus, large families and all renters have a disproportionate need for housing assistance. The following are those groups that have been found to have a disproportionate housing need.

Extremely Low Income Households

All extremely low-income households experienced a disproportionate housing need, with 76.2% of this income group having housing problems compared to 28.7% for all City households. Overall renter households had more housing problems compared to homeowners. Large family households had the most needs followed by small family households and other households. 76.8% of renters had housing problems consisting of 97% of large families, 79.8% small families, 77.1% of other households, and 63.3% of elderly households.

Very Low Income Households

All very low-income households (except senior homeowners) also had a disproportionate housing need compared to the general population, with 70.4% of this income group having problems compared to 28.7% for all City households. Overall, renter households had more housing problems compared to homeowners. Among renters, small families had the highest need (84.6%) while all other households come next with 81.8%. Practically all categories have almost similar high needs. Among owners large families had the most needs followed by small families and other households. 80.6% of renters had housing problems consisting of 81.8% of other households, 84.6% of small families, 73.5% of large families, and 69.9% of elderly.

Low Income Households

Low-income households (with the exception of senior homeowners and small family renters) had a disproportionate housing need. Overall, renter households had more housing needs compared to owners. 34.1% of renters had housing problems consisting of 70.6% of large families, 28.6% of small families, and 43.3% of elderly households.

Elderly Households

The 2000 Census reports that they are 6,557 Jonesboro residents over age 65, equal to 11.8% of the population. This is a 25.9% increase from the 1990 Census and also increased slightly as a portion of the total population. The 2000 Census listed 4,216 households headed by person 65 year or older, 3,293 (78.1%) of which were owner households. The senior age group will likely rise in the future as the “baby boomer” population ages and as medical advances allow individual to live longer. More affordable senior housing will be needed in the future, as the number of senior households continues to increase.

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Housing Needs Continued:

Persons with Disabilities, Accessibility- 5 Year Consolidate Plan

The 2000 Census counted 7,998 residents age 16 to 64 in Jonesboro with a disability. The Census tallied 5,140 employment disabilities among residents in that age group. The Census further showed that 776 persons in that age group lived with a mobility or self-care limitation. No accurate figures exist for the number of housing units in the City of Jonesboro that are disability accessible.

Housing Affordability: 5-Year Consolidated Plan

Jonesboro is a predominantly owner-occupied community with 57% of the households being owners. Recent trends in home prices have led to an increasing number of people being priced out of the homeownership market. One consequence has been a shift in tenure trends, with increasing numbers of people remaining in the rental market, intensifying the competition for scarce affordable housing units. Given the median home prices (\$99,000 December, 2005) homeownership is beyond the reach of virtually all extremely low- and very low-income households. Most low-income households may only be able to afford small-size single-family homes, and may still require financial assistance. Similarly, extremely low-income households cannot afford the median rents in virtually the entire City and very low-income households are confined to studio and one-bedroom apartments.

Housing Quality – 5 Year Consolidated Plan

About 30% of the City’s housing stock is over 30 years old, indicating the potential need for rehabilitation and continued maintenance for a significant portion of the City’s housing. Available Census data offers two indicators of housing stock deficiencies; whether a unit is lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities. 115 units in the City lacked complete plumbing and 282 units were without kitchen facilities. It is not known if any units had both deficiencies. A tight housing market has resulted in sharp increases in the demand for housing. In turn, this has prompted property owners to invest in properties needing rehabilitation, or developers to purchase such properties for development. As a result, housing units in Jonesboro are, overall, in good condition. According to the City’s Inspections Department, at least 166 units have undergone major rehabilitation by the building owners in the last year 2006.

Concentrations of Low Income Population – 5 Year Consolidate Plan

On the Census tract level, according to the census data available at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock GIS Applications Laboratory, there are 7 tracts (or portions of a tract) that have 50.1% or more lower income households. These tracts are located in the northwestern and northeastern portions of the City. Maps depicting the concentration of lower income households are shown in the appendix of the City of Jonesboro Department of Community Development 5-Year consolidated Plan.

Statement of housing needs based on the Section 8 HCV & Public Housing Waiting lists.

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher – Families on the Waiting List dated 9/15/2009			
	# of Families	% of total of Families	Annual Turnover
Extremely Low Income	586	72%	
Very Low Income	191	23%	
Low Income	43	5%	
Families with Children	560	68%	
Elderly Families	28	3%	
Families with Disabilities	151	18%	
White	348	42%	
African American	470	57%	
Other (Indian)	2	1%	
Waiting List Total	820	100%	354

Housing Needs of Families on the PHA’s Waiting Lists date 9/17/09			
Waiting list type: Public Housing			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	441		
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	380	86%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	51	12%	
Low income(>50% but <80% AMI)	9	2%	
Families with youth	238	54%	
Elderly families	18	4%	
Families with Disabilities	88	20%	
Race/ethnicity White	183	4%	
Race/ethnicity Black	258	59%	
Race/ethnicity Indian	1	Less than 1%	
Characteristics by Bedroom Size			
1BR	197	44%	
2 BR	154	35%	
3 BR	74	17%	
4 BR	16	4%	
5 BR	0	0	
5+ BR	0	0	
Is the waiting list closed (select one)? No * One family currently on the WL is showing over income, however until actual income verifications are received, they shall remain on Wait List.			

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Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs. Provide a brief description of the PHA's strategy for addressing the housing needs of families in the jurisdiction and on the waiting list in the upcoming year. **Note: Small, Section 8 only, and High Performing PHAs complete only for Annual Plan submission with the 5-Year Plan.**

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1. Be proactive in the community and conduct outreach efforts to enlist new landlords to participate in the HCV program.
2. Monitor any new vouchers being made available and apply for additional vouchers whenever possible.
3. Increase Voucher payment standards as budget permits to reduce cost burdens for families.
4. Allow requested rent increases from landlords within budget allowance.
5. Discuss need for more four and five bedroom units as opportunity is presented when contractors and builders contact PHA regarding potential new building complexes.
6. Leverage CFP funds to build more units.
7. Continue to support Housing Counseling program with in-kind services which allow more residents in Northeast Arkansas to become responsible homeowners.

Additional Information. Describe the following, as well as any additional information HUD has requested.

(a) Progress in Meeting Mission and Goals. Provide a brief statement of the PHA's progress in meeting the mission and goals described in the 5-Year Plan.

JURHA has maintained its' High Performer status in Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs. Customer Service and ensuring equality is one of our main priorities. It is reinforced by annual Fair Housing training, frequent Staff meetings and utility webcast from HUD to stay up-to-date on program changes. JURHA has a successfully partnered with other agencies through our Program Coordinating Committee (PCC). Members of this committee are representatives of the various agencies that provide services to meet the needs of our clients. This committee meets on a quarterly basis to receive reports, plan future workshops, and to network with updates as the new services they are providing.

Our VPS is greater than 100% of FMR but less than 110%, currently due to Budget restraints we are using 100% of FMR. Our HCV FSS program has successfully graduated 22 participants. We conduct quarterly Landlord meetings and keep a list of landlords which are made available to program participates. We were able to reach 100% lease-up in our Section 8 HCV program.

Jonesboro Public Housing, a consistent PHAS High Performer, has continued to staff a full time Resident Services Coordinator to organize activities and services to our residents. Our vision is to continually support our resident families, youth, elderly, and persons with disabilities in housing situations through leadership, education, training, networking, and other member services. We have apply for ROSS Grant which will help us expand services to all residents. Our objective is to act as a conduit for information with their constituents and provide advisement to residents to make needed services accessible to all. We have offered a money management class presented by a local bank professional. A weekly summer class was conducted by a nutrition expert with our County Extension Office. Parenting Classes were taught by an RN. We partner with the Craighead County Public Library to provide family literacy programs such as story time, and speech classes for youth ages 4 to 16 years of age. Jonesboro's local Girl Scouts Membership Director continues to offer a program implemented to reach out to underprivileged at-risk girls.

Jonesboro Public Housing continues to support a COPPS substation on our Marshall Melrose Site. We had no evictions due to criminal violations in FYE 2007, three in FYE 2008, and one in FYE 2009. We continue to aggressively screen all applicants and keep vigilant watch through resident security management and neighborhood watch in an effort to maintain our family friendly atmosphere.

Through use of CFP funds, we have modernized numerous aspects of our public housing stock including removed trees, graded and sodded specific sites, built a retaining wall to stop erosion and corrected drainage issues. We poured concrete entries, fronts and rear at specific sites. We paved 3 parking lots removing unsightly potholes and water ponding. We installed 80 energy star rated bathroom exhaust fans and energy star rated vanity lights. We purchased 27 new ranges and 50 refrigerators. We installed 18 sets of new kitchen cabinets and 15 new bathroom vanities. Replace roofs at Cayman, Woodland & Marshall apartments. We installed new energy efficient windows and security screens at Marshall Melrose Apartments.

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The Jonesboro Urban Renewal and Housing Authority has fully implemented the Violence against Women Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA) by conducting a mass mail out to all tenants, applicants, and landlords to make them aware of this new legislation. Public Housing lease addendum has been revised to include VAWA. The Section 8 HCV Model Lease has also been revised to include VAWA. All Landlords who use their own lease must sign a lease addendum that includes VAWA.

We prominently display flyers containing Local and National Domestic Violence Hotline phone numbers. We hand out a VAWA information sheet and reporting form to all new applicants. In addition, the VAWA information sheet and reporting form began being mailed to any tenant being terminated or applicant being denied assistance.

We have developed VAWA Resource packets available when making application to our waiting list, during HCV briefings, and to all Public Housing move-ins and to all existing tenants. The VAWA Resource packets include the following information:

1. Arkansas Domestic Violence Shelters
2. Domestic Violence Overview
3. Getting An Order of Protection
4. Getting An Order of Protection (Spanish)
5. Completing a Petition for An Order of Protection
6. Safety Plan
7. Stalking Laws
8. Fact Sheet – VAWA – Spouse Abuse and Immigration
9. Fact Sheet – VAWA - Spouse Abuse and Immigration
10. AR Legal Services Partnership – HELPFUL NUMBERS
11. Form HUD-91066

We have obtained Memorandums of Understanding with the following agencies that directly relate to the referral system for the support for VAWA: Legal Aid of Arkansas; Hispanic Community Services, Inc.; Women's Crisis Center of NEA; Parenting And Childbirth Education Services (PACE's) Inc.; Jonesboro Public Schools; School Homeless At Risk Enrichment Program (S.H.A.R.E) of Nettleton Schools; and Mid-south Health Systems. See attachments: JURHA's VAWA Policy "ar131n02" and "ar131L02" for a complete progress report.

(b) Significant Amendment and Substantial Deviation/Modification. Provide the PHA's definition of "significant amendment" and "substantial deviation/modification"

Substantial Deviation/Modification: Any Deviation, which alters the original intent of the provisions, prescribed within this plan, which substantially affects the achievement of quantifiable performance indicators.

Significant Amendment: Any changes or additional provisions adopted by JURHA that may impact the final outcome initially identified in the PHA Plan.

11.0	<p>Required Submission for HUD Field Office Review. In addition to the PHA Plan template (HUD-50075), PHAs must submit the following documents. Items (a) through (g) may be submitted with signature by mail or electronically with scanned signatures, but electronic submission is encouraged. Items (h) through (i) must be attached electronically with the PHA Plan. Note: Faxed copies of these documents will not be accepted by the Field Office.</p> <p>(a) Form HUD-50077, <i>PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations</i> (which includes all certifications relating to Civil Rights) See attachment A “ar131a02”</p> <p>(b) Form HUD-50070, <i>Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only) See attachment B “ar131b02”</p> <p>(c) Form HUD-50071, <i>Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only) See attachment C “ar131c02”</p> <p>(d) Form SF-LLL, <i>Disclosure of Lobbying Activities</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only) See attachment D “ar131d02”</p> <p>(e) Form SF-LLL-A, <i>Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Continuation Sheet</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only) See attachment E “ar131e02”</p> <p>(f) Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments. Comments received from the RAB must be submitted by the PHA as an attachment to the PHA Plan. PHAs must also include a narrative describing their analysis of the recommendations and the decisions made on these recommendations. See attachment F “ar131f02”</p> <p>(g) Challenged Elements See attachment N “ar131m02”</p> <p>(h) Form HUD-50075.1, <i>Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only) See attachment G-J “ar131g02, ar131h02, ar131i02, ar131j02”</p> <p>(i) Form HUD-50075.2, <i>Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only) See attachment K “ar131k02”</p> <p>VAWA Policy “ar131n02”</p>
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**PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations:
Board Resolution to Accompany the PHA 5-Year and Annual PHA Plan**

Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Agency (PHA) listed below, as its Chairman or other authorized PHA official if there is no Board of Commissioners, I approve the submission of the 5-Year and/or Annual PHA Plan for the PHA fiscal year beginning 4/1/10, hereinafter referred to as "the Plan", of which this document is a part and make the following certifications and agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in connection with the submission of the Plan and implementation thereof:

1. The Plan is consistent with the applicable comprehensive housing affordability strategy (or any plan incorporating such strategy) for the jurisdiction in which the PHA is located.
2. The Plan contains a certification by the appropriate State or local officials that the Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan, which includes a certification that requires the preparation of an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, for the PHA's jurisdiction and a description of the manner in which the PHA Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan.
3. The PHA certifies that there has been no change, significant or otherwise, to the Capital Fund Program (and Capital Fund Program/Replacement Housing Factor) Annual Statement(s), since submission of its last approved Annual Plan. The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report must be submitted annually even if there is no change.
4. The PHA has established a Resident Advisory Board or Boards, the membership of which represents the residents assisted by the PHA, consulted with this Board or Boards in developing the Plan, and considered the recommendations of the Board or Boards (24 CFR 903.13). The PHA has included in the Plan submission a copy of the recommendations made by the Resident Advisory Board or Boards and a description of the manner in which the Plan addresses these recommendations.
5. The PHA made the proposed Plan and all information relevant to the public hearing available for public inspection at least 45 days before the hearing, published a notice that a hearing would be held and conducted a hearing to discuss the Plan and invited public comment.
6. The PHA certifies that it will carry out the Plan in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
7. The PHA will affirmatively further fair housing by examining their programs or proposed programs, identify any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs, address those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available and work with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement and maintain records reflecting these analyses and actions.
8. For PHA Plan that includes a policy for site based waiting lists:
 - The PHA regularly submits required data to HUD's 50058 PIC/IMS Module in an accurate, complete and timely manner (as specified in PIH Notice 2006-24);
 - The system of site-based waiting lists provides for full disclosure to each applicant in the selection of the development in which to reside, including basic information about available sites; and an estimate of the period of time the applicant would likely have to wait to be admitted to units of different sizes and types at each site;
 - Adoption of site-based waiting list would not violate any court order or settlement agreement or be inconsistent with a pending complaint brought by HUD;
 - The PHA shall take reasonable measures to assure that such waiting list is consistent with affirmatively furthering fair housing;
 - The PHA provides for review of its site-based waiting list policy to determine if it is consistent with civil rights laws and certifications, as specified in 24 CFR part 903.7(c)(1).
9. The PHA will comply with the prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age pursuant to the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.
10. The PHA will comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and 24 CFR Part 41, Policies and Procedures for the Enforcement of Standards and Requirements for Accessibility by the Physically Handicapped.
11. The PHA will comply with the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Employment Opportunities for Low-or Very-Low Income Persons, and with its implementing regulation at 24 CFR Part 135.

12. The PHA will comply with acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24 as applicable.
13. The PHA will take appropriate affirmative action to award contracts to minority and women's business enterprises under 24 CFR 5.105(a).
14. The PHA will provide the responsible entity or HUD any documentation that the responsible entity or HUD needs to carry out its review under the National Environmental Policy Act and other related authorities in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58 or Part 50, respectively.
15. With respect to public housing the PHA will comply with Davis-Bacon or HUD determined wage rate requirements under Section 12 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.
16. The PHA will keep records in accordance with 24 CFR 85.20 and facilitate an effective audit to determine compliance with program requirements.
17. The PHA will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, and 24 CFR Part 35.
18. The PHA will comply with the policies, guidelines, and requirements of OMB Circular No. A-87 (Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments), 2 CFR Part 225, and 24 CFR Part 85 (Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State, Local and Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments).
19. The PHA will undertake only activities and programs covered by the Plan in a manner consistent with its Plan and will utilize covered grant funds only for activities that are approvable under the regulations and included in its Plan.
20. All attachments to the Plan have been and will continue to be available at all times and all locations that the PHA Plan is available for public inspection. All required supporting documents have been made available for public inspection along with the Plan and additional requirements at the primary business office of the PHA and at all other times and locations identified by the PHA in its PHA Plan and will continue to be made available at least at the primary business office of the PHA.
21. The PHA provides assurance as part of this certification that:
 - (i) The Resident Advisory Board had an opportunity to review and comment on the changes to the policies and programs before implementation by the PHA;
 - (ii) The changes were duly approved by the PHA Board of Directors (or similar governing body); and
 - (iii) The revised policies and programs are available for review and inspection, at the principal office of the PHA during normal business hours.
22. The PHA certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable Federal statutory and regulatory requirements.

Jonesboro Urban Renewal & Housing Authority
PHA Name

AR131000001
PHA Number/HA Code

5-Year PHA Plan for Fiscal Years 2010 - 2014

Annual PHA Plan for Fiscal Years 2010 - 2011

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Name of Authorized Official <u>Elizabeth Stafford</u>	Title <u>Vice Chairperson</u>
Signature 	Date <u>12/17/09</u>

Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Applicant Name

Jonesboro Urban Renewal & Housing Authority

Program/Activity Receiving Federal Grant Funding

FFY 2010 Capital Fund, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program and Low Rent Public Housing

Acting on behalf of the above named Applicant as its Authorized Official, I make the following certifications and agreements to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regarding the sites listed below:

I certify that the above named Applicant will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

a. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the Applicant's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition.

b. Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees ---

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The Applicant's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace.

c. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph a.;

d. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph a. that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will ---

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

e. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph d.(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

f. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph d.(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted ---

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

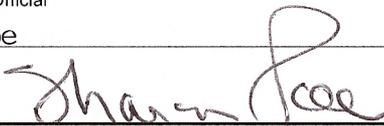
g. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs a. thru f.

2. Sites for Work Performance. The Applicant shall list (on separate pages) the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the HUD funding of the program/activity shown above: Place of Performance shall include the street address, city, county, State, and zip code. Identify each sheet with the Applicant name and address and the program/activity receiving grant funding.)

Check here if there are workplaces on file that are not identified on the attached sheets.

I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate.

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Name of Authorized Official	Title
Sharon Poe	Executive Director
Signature	Date
	12-17-09

Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing

Applicant Name

Jonesboro Urban Renewal & Housing Authority

Program/Activity Receiving Federal Grant Funding

FFY 2010 Capital Fund, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program and Low Rent Public Housing

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

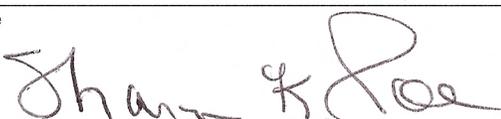
(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying, in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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Name of Authorized Official Sharon Poe	Title Executive Director
Signature 	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 12-17-09

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

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Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

(See reverse for public burden disclosure.)

1. Type of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. grant c. cooperative agreement d. loan e. loan guarantee f. loan insurance	2. Status of Federal Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application b. initial award c. post-award	3. Report Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing b. material change For Material Change Only: year _____ quarter _____ date of last report _____
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier _____, if known:	5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is a Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:	
6. Federal Department/Agency: U. S Department of Housing and Urban Development	7. Federal Program Name/Description: Capital Fund Program (CFP) CFDA Number, if applicable: _____	
8. Federal Action Number, if known:	9. Award Amount, if known: \$ 242,225.00	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i>	b. Individuals Performing Services <i>(including address if different from No. 10a)</i> <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i>	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	Signature: <u>Sharon Poe</u> Print Name: <u>Sharon Poe</u> Title: <u>Executive Director</u> Telephone No.: <u>(870) 935-9800</u> Date: <u>12-17-09</u>	

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6. Federal Department/Agency: U. S Department of Housing and Urban Development	7. Federal Program Name/Description: ARRA Fund CFDA Number, if applicable: 14.885	
8. Federal Action Number, if known:	9. Award Amount, if known: \$ 306,609.00	
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CONTINUATION SHEET**

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No activities

**RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP
Presentation of the 5-Year and Annual Plan**

Our Resident Advisory Board (RAB) is comprised of Section 8 and Public Housing Residents. A letter was sent to all current Section 8 existing residents asking them to attend a meeting on September 22, 2009. All Public Housing Residents were notified in the September news letter. New Public Housing Resident Council members were elected on Monday, September 21, 2009. A letter was sent to the new Resident Council member asking them to attend their first Resident Council meeting on October 8, 2009 where the 5-Year and Annual plan would be presented.

Section 8 HCV clients were notified that JURHA would be developing a “Resident Advisory Board” and offer them the opportunity to serve on the board. They were also informed that the purpose of the RAB was to assist the Agency by making recommendations regarding the Agency’s PHA Annual Plan. A letter was also sent to the Public Housing Resident Council members requesting their attendance, as well as any Public Housing resident who they thought might be interested in serving on the RAB. The following persons volunteered and were chosen to serve (all volunteers were accepted):

Beulah Scales– Section 8
Latunya Moore – Section 8
Molly Murphy – Section 8
Margarte Ijidakinro- Section 8
Shirley Rattler – Section 8
Shena Davis – Section
James Farris – Public Housing Resident Council Member
Jeanette Ross – Public Housing Resident Council Member
Aquasha Anderson – Public Housing Resident Council Member
David Sharp – Public Housing Resident Council Member
Kimberly Stevens – Public Housing Resident Council Member
Veronica Guyton – Public Housing Resident Council Member
Lois Williams – Public Housing Resident Council Member

RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS & JURHA RESPONSES

1. One Section 8 resident asked how portability worked.

Jan Hopkins explained that you must have fulfilled your 1 year requirement to live here, be in good standing with Section 8 and give proper notice to your landlord to move. Once you determine where you want to move, you would see if that Housing Authority will accept portability clients. If the agency will accept portability then you would make an appointment with your JURHA case worker to give them the information of the Housing Authority where you want to transfer. You can also contact your case worker for help in finding an agency in the area you are interest in.

2. One Section 8 resident told about a mix-up she had in asking about a transfer. She is in a 2 bedroom house and would like to find a 2 bedroom elderly complex to live in. She is on a waiting list for a unit. She had called her case worker to ask about a transfer and was given a voucher. She was not ready to move yet and her daughter helped her get this straightened out.

Jan Hopkins explained the process she would need to go through in order to move.

The same Section 8 resident elaborated on her mix-up in asking for a transfer. She asked, “Why she was told she could not have a 2 bedroom apartment when she was in a 2 bedroom house now”?

Jeannie Cossey explained that she could get a 2 bedroom apartment but that she was only eligible for a 1 bedroom payment standard and in order to rent a 2 bedroom unit the cost would need to be within the 1 bedroom payment standard or her portion of the rent must be within 40% of her adjust gross income.

1. Another Section 8 resident stated that she was living in a house prior to being on assistance and after going on assistance the unit was not accepted. She wanted to know “why the unit was not accepted when the only thing that failed was a ceiling fan did not work and it was going to be fixed”? After further discussion, it was determined that the unit did pass HQS but that the amount of rent the Landlord requested was higher than Rent Reasonableness for the unit.

Jeannie Cossey explained that when a request to rent a unit is brought into the Housing Authority we first check to determine if your portion of rent is in compliance with HUD income guidelines. After the unit is inspected and passes the gross rent can not exceed the rent reasonableness determined for that area. We use a point system based on unassisted units that are similar in location, size and amenities to unit you are renting. The points determined for a unit are assigned a dollar value and the gross rent of the unit (rent & utilities) can not exceed this amount. We will call the landlord to see if he will accept the lower rent. Jan Hopkins stated that affordability and a tight rental market are two of the major housing needs in Jonesboro. JURHA is working to enlist more landlords.

2. One Section 8 resident told about her wall heating unit running all the time. She said that her landlord checked it out and told her it was ok but her bill was very high because of the unit running all the time. She also said that her landlord had put in “white” carpet that was very hard to keep clean. She and her daughter were experiencing health problem from the carpet.

Jeannie Cossey asked the resident to come in and fill out a complaint about the heating unit and we would send an inspector to check it out. If it was running and would not shut off during the inspection then we would ask the landlord for a certification from a quality HCAV technician that the unit was working properly. Jan Hopkins explained that as long as there was not HQS violation for the carpet we could not have the landlord remove or replace it. You could ask the landlord to replace or remove it. If he refuses and you are in the first year of your lease and this is affecting your health then you should get a note from your doctor and bring it into your case worker to review. Depending on the note from the Doctor you may be able to get out of your lease and find a new unit.

5. One Section 8 resident expressed interest in our Homeownership program.

Jeannie Cossey said that we have a waiting list for both our FSS and Homeownership programs. The programs are comprised of interested Section 8 residents. We only have 27 FSS Slots and 21 Homeowner Slots. You should have completed a form upon entrance into the Section 8 program that asked if you were interested in either of the programs. We gave out business cards to a couple of the Section 8 residents and asked them to call Sheila Reddig to check to see if they are on the Homeownership waiting list. If they were not they could be added to the list.

6. One Section 8 resident asked why we could not have more slots for the Homeownership program.

Jeannie Cossey explained that we are trying to expand our homeownership program. There are specific training requirements that a staff person must have to do Homeownership counseling. At the

present we only have 1 employee with the qualifications, so the available slots are based on the capacity of the employee. Also, funding is limited. We only received HAP assisted for HUD. We have to rely on other grants to help with other aspects of the Homeownership program.

7. One Section 8 resident asked why we did not have any “group home” housing here. She was from Minnesota which had a lot.

Jan Hopkins said that we do have guidelines to use the HAP for “group home” but that she was unaware of any in our jurisdiction.

She asked if we could apply for the voucher for group homes.

Jan Hopkins responded that before we applied for vouchers we have to have documentation showing a “need” for the voucher. I was not sure if the Housing Authority would qualify as a recipient of these types of funds. Some vouchers you apply for are designated to a specific group, such as the VASH vouchers target veterans. We could have applied for these vouchers if we could show a need to assist veterans. Jeannie Cossey stated that most group home funding starts with a private company securing the funds. Mid-south health system has some similar housing.

8. One Section 8 resident pointed to Attachment G and asked what is was.

Jan Hopkins explained that Attachment G – J were CFP Annual Statements/Performance and Evaluations Reports that we are required to submit with our plan. These are funds we received each year for our Public Housing units to make repairs and modernize. We complete a report for each year showing what we have done if funds have been used and what we plan to do for unused funds.

9. Comment Card from Resident Advisory Board. Oakrun complex- “Laundry Room – Improve Parking.”

10. Comment Card from Resident Advisory Board. “Digital cameras to view sites, Police scanners for Resident Managers, new tools for play grounds, new sand for kids to play on! Neighborhood Watch!”

Ms. Crawford advised the council that though intentions for CFP funds may include playground equipment, it often gets bumped down on the priority list because new roofs, kitchen cabinets, or air conditioners take priority. Ms. Crawford advised the council that there are grant funding opportunities available to resident organizations and that the council could choose to become highly active and work to secure grant funding to completely refurbish the playgrounds. Ms. Crawford stated that the neighborhood watch program was supposedly active.

11. Comment Card from Resident A-dvisory Board. “Move playground available for Marshall & Melrose children. Also move JPD involvement. See response on # 10.

12. Comment Card from Resident Advisory Board. “I think we need more and better playground equipment. Neighborhood Watch! See response on # 10

13. Comment Card from Resident Advisory Board. “The park needs filling too many waterholes and mud puddles.”

14. Comment Card from Resident Advisory Board. “First meeting enjoyed comments and feedback. Lawn cut too short.

Comments #1 – 8 were answered by appropriate staff during the meeting and no changes to the PHA Plan were necessary since they only involved questions on the administration of the HCV program..

Suggestions and/or comments from Commit Card #9-14 were turning in after the Resident Advisory/RAB meeting on October 8, 2009. JURHA has considered all comments and have taken the following action:

1. Comment # 9 - We are planning to demolish, rebuild our Oakrun complex. The units will have Washer/Dryer connections and there will not be a laundry room. In addition there will be a designed parking area that will be adequate to the types and number of buildings. See Goals and Objectives # 7.
2. Comment # 10 & 12- We will make suggestion that Resident Council put one Digital Camera in the budget, however, it will be shared between the Resident Managers and Resident Services/Security Coordinator to document events, etc. Any other uses might be considered an invasion of privacy. Will forward comments on new tools for playgrounds and new sand for play areas to the Resident Services/Security Coordinator and ask that he report his findings on the feasibility and need for additional equipment and sand. The new Resident Services/Security Coordinator is currently developing a "Neighborhood Watch" and needs volunteers for the developments.
3. Comment # 11- We will suggest that the resident need to become more involvement in Resident Council Meetings by attending meetings and working with Resident Services/Security Coordinator to provide these services.
4. Comment # 13 - Has issued WO# 12915 to fill in all holes in playground with sand/soft dirt especially under monkey bars and play ground equipment.

Part I: Summary		
PHA Name: Jonesboro Urban Renewal & Housing Authority	Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program Grant No: AR37P13150108 Replacement Housing Factor Grant No: Date of CFFP:	FFY of Grant: 2008 FFY of Grant Approval:

Type of Grant
 Original Annual Statement Reserve for Disasters/Emergencies Revised Annual Statement (revision no:)
 Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending: 12/31/2009 Final Performance and Evaluation Report

Line	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost ¹	
		Original	Revised ²	Obligated	Expended
1	Total non-CFP Funds	242,225.00	242,225.00	143,710.01	72,307.28
2	1406 Operations (may not exceed 20% of line 21) ³	48,000.00	48,000.00	48,000.00	48,000.00
3	1408 Management Improvements	15,000.00	15,000.00	6,515.01	6,515.01
4	1410 Administration (may not exceed 10% of line 21)	24,200.00	24,200.00	24,200.00	17,792.27
5	1411 Audit	0.00			
6	1415 Liquidated Damages	0.00			
7	1430 Fees and Costs	0.00			
8	1440 Site Acquisition	0.00			
9	1450 Site Improvement	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	1460 Dwelling Structures	149,025.00	155,025.00	64,995.00	0.00
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment—Nonexpendable				
12	1470 Non-dwelling Structures				
13	1475 Non-dwelling Equipment				
14	1485 Demolition				
15	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration				
16	1495.1 Relocation Costs				
17	1499 Development Activities ⁴				

¹ To be completed for the Performance and Evaluation Report.

² To be completed for the Performance and Evaluation Report or a Revised Annual Statement.

³ PHAs with under 250 units in management may use 100% of CFP Grants for operations.

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Type of Grant <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: 12/31/2009 <input type="checkbox"/> Final Performance and Evaluation Report					
Line	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost ¹	
		Original	Revised ²	Obligated	Expended
18a	1501 Collateralization or Debt Service paid by the PHA				
18ba	9000 Collateralization or Debt Service paid Via System of Direct Payment				
19	1502 Contingency (may not exceed 8% of line 20)				
20	Amount of Annual Grant:: (sum of lines 2 - 19)	242,225.00	242,225.00	143,710.01	72,307.28
21	Amount of line 20 Related to LBP Activities				
22	Amount of line 20 Related to Section 504 Activities				
23	Amount of line 20 Related to Security - Soft Costs				
24	Amount of line 20 Related to Security - Hard Costs				
25	Amount of line 20 Related to Energy Conservation Measures				
Signature of Executive Director			Date		
			Signature of Public Housing Director		
			Date		

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Part II: Supporting Pages								
PHA Name: Jonesboro Urban Renewal & Housing Authority			Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program Grant No: AR37P13150108 CFFP (Yes/ No): no Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:			Federal FFY of Grant: 2008		
Development Number Name/PHA-Wide Activities	General Description of Major Work Categories	Development Account No.	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost		Status of Work
				Original	Revised ¹	Funds Obligated ²	Funds Expended ²	
AR131-001	Operations	1406		48,000.00	48,000.00	48,000.00	48,000.00	
	Management Improvements	1408						
	Travel	1408.10		3,000.00	3,000.00	902.25	902.25	
	Sundry Expense	1408.19		3,000.00	3,000.00	2,857.38	2,857.38	
	Office Equipment/Computer Upgrade	1408.01		9,000.00	9,000.00	2,755.38	2,755.38	
	Total			15,000.00	15,000.00	6,515.01	6,515.01	
AR131-001	Administration	1410						
	Modernization Clerk Salary	1410.1		19,000.00	19,000.00	19,000.00	14,916.53	
	Benefits	1410.9		5,200.00	5,200.00	5,200.00	2,875.74	
	Total			24,200.00	24,200.00	24,200.00	17,792.27	

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Part II: Supporting Pages								
PHA Name: Jonesboro Urban Renewal & Housing Authority			Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program Grant No: AR37P13150108 CFFP (Yes/ No): no Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:			Federal FFY of Grant: 2008		
Development Number Name/PHA-Wide Activities	General Description of Major Work Categories	Development Account No.	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost		Status of Work
				Original	Revised ¹	Funds Obligated ²	Funds Expended ²	
AR131-001								
	Concrete & wall to control erosion	1450		6000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Remove Trees, Grade & Sod	1450		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Replace HVAC w/Energy Star Rated HVAC units & thermostats in units # 0051-0062 & 0064-0068 & 0070-0074 unit 0063 & 0069 will have existing outside unit relocated.	1460	20	76,810.00	90,030.00	0.00	0.00	Bid date 12/22/09
	Replace Kitchen Cabinets in units # 0324-0328, 0322, 0320, 0361,0362,0365,0366,0369,0370 & 0373-0379. Bathroom vanities will be installed in units 0327, 0328, 0322, 0365,0376,0379	1460	20	72,215.00	64,995.00	64,995.00	0.00	90% complete
	Total	1460		149,025.00	155,025.00	64,995.00	0.00	

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Type of Grant
 Original Annual Statement Reserve for Disasters/Emergencies Revised Annual Statement (revision no:2)
 Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending: 12/31/09 Final Performance and Evaluation Report

Line	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost ¹	
		Original	Revised ²	Obligated	Expended
1	Total non-CFP Funds	249,364.00	249,364.00		
2	1406 Operations (may not exceed 20% of line 21) ³	45,000.00	45,000.00		
3	1408 Management Improvements	15,000.00	15,000.00		
4	1410 Administration (may not exceed 10% of line 21)	24,000.00	24,000.00		
5	1411 Audit	0.00	0.00		
6	1415 Liquidated Damages	0.00	0.00		
7	1430 Fees and Costs	0.00	110,000.00		
8	1440 Site Acquisition	0.00	0.00		
9	1450 Site Improvement	24,000.00	24,000.00		
10	1460 Dwelling Structures	141,364.00	31,364.00		
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment—Nonexpendable	0.00	0.00		
12	1470 Non-dwelling Structures	0.00	0.00		
13	1475 Non-dwelling Equipment	0.00	0.00		
14	1485 Demolition	0.00	0.00		
15	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration	0.00	0.00		
16	1495.1 Relocation Costs	0.00	0.00		
17	1499 Development Activities ⁴	0.00	0.00		

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Type of Grant					
<input type="checkbox"/> Original Annual Statement		<input type="checkbox"/> Reserve for Disasters/Emergencies		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revised Annual Statement (revision no: 2)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending: 12/31/09			<input type="checkbox"/> Final Performance and Evaluation Report		
Line	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost ¹	
		Original	Revised ²	Obligated	Expended
18a	1501 Collateralization or Debt Service paid by the PHA	0.00	0.00		
18ba	9000 Collateralization or Debt Service paid Via System of Direct Payment	0.00	0.00		
19	1502 Contingency (may not exceed 8% of line 20)	0.00	0.00		
20	Amount of Annual Grant:: (sum of lines 2 - 19)	249,364.00	249,364.00		
21	Amount of line 20 Related to LBP Activities				
22	Amount of line 20 Related to Section 504 Activities				
23	Amount of line 20 Related to Security - Soft Costs				
24	Amount of line 20 Related to Security - Hard Costs				
25	Amount of line 20 Related to Energy Conservation Measures	141,364.00	31,364.00		
Signature of Executive Director		Date		Signature of Public Housing Director	
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Development Number Name/PHA-Wide Activities	General Description of Major Work Categories	Development Account No.	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost		Status of Work
				Original	Revised ¹	Funds Obligated ²	Funds Expended ²	
AR131-001	Operations	1406		45,000.00	45,000.00			
	Management Improvements	1408						
	Travel	1408.10		3,000.00	3,000.00			
	Sundry Expense	1408.19		3,000.00	3,000.00			
	Office Equip/computer/software upgrade	1408.01		9,000.00	9,000.00			
	Total			15,000.00	15,000.00			
	Administration	1410						
	Modernization Clerk	1410.1		21,000.00	21,000.00			
	Employee Benefits	1410.9		3,000.00	3,000.00			
	Total			24,000.00	24,000.00			

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				Original	Revised ¹	Funds Obligated ²	Funds Expended ²	
AR131-001	Fees & Cost							
	Architect, Engineer & Design Cost,	1430	8	0.00	110,000.00			
	Environmental inspection & testing to identify hazards of property and building defects.							
	Long term Physical Needs Assessment For building 86, units 0387, 0388, 0389, 0390, 0391, 0392, 0393, 0394 and building 59-004 non dwelling							
AR131-001	Replace HVAC Units with Energy Star rated units in unit #0089,0089-0095	1460	7	141,364	31,364.00			
AR131-001								
HA-Wide	Extend Concrete to deter erosion unit #0051-0074	1450		20,000.00	20,000.00			
	Sod/Seed/Grade for prevention of erosion unit # 0051-0074	1450		2,000.00	2,000.00			
	Remove Tree posing foundation risk unit # 0051-0074	1450		2,000.00	2,000.00			
	Total	1450		24,000.00	24,000.00			

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		Original	Revised ²	Obligated	Expended
1	Total non-CFP Funds	306,609.00	306,609.00	298,902.80	55,602.80
2	1406 Operations (may not exceed 20% of line 21) ³	0.00	0.00		
3	1408 Management Improvements	0.00	0.00		
4	1410 Administration (may not exceed 10% of line 21)	0.00	0.00		
5	1411 Audit	0.00	0.00		
6	1415 Liquidated Damages	0.00	0.00		
7	1430 Fees and Costs	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	12,800.00
8	1440 Site Acquisition	0.00	0.00		
9	1450 Site Improvement	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	1460 Dwelling Structures	85,009.00	81,609.00	73,902.80	42,802.80
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment—Nonexpendable	0.00			
12	1470 Non-dwelling Structures	185,600.00	209,000.00	209,000.00	0.00
13	1475 Non-dwelling Equipment	0.00			
14	1485 Demolition	0.00			
15	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration	0.00			
16	1495.1 Relocation Costs	0.00			
17	1499 Development Activities ⁴	0.00			

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Type of Grant						
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Line	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost ¹		
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18a	1501 Collateralization or Debt Service paid by the PHA	0.00				
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24	Amount of line 20 Related to Security - Hard Costs					
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Type of Grant
 Original Annual Statement **Reserve for Disasters/Emergencies** **Revised Annual Statement (revision no: _____)**
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Line	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost ¹	
		Original	Revised ²	Obligated	Expended
1	Total non-CFP Funds	249,634.00			
2	1406 Operations (may not exceed 20% of line 21) ³	45,000.00			
3	1408 Management Improvements	15,000.00			
4	1410 Administration (may not exceed 10% of line 21)	24,900.00			
5	1411 Audit	0.00			
6	1415 Liquidated Damages	0.00			
7	1430 Fees and Costs	12,000.00			
8	1440 Site Acquisition				
9	1450 Site Improvement	0.00			
10	1460 Dwelling Structures	102,862.00			
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment—Nonexpendable				
12	1470 Non-dwelling Structures				
13	1475 Non-dwelling Equipment				
14	1485 Demolition				
15	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration				
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Type of Grant					
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Line	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost ¹	
		Original	Revised ²	Obligated	Expended
18a	1501 Collateralization or Debt Service paid by the PHA	49,872.00			
18ba	9000 Collateralization or Debt Service paid Via System of Direct Payment				
19	1502 Contingency (may not exceed 8% of line 20)				
20	Amount of Annual Grant:: (sum of lines 2 - 19)	249,364.00			
21	Amount of line 20 Related to LBP Activities				
22	Amount of line 20 Related to Section 504 Activities				
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Development Number Name/PHA-Wide Activities	General Description of Major Work Categories	Development Account No.	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost		Status of Work
				Original	Revised ¹	Funds Obligated ²	Funds Expended ²	
HA-Wide	Operations	1406						
	Management	1406		45,000.00				
	Total for Account			45,000.00				
HA-Wide	Management Improvements	1408						
	Travel	.10		3,000.00				
	Sundry Expense	.19		3,000.00				
	Office Equip/computer upgrade	.01		9,000.00				
	Total for Account	1480		15,000.00				
HA-Wide	Administration	1410						
	Modernization Clerk Salary	1410.1		21,000.00				
	Employee Benefits	1410.9		3,900.00				
	Total			24,900.00				
HA-Wide	Architect & Engineer Fees	1430		4,500.00				
	Physical Needs Assessment	1430		7,500.00				
	Total			12,000.00				

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Capital Fund Program—Five-Year Action Plan

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Part I: Summary						
PHA Jonesboro/AR131-001		Jonesboro/Craighead County/Arkansas			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original 5-Year Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Revision No:	
A.	Development Number and Name	Work Statement for Year 1 FFY <u>2010</u>	Work Statement for Year 2 FFY <u>2011</u>	Work Statement for Year 3 FFY <u>2012</u>	Work Statement for Year 4 FFY <u>2013</u>	Work Statement for Year 5 FFY <u>2014</u>
	AR131001					
B.	Physical Improvements Subtotal	Annual Statement	51,592.00	119,592.00	119,592.00	119,592.00
C.	Management Improvements		10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
D.	PHA-Wide Non-dwelling Structures and Equipment		68,000.00	0.00	0.00	
E.	Administration		24,900.00	24,900.00	24,900.00	24,900.00
F.	Other		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
G.	Operations		45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
H.	Demolition		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
I.	Development		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
J.	Capital Fund Financing – Debt Service		49,872.00	49,872.00	49,872.00	49,872.00
K.	Total CFP Funds		249,364.00	249,364.00	249,364.00	249,364.00
L.	Total Non-CFP Funds					
M.	Grand Total		249,364.00	249,364.00	249,364.00	249,364.00

ATTACHMENT L ADDRESSING ANNUAL PLAN ITEM 5.2

PHA PROGRESS IN MEETING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES DESCRIBED IN THE 5 YEAR PLAN

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

1. PHA Goal: Expand the supply of assisted housing

Objectives: Apply for additional rental vouchers

Progress: We have monitored the HUD website seeking to increase the number of families assisted by applying for additional rental vouchers. At this time, the VASH vouchers were considered; however, after analysis, it was determined that we did not have an adequate percentage of waiting list applicants who would be eligible to receive the VASH voucher, so we were unable to apply.

Reduce public housing vacancies

Progress: We continue to strive for reduction of vacancies in our public housing developments. We continue to use CFP funds to improve properties to make them more desirable. We utilize resident input through resident surveys to develop our strategic improvement plan. We continue to market our developments to attract desirable residents. Our website features pictures of our public housing apartments and the playgrounds developed for our residents.

Leverage Private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities

Progress: Due to the funding constraints, JURHA was unable to initiate any progress toward this goal.

Acquire or build units or developments

Progress: Public Housing was unable to acquire or build additional units in the past five years. We will continue to pursue funding in the future for expansion of existing public housing stock.

2. PHA Goal: Implement policies to follow HUD regulations

Objectives: Serve the needs of child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking

Progress: When the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was implemented, we compiled a mass mail out to all tenants, applicants, and landlords to make them aware of this new legislation. Public Housing lease addendum has been revised to include VAWA. The Section 8 HCV Model Lease has also been revised to include VAWA. All Landlords who use their own lease must sign a lease addendum that includes VAWA.

We hand out a VAWA information sheet and reporting form to all new applicants. In addition, the VAWA information sheet and reporting form began being mailed to any tenant being terminated or applicant being denied assistance. Documentation of this narrative attached and includes: Copy of mail out to tenants, copy of mail out to Landlords, and VAWA information sheet and reporting form.

3. PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing

Objectives: Improve public housing management: (PHAS score)

Progress: We have maintained high performer status in public housing. Through use of CFP funds, we have modernized numerous aspects of our public housing stock. Due to our high performer status, we were exempt from PHAS for 2004, 2006, and 2008. HUD is in the process of changing PHAS scoring, therefore, with the exception of the Physical Indicator, we self scored for 2009. The physical score for 2009 was actually assessed by HUD/REAC based on our REACH Uniform Physical Condition

Indicator	Max Score	2009	2008 Score Self Scored	2007 Score	2006 Score	2005 Score	2004 Score	2003 Score	2002 Score
Physical	30	94	85	28	Exempt	26	Exempt	28	28
Financial	30	100	95	29	Exempt	27	Exempt	30	30
Management	30	100	95	29	Exempt	29	Exempt	29	29
Resident	10	N/S	95	9	Exempt	9	Exempt	7	9
Total	100	99	94.33	96	Exempt	91	Exempt	94	96

Standards Scoring from independent inspection conducted on May 4, 2009. Public Housing staff completes 100% uniform physical conditions standards inspections on all units annually.

Improve voucher management: (SEMAP score)

SEMAP INDICATOR	Maximum Score	2009 Score	2008 Score	2007 Score	2006 Score	2005 Score
1. Selection from Waiting List	15	15	15	15	15	15
2. Reasonable Rent	20	20	20	20	20	20
3. Determination of Adjusted Income	20	20	20	20	20	20
4. Utility Allowance Schedule	5	5	5	5	5	5
5. HQS Quality Control Inspections	5	5	5	5	5	5
6. HQS Enforcement	10	10	10	10	10	10
7. Expanding Housing Opportunities	5	5	5	5	5	5
8. FMR Limit & Payment Standards	5	5	5	5	5	5
9. Annual Reexaminations	10	10	10	10	10	10
10. Correct Tenant Rent Calculations	5	5	5	5	5	5
11. Pre-contract HQS Inspections	5	5	0	5	5	5
12. Annual HQS Inspections	10	10	10	10	10	10
13. Lease-Up	20	20	20	20	20	20
14a. Family Self-Sufficiency Enrollment	5	5	5	5	5	5
14b. Percent of FSS Part.w/Escrow	5	5	5	5	5	5
TOTAL	145	145	140	145	145	145
OVERALL RATING	HIGH PERFORMER	HIGH PERFORMER	HIGH PERFORMER	HIGH PERFORMER	HIGH PERFORMER	HIGH PERFORMER

Progress: The PHA has strived for the past 5 years to maintain full lease-up. For additional information, please refer to SEMAP documentation.

Increase customer satisfaction

Progress: March 2, 2007 – Following a Customer Complaint, we obtained a Customer Service CD “GIVE THEM A PICKLE”, which all staff were required to watch. The video was very good Customer Service Training.

During every staff meeting Customer Service is discussed, employees are given proper instruction for greeting clients and ensuring that their needs are met each time they visit the office or call.

On February 9, 2009 a telephone receptionist was hired to personally answer the phone and direct calls according to need. Her orientation training consisted of the proper way to answer the phone and respond to the client’s request or needs. We have received very positive feedback on adding this position to our staff.

Other Staff Meeting addressing Customer Service Issues:

September 7, 2007 – Customer Service
September 28, 2007 – Phone Etiquette
October 12, 2007 – Customer Service & Complaints
January 3, 2009 – Phone Etiquette & transfer procedures
April 3, 2009 – Customer Service

Concentrate on efforts to improve specific management functions

Progress: Developed spreadsheet to better micro-manage staff time spent in fraud collection.

Progress: The Section 8 Manager works closely with Administration to obtain and maintain 100% lease-up.

Renovate or modernize public housing units

Progress: With the 2005- 2009 CFP funds the following renovations and modernization have been completed in JURHA public housing.

We removed trees, graded and sodded the area at 1109 Citizen and installed a retaining wall to stop erosion. We removed the existing parking lot which had trip hazards and was not 504 compliant and replaced it with a new parking lot at 500 Cherry. With permission of the city of Jonesboro we closed off Cherry Street to thru traffic creating a safer environment for our residents. We also poured a new sidewalk located at 500 Cherry.

We poured new concrete in and at all entry ways or breezeways in all Woodland buildings. By removing the unsightly plants and weeds we created a clean outdoor entrance for our residents.

We corrected the drainage issues at Cayman Villa by installing a swale. We poured concrete at the entries, fronts and rear of all buildings at Cayman Villa. We purchased 27 new ranges and 50 refrigerators. We installed 18 sets of new kitchen cabinets and 15 new bathroom vanities. We paved 3 parking lots removing unsightly potholes and water ponding. We installed 80 energy star rated bathroom exhaust fans and energy star rated vanity lights. Replaced roofs at Cayman, Woodland & Marshall apartments.

We removed at least 30 trees and graded, sodded and seeded many areas decreasing the erosion. We completed a total rehab including doors, hardware, cabinets & floors of 603B Alpine and 704 Marshall. We installed new energy efficient windows and security screens at Marshall Melrose Apartments. Also installed new energy efficient windows and retrofitted existing screens at Goff Courts Apartments. We installed new security screens at all scattered site houses. We poured concrete at front and rear of entrance of each unit at Goff Courts. Once again creating an outdoor space for our tenants and decreasing the erosion from around the dwelling units.

4. PHA Goal: Increase assisted Housing Choices

Objectives: Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords

Progress: Conducted quarterly Landlord meetings to discuss concerns, questions, etc.

We mailed Newsletters quarterly to all Landlords with timely and valuable information regarding housing. Documentation of this narrative attached and includes: Copy of Newsletter and Landlord Meeting minutes.

Increase voucher payment standards

Progress: Currently our voucher payment standard is greater than 100% of FMR, but less than 110%. Copies of the VPS can be found in the supporting documents on file at JURHA.

Implement voucher homeownership program

Section 8 Program: The Homeownership program has been implemented and has enabled twenty-one residents to successfully become first time homeowners. Of those twenty-one, seventeen are still active participants. As a result, currently there are four new participants in the closing process. Each of these participants received a minimum of 16-20 hours of Homebuyer Education and Counseling. Documentation of this narrative attached and includes: Homeownership participant forms, newspaper articles, and pictures of homes.

Continue public housing or other homeownership programs

Progress: Public Housing Program: In June 2000 we sold our first public housing unit, and we continue to market our homeownership program. Credit counseling offers financial assistance for down payment and closing costs for first time home buyers. Section 8 clients can benefit from both the Public Housing and Section 8 Homeownership programs by purchasing one of the Public Housing Homeownership homes.

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

5. 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

Progress: JURHA has successfully implemented our policy for income deconcentration. The waiting list preference for families with working income is one of the steps that help us to insure that we are compliant with the policy.

Implement public housing security improvements

Progress: Over this past year we have moved from Tenant Patrol to Neighborhood Watch. Many of the successful Tenant Patrol members of the rent past have moved on to home ownership or Section 8 HCV program. Sgt. Steve McDaniel, previous trainer of our Tenant Patrol has been promoted to more job responsibilities at Jonesboro Police Department. It has been more difficult to schedule training sessions for new tenant patrol members. The very term "Tenant Patrol" has started to take on a more powerful security officer feel and has led to some social issues in the developments. Since the Tenant Patrol Guidebook stresses "Passive Surveillance" and Neighborhood Watch Activities" we wish to dismount the "Tenant Patrol" and stress Neighborhood Watch.

In our Community Events at Cayman Villa on June 9, 2009 and at Marshall Computer Lab on August 10, 2009 Residents came together to get to know one another and formally plan the JURHA Neighborhood Watch. All Residents should be observant members of the complex neighborhood watch. Observe and report any suspicious activity to the proper authorities.

Our Resident Services Coordinator obtains a copy of Jonesboro Police Reports each month for the immediate areas surrounding our developments and including our developments. As part of the monthly PHAS tracking tool, we actually count the number of crimes on the police reports for the northern portion of Jonesboro where our developments are located. In August less than 1% of the reported crimes occurred on Public Housing Property. We have never had crimes of more than 1%. We have had no incidents of violent crimes. Police Tracking documentation can be found in the Public Housing Manager's Office and in all PHAS Documentation files for previous years.

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

6. 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 assisted recipients' employability

We achieved the above goal by securing HCV Family Self-Sufficiency grants as follows:

- 2004-2005 \$40,000
- 2005-2006 40,400
- 2006-2007 40,804
- 2007-2008 41,212
- 2008-2009 41,624

Utilization of these funds allowed case management that resulted in successfully graduated 22 participants. We have productively reduced our 30 mandatory slots to zero. We continue to operate our program with 30 voluntary slots. All of these graduates experienced an increase in earned income in order to graduate from this program. Documentation of this narrative is attached and includes FSS Logic Models and Annual Escrow Records.

Jonesboro Public Housing successfully administered an FSS Program from 1999 until March, 2007 when we graduated our final successful candidate. This program was funded through low-rent public housing operating funding subsidy rather than grant funds. This program offered triumphant services through active members of the Program Coordinating Committee which included professionals from local employment agencies, child care providers, Department of Human Services, Workforce Center, Arkansas State University and other educational venues offering supportive services. Though the low-rent public housing FSS program concluded in 2007, public housing residents are still offered access to all FSS programs offered through the Jonesboro Housing Authority HCV FSS grant. In addition, our Public Housing Resident Services Coordinator offers opportunities through partnerships with local services.

HUD Strategic Goal: Ensure Equal Opportunity in Housing for all Americans

7. 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;

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 person with varieties of disabilities regardless of unit size required

Progress: Staff training on Fair Housing is conducted annually. During HCV Briefing session and Homebuyer Education classes, the Fair Housing laws are discussed and all potential tenants are provided a Fair Housing Complaint form within their packets. Public Housing staff continues to follow our Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy regarding Fair Housing.

Other PHA Goals and Objectives:

8. PHA Goal: Manage the JURHA's existing Public Housing program in an efficient manner thereby qualifying as at least a standard performer

Objectives: Our ultimate goal is to continue to provide compassionate, resourceful and cost-effective service to maintain our high performer status;

Staff is encouraged to operate in a client friendly manner. We will continue to partner with agencies to further self-sufficiency and self-improvement goals

Progress: Jonesboro Public Housing, a consistent PHAS High Performer, has continued to staff a full time Resident Services Coordinator to organize activities and services to our residents and ensure compliance with the Public Housing Community Service Requirement. We have offered a money management class presented by a local bank professional. The participants left the class with a better understanding of how to successfully budget and reduce expenses. A weekly summer class was conducted by a nutrition expert with our County Extension Office. The class met during lunch time and offered nutritional, tasty recipes that could be prepared on a limited budget. All recipes were served as lunch which was extremely satisfying to the participants. The residents learned the risks and the benefits of eating certain foods and graduated with a cookbook of healthy, satisfying meals that could stretch their food dollars. Parenting Classes were taught by an RN. The young, at-risk parents learned that through case management offered by PACES, one of our partner organizations and peer group meetings, the challenges of parenting can be met with sanity. Our vision is to continually support our resident families, youth, elderly, and persons with disabilities in housing situations through leadership, education, training, networking, and other member services. Our objective is to act as a conduit for information with their constituents and provide advisement to residents to make needed services accessible to all. We partner with the Craighead County Public Library to provide family literacy programs such as story time, and speech classes for youth ages 4 to 16 years of age. Parents may enjoy the interaction with their children and reading together is encouraged. The children are awarded with coupons for hamburgers and ice cream cones from local restaurants for successful completion of the reading material. Jonesboro's local Girl Scouts Membership Director continues to offer a program implemented to reach out to underprivileged at-risk girls. The girls often endure a lack of parental involvement and this program assists them to focus on positive future decisions.

9. PHA Goal: Enhance the marketability of JURHA's Public Housing Units

Objectives: JURHA continues to encourage customer service for all residents with a friendly staff and a genuinely caring atmosphere;

Progress: Curb appeal continues to improve with development wide clean-up, lawn maintenance, landscaping, playground maintenance and careful modernization evaluation and monitoring performance through CFP monies.

We also improved our marketability by installing new attractive energy efficient windows and security screens at Marshall Melrose Apartments. These windows not only improved the looks for the apartments they also increased the security. We poured concrete at front and rear of entrance of each unit at Goff Courts. Once again creating an outdoor space for our tenants and decreasing the erosion from around the dwelling units. This also added to the attractiveness of the units.

We also purchased and installed 27 new ranges and 50 refrigerators in the development. We installed 18 sets of new kitchen cabinets and 15 new bathroom vanities. We paved 3 parking lots removing unsightly potholes and ponding. We installed 80 energy star rated bathroom exhaust fans and energy star rated vanity lights. We replaced roofs at Cayman, Woodland & Marshall Apartments. All of these improvements added to the marketability of the units.

In 2009 we also successfully submitted applications for additional money for improvements to our units. We applied for over \$400,000 in improvements to become compliant with 504 regulations. We also applied for another \$400,000 in green improvements.

10. PHA Goal: Maintain resident safety and community perception of safety and security in the JURHA's Public Housing Developments

Objectives: JURHA shall continue our cooperation with local law enforcement to continually assess and monitor resident activities, quickly investigate any reports of crime and take appropriate actions to insure a safe neighborhood;

Progress: Jonesboro Public Housing continues to support a COPPS substation on our Marshall Melrose Site. The COPPS substation located at the corner of Marshall and Belt also provides coverage for many of our Scattered Sites and the Oakrun Complex. A COPPS substation located at Parker Park is only 1 block from our Cayman Villa and Goff Courts complexes. The Parker Park substation is also located very near five of our Scattered Site homes. We had no evictions due to criminal violations

in FYE 2007, three in FYE 2008, and one in FYE 2009. This supports success of our resident/security managers lease enforcement activity. We continue to aggressively screen all applicants and keep vigilant watch through resident security management and neighborhood watch in an effort to maintain our family friendly atmosphere.

11. PHA Goal: Expand the range and quality of housing choices available to participants in the JURHA's tenant-based assistance program

Objectives: JURHA shall achieve and sustain a utilization rate of no less than 97% in its tenant-based program;

Progress: JURHA has obtained 97% or above on SEMAP scores (see Improve voucher management: (SEMAP score) above)
JURHA shall continue an aggressive outreach program to attract new landlords to participate in its program;

JURHA has compiled a Landlord List of all landlords willing to participate in the HCV Program. To be added to this list, the landlord contacts our office and provides their name and telephone number where they may be reached by prospective tenants. This list is updated monthly by the Receptionist and a copy is provided to anyone receiving a Housing Choice Voucher. Also, JURHA has provided a bulletin board within the HCV Department where landlords may post units they have available for rent. The prospective tenants are given the Landlord List and access to this bulletin board and encouraged to utilize these during their search for a home.

12. PHA Goal: Deliver timely and high quality maintenance service to the residents of JURHA Public Housing Developments.

Objectives: JURHA shall continue to maintain an average response time of less than 3 days in responding to routine work orders;

JURHA shall maintain our appealing modern environment in each Public Housing Development.

Progress: Our maintenance staff continues to meet or exceed HUD guidelines in response to routine work orders. All emergency work orders have been abated within 24 hours of notification. Through careful management and utilization of our Capital Fund Program (CFP) funds, JURHA has been able to maintain an appealing modern environment in each complex.

13. PHA Goal: JURHA shall ensure equal treatment of all applicants, residents, tenant-based participants, employee and vendors

Objectives: JURHA shall continue to mix its populations as much as possible with respect to ethnicity, race and income within the Public Housing Developments;

All eligible families that apply for public housing are placed on a waiting list. When a unit becomes available, the PHA must select families from the waiting list in accordance with HUD requirements and PHA policies as stated in its Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) and its annual plan. JURHA has adopted a clear approach to accepting applications, placing families on the waiting list, and selecting families from the waiting list, and follows this approach consistently. The actual order in which families are selected from the waiting list can be affected if a family has certain characteristics designated by HUD or the PHA to receive preferential treatment, such as working income preference or a need for income deconcentration in one of the complexes. HUD regulations require that JURHA comply with all equal opportunity requirements and it must affirmatively further fair housing goals in the administration of the program [24 CFR 960.103, PH Occ GB p. 13]. Adherence to the selection policies described in the Public Housing ACOP ensures that the JURHA will be in compliance with all relevant fair housing requirements.

JURHA shall give all applicants equal consideration for employment opportunities including any residents that meet the qualifications for the job.

Progress: All employment openings are advertised according to Policy and the following language is included in each advertisement.

“Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug Free Workplace. All qualified applicants will receive due consideration for employment without regard to race, age, religion, sex, color, national origin, disabled status, familial status, or sexual orientation. Qualified disabled person shall not, on the basis of their disability, be subjected to discrimination in employment.”

14. PHA Goal: Ensure full compliance with all applicable standards and regulations including government generally accepted accounting practices

Objectives: The JURHA shall operate so that income (including subsidy) exceeds expenses every year

Progress: JURHA has been successful in operating in a manner so that income exceeds expense in all monthly, quarterly and yearly financial statements FYE 3/31/2006 through and FYE 3/31/2009 all programs will be able to operate in this manner.

15. PHA Goal: Enhance the image of public housing in our community

Objectives: JURHA shall ensure that there is a minimum of two (2) positive stories a year in the local media about the Housing Authority, JURHA staff or JURHA residents. JURHA shall continue to encourage staff participation and partnering with local service and support agencies.

Progress: JURHA has met or exceeded our goal to have at least two (2) positive stories a year in the local media about the Housing Authority, JURHA staff, or JURHA residents. The JURHA staff continues to participate and partner with local service and support agencies; thereby, remaining active in community projects.

JURHA has received the following positive media coverage:

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE: Annual Plan 2010 # 1

DATE (September 8, 2009-Jonesboro Sun) Newspaper article on a community opportunities and resource fair held 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at Parker Park Community Center, 1560 North Church St. JURHA was part of the local resources featured.

TELEVISION COVERAGE: Annual Plan 2010 #2

DATE (August 15, 2009-KAIT) KAIT did a live weather broadcast at 6:00 p.m. from a community back-to-school block party hosted by JURHA and Deliverance Family Worship Center at the Marshall/Melrose playground. The event included a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, entertainment, refreshments, cook-out, and other play activities.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE: Annual Plan 2009 #1

DATE (August 15, 2008-Jonesboro Sun) Newspaper article about a community back-to-school block party hosted by JURHA and Deliverance Family Worship Center at the Marshall/Melrose playground. The event included a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, entertainment, refreshments, cook-out, and other play activities.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE: Annual Plan 2009 #2

DATE (June 13, 2008-Jonesboro Sun) Newspaper article on Affordable Housing Fair, Sheila Reddig, Home Ownership Counselor for JURHA, explains aid for home ownership.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE: Annual Plan 2009 # 3

DATE (June 20, 2008-Jonesboro Sun) Newspaper article on Affordable Housing Fair, Sheila Reddig, Home Ownership Counselor, showcase seven homes on the tour.

TELEVISION COVERAGE: Annual Plan 2009

DATE (June 30, 2008 – KAIT-8) Local television station filmed and showed clips from the Community Involvement Program (J.U.R.H.A. – Join United Residents Help Area)

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE: Annual Plan 2008

DATE (August 18, 2007-Jonesboro Sun) On Saturday, August 28, 2007 a community back-to-school block party was hosted by JURHA, City Youth Ministries and Deliverance Family Worship Center at the Marshall and Melrose playground. The event included a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, entertainment, refreshments, cook-out, and other play activity.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE: Annual Plan 2008

DATE (August 19, 2007-Jonesboro Sun) Newspaper caption under picture of children playing on the inflatable obstacle course at Back-To-School Bash, co-hosted by Jonesboro Housing Authority.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE: Annual Plan 2008

DATE (August 20, 2007-Jonesboro Sun) Newspaper caption under picture of Linda Chalk, Resident Security Manager at Cayman Villa making a snow cone for guests at the Community Block Party co-hosted by JURHA.

TELEVISION COVERAGE: Annual Plan 2008

DATE (August 18, 2007-KAIT-8) Local television station filmed and showed clips from the Community Block Party on the 10:00 p.m. news.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE: Annual Plan 2007 #1

DATE (August 2006 – The Jonesboro Sun) On Saturday August 12, 2006, a community back-to-school block party was hosted by the Jonesboro Housing Authority at the park located between Marshall and Melrose streets. The event is a partnership among several groups in the community and is led by Deliverance Family Worship Center and the Jonesboro Housing Authority. The event included a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, entertainment, refreshments and dinner.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE: Annual Plan 2007 # 2

DATE (March, 2006 – The Jonesboro Sun) Janice Grissum, Assistant Executive Director, attended a seminar concerning employer liability laws. The presentation was on Consolidated Omnibus Budget Act (COBRA), which identifies insurance coverage when an employee leaves a business. Also discussed Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) to improve the health insurance coverage.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE: Annual Plan 2006 # 1

DATE (August 18, 2005 – The Jonesboro Sun) On Saturday August 20, 2005, a community Summer Block Party will be hosted by the Jonesboro Housing Authority at the park located between Marshall and Melrose streets. The event is a partnership among several groups in the community and is led by Deliverance Family Worship Center and the Jonesboro Housing Authority. The event will include a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, entertainment, refreshments and dinner will be provided at 5:30 p.m. Linda Chalk, employee of the Jonesboro Housing Authority and an organizer of the event anticipates that over 300 people will attend.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE: Annual Plan 2006 # 2

DATE (July 20, 2005 – The Jonesboro Sun) Several community members including representatives from the Jonesboro Housing Authority, the HIPPY program, Christian Ministries and elementary school teachers and administration attended training to prevent behavioral issues in first- and second-graders before the issues have a chance to grow into problems. This program gave the attendees the tools to help children understand their feelings and develop the ability to label emotions and develop social and emotional skills.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE: Annual Plan 2006 #3

DATE (January 28, 2005 – The Jonesboro Sun) A new program administered by the Jonesboro Housing Authority has enabled Chris Hall to become a homeowner. Mr. Hall is the first client to become a homeowner through this program. This Homeownership program is for persons who have been enrolled in Section 8 for one year and that meet the normal qualifications for buying a home. Once those requirements are met, the clients must attend several hours of training related to homeownership including home maintenance and budgeting. Area realtors, banks and home appraisal services have partnered with the Jonesboro Housing Authority to make this possible.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE: Annual Plan 2006 #4

DATE (September 10, 2005 – The Jonesboro Sun) JURHA will be assisting victims of Hurricane Katrina with housing. First priority will be given to assisting existing public housing and voucher program participants. Once the participants in the program have been assisted, assistance will be given to all other qualified hurricane victims.

16. PHA Goal: Improve economic opportunity (self-sufficiency) for the families and individuals that are assisted in our housing programs

Objectives: The JURHA will continue partnerships with local agencies in order to enhance self-sufficiency services to our program participants;

The JURHA will more effectively utilize its community centers to provide resident services as measured by increasing their utilization

Progress: The above goal was achieved by recruiting and maintaining a successful Program Coordinating Committee (PCC). Members of this committee are representatives of the various agencies that provide services to meet the needs of our clients. This committee meets on a quarterly basis to receive reports, plan future workshops, and to network with updates as the new services they are providing. Documentation includes a sample of PCC minutes and the current PCC Membership Roster.

The JURHA will continue to work diligently on case management to aid participants in successfully reaching their goals to become self-sufficient

Progress: Case management includes an Initial Intake Needs Assessment. When this has been completed, the case manager and the client develop a five year plan of goals and objectives which include the following areas:

- Employment
- Education
- Financial Management (budgeting, credit and debt counseling)
- Homeownership

Monthly contact is maintained between case manager and client. Monthly workshops are offered and attendance is required. Documentation includes a list of FSS Workshops and FSS Participant form.

Challenged Elements

Increase assisted housing choices by expanding the range and quality of housing choices available to participants in the JURHA's tenant-based assistance program.

Jonesboro is a predominantly owner-occupied community with 57% of the households being owners. Recent trends in home prices have led to an increasing number of people being price out of the homeownership market. One consequence has been a shift in tenure trends, with increasing numbers of people remaining in the rental market, intensifying the competition for scarce affordable housing units.

All extremely low-income, very low income and low income households experienced disproportionate housing needs, with extremely low-income (76.2%) group having housing problems compared to 28.7% for all City households. Overall renter households had more housing problems compared to homeowners. Large family households had the most needs followed by small family households and other households.

About 30% of the City's housing stock is over 30 years old, indicating the potential need for rehabilitation and continued maintenance for a significant portion of the City's housing. Available Census data offers two indicators of housing stock deficiencies; whether a unit is lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities. 115 units in the City lacked complete plumbing and 282 units were without kitchen facilities. It is not know if any units had both deficiencies. A tight housing market has resulted in sharp increases in the demand for housing.

In addition, limited HCV funding does not allow our agency to maximize its Voucher Payment Standard to allow participants to find affordable housing. We are unable to raise our VPS to 110% of the FMR due to budgetary restrains.

These factors combine to make it extremely difficult for low-income families to find decent, safe and affordable housing.

Reduce Public Housing vacancies (turn-over)

Our agency has both Public Housing and HCV program and applicants are placed on a jurisdiction-wide waiting list. Many applicants are housed in Public Housing initially while their application for HCV remains intact. Due to the additional tenancy requirement for Public Housing residents, namely Community Service, many tenants decide to move to the HCV program when offered a voucher since there is not regulatory requirement that we can house families without federal assistance before families already receiving federal assistance. This causes a tremendous turn-over in our Public Housing program.

JURHA'S VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMAN ACT POLICIES

The Jonesboro Urban Renewal and Housing Authority's (JURHA) Violence against Women Act Policies are located in the Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy policy (ACOP) and the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan (AP).

Below are excerpts from Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy policy (ACOP) and the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan (AP) that comprise JURHA's VAWA policies.

PUBLIC HOUSING ACOP, CHAPTER 3 - ELIGIBILITY, 3-III.F. PROHIBITION AGAINST DENIAL OF ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, AND STALKING [Pub.L. 109-162]

The Violence against Women Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA) prohibits denial of admission to an otherwise qualified applicant on the basis that the applicant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. Specifically, Section 607(2) of VAWA adds the following provision to Section 6 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, which lists contract provisions and requirements for the public housing program:

Every contract for contributions shall provide that . . . the public housing agency shall not deny admission to the project to any applicant on the basis that the applicant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking if the applicant otherwise qualifies for assistance or admission, and that nothing in this section shall be construed to supersede any provision of any Federal, State, or local law that provides greater protection than this section for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.

Definitions

As used in VAWA:

- 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 cohabitating with or has cohabitated 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.
- The term *dating violence* means violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
 - The length of the relationship
 - The type of relationship
 - The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship

- The term *stalking* means:
 - To follow, pursue, or repeatedly commit acts with the intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate; or
 - To place under surveillance with the intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate another person; and
 - 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 (1) that person, (2) a member of the immediate family of that person, or (3) the spouse or intimate partner of that person.
- The term *immediate family member* means, with respect to a person –
 - A spouse, parent, brother or sister, or child of that person, or an individual to whom that person stands in the position or place of a parent; or
 - Any other person living in the household of that person and related to that person by blood and marriage.

Notification

PHA Policy

The PHA acknowledges that a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking may have an unfavorable history (e.g., a poor credit history, a record of previous damage to an apartment, a prior arrest record) that would warrant denial under the PHA's policies. Therefore, if the PHA makes a determination to deny admission to an applicant family, the PHA will include in its notice of denial:

A statement of the protection against denial provided by VAWA

A description of PHA confidentiality requirements

A request that an applicant wishing to claim this protection submit to the PHA documentation meeting the specifications below with her or his request for an informal hearing (see section 14-I.B)

Documentation

Victim Documentation

PHA Policy

An applicant claiming that the cause of an unfavorable history is that a member of the applicant family is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking must provide documentation (1) demonstrating the connection between the abuse and the unfavorable history and (2) naming the perpetrator of the abuse. The documentation may consist of any of the following:

A statement signed by the victim certifying that the information provided is true and correct and that it describes bona fide incident(s) of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking

A police or court record documenting the domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking

Documentation signed by a person who has assisted the victim in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, or the effects of such abuse. This person may be an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider; an attorney; or a medical or other knowledgeable professional. The person signing the documentation must attest under penalty of perjury to the person's belief that the incidents in question are bona fide incidents of abuse. The victim must also sign the documentation.

Perpetrator Documentation

PHA Policy

If the perpetrator of the abuse is a member of the applicant family, the applicant must provide additional documentation consisting of one of the following:

A signed statement (1) requesting that the perpetrator be removed from the application and (2) certifying that the perpetrator will not be permitted to visit or to stay as a guest in the public housing unit

Documentation that the perpetrator has successfully completed, or is successfully undergoing, rehabilitation or treatment. The documentation must be signed by an employee or agent of a domestic violence service provider or by a medical or other knowledgeable professional from whom the perpetrator has sought or is receiving assistance in addressing the abuse. The signer must attest under penalty of perjury to his or her belief that the rehabilitation was successfully completed or is progressing successfully. The victim and perpetrator must also sign or attest to the documentation.

Time Frame for Submitting Documentation

PHA Policy

The applicant must submit the required documentation with her or his request for an informal hearing (see section 14-I.B) or must request an extension in writing at that time. If the applicant so requests, the PHA will grant an extension of 10 business days and will postpone scheduling the applicant's informal hearing until after it has received the documentation or the extension period has elapsed. If, after reviewing the documentation provided by the applicant, the PHA determines that the family is eligible for assistance, no informal hearing will be scheduled, and the PHA will proceed with admission of the applicant family.

PHA Confidentiality Requirements

All information provided to the PHA regarding domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, including the fact that an individual is a victim of such violence or stalking, must be retained in confidence and may neither be entered into any shared database nor provided to any related entity, except to the extent that the disclosure (a) is requested or consented to by the individual in writing, (b) is required for use in an eviction proceeding, or (c) is otherwise required by applicable law.

PHA Policy

If disclosure is required for use in an eviction proceeding or is otherwise required by applicable law, the PHA will inform the victim before disclosure occurs so that safety risks can be identified and addressed.

PUBLIC HOUSING ACOP, CHAPTER 13 - LEASE TERMINATIONS, 13-III.F. PROHIBITION AGAINST TERMINATING TENANCY OF VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, AND STALKING [Pub.L. 109-162 and 109-271]

The Violence against Women Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA), provides that “criminal activity directly relating to domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, engaged in by a member of a tenant’s household or any guest or other person under the tenant’s control, shall not be cause for termination of the tenancy or occupancy rights, if the tenant or immediate family member of the tenant’s family is the victim or threatened victim of that abuse.”

VAWA further provides that incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking may not be construed either as serious or repeated violations of the lease by the victim of such violence or as good cause for terminating the tenancy or occupancy rights of the victim of such violence.

Definitions

For the definitions of *domestic violence*, *dating violence*, *stalking*, and *immediate family member*, see section 3-III.F.

VAWA and Other Laws [Pub.L. 109-162]

VAWA does not supersede any other federal, state, or local law that provides greater protection to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.

Moreover, VAWA does not limit the PHA’s duty to honor court orders issued to protect a victim or to address the distribution of property when a family breaks up.

Limits on VAWA Protections [Pub.L. 109-162]

While VAWA prohibits a PHA from using domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking as the cause for a termination or eviction action against a public housing tenant who is the victim of the abuse, the protections it provides are not absolute. Specifically:

- VAWA does not limit a PHA’s otherwise available authority to terminate assistance to or evict a victim for lease violations not premised on an act of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking providing that the PHA does not subject the victim to a more demanding standard than other tenants.
- VAWA does not limit a PHA’s authority to terminate the tenancy of any public housing tenant if the PHA can demonstrate an actual and imminent threat to other tenants or those employed at or providing service to the property if that tenant’s tenancy is not terminated.

PHA Policy

In determining whether a public housing tenant who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking is an actual and imminent threat to other tenants or those employed at or providing service to a property, the PHA will consider the following, and any other relevant, factors:

- Whether the threat is toward an employee or tenant other than the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking
- Whether the threat is a physical danger beyond a speculative threat
- Whether the threat is likely to happen within a short period of time
- Whether the threat to other tenants or employees can be eliminated in some other way, such as by helping the victim relocate to a confidential location

If the tenant wishes to contest the PHA's determination that he or she is an actual and imminent threat to other tenants or employees, the tenant may do so as part of the grievance hearing or in a court proceeding.

Victim Notification [Notice PIH 2006-42]

VAWA requires PHAs to notify tenants of their rights under VAWA and to inform them about the existence of form HUD-50066, Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking. (For general VAWA notification policies, see section 16-VII.) Notice PIH 2006-42 identifies two ways that a PHA may fulfill this requirement in the event of a termination or start of an eviction proceeding:

- It may enclose the form with the termination or eviction notice and direct the family to complete, sign, and return the form, if applicable, by a specified date.
- It may include language discussing the protections provided by VAWA in the termination or eviction notice and request that a tenant come to the PHA office and pick up the form if the tenant believes the VAWA protections apply.

Notice PIH 2006-42 points out that mailing the certification form in response to an incident could place the victim at risk, since the abuser may be monitoring the mail. In such cases, the notice recommends that PHAs work with tenants to make other delivery arrangements.

PHA Policy

The PHA will follow the lease termination notice policy in section 13-IV.D. If the PHA has reason to suspect that the notice might place a victim of domestic violence at risk, it will attempt to deliver the notice by hand directly to the victim. The PHA will use the same caution if it decides to deliver VAWA information to a victim at any other time following an incident of domestic violence.

Victim Documentation [Notice PIH 2006-42]

VAWA authorizes PHAs responding to incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking to request in writing that a tenant complete, sign, and submit a HUD-approved certification form (form HUD-50066).

In lieu of a certification form, or in addition to the certification form, a tenant may provide one of the following:

- A federal, state, tribal, territorial, or local police or court record documenting the domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking
- 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 domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, or the effects of such abuse, in which the professional attests under penalty of perjury to the professional's belief that the incidents in question are bona fide incidents of abuse, and the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking has signed or attested to the documentation

A PHA is not required to demand that an individual produce official documentation or physical proof of an individual's status as a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking in order to receive the protections of VAWA. A PHA may, at its discretion, provide assistance to an individual based solely upon the individual's statement or other corroborating evidence.

VAWA specifies that a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking must provide documentation of abuse within 14 business days after receipt of a written request for such documentation by a PHA. If the victim does not provide the documentation within that time frame, or any extension approved by the PHA, the victim forfeits the protections against termination afforded by VAWA, and the PHA is free to evict or terminate the assistance of the victim in accordance with otherwise applicable law and lease provisions.

PHA Policy

When a tenant family is facing lease termination because of the actions of a tenant, household member, guest, or other person under the tenant's control and a tenant or immediate family member of the tenant's family claims that she or he is the victim of such actions and that the actions are related to domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, the PHA will request in writing that the individual submit documentation affirming that claim. The written request will include explicit instructions on where, when, and to whom the documentation must be submitted. It will also state the consequences for failure to submit the documentation by the deadline.

The documentation will consist of a completed and signed form HUD-50066, Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking. In lieu of the certification form, the PHA will accept either of the following forms of documentation:

- A police or court record documenting the actual or threatened abuse
- Documentation signed by a person who has assisted the victim in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, or the effects of such abuse. This person may be an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider; an attorney; or a medical or other knowledgeable professional. The person signing the documentation must attest under penalty of perjury to the person's belief that the incidents in question are bona fide incidents of abuse. The victim must also sign the documentation.

The PHA reserves the right to waive the documentation requirement if it determines that a statement or other corroborating evidence from the individual will suffice.

The individual claiming victim status must submit the requested documentation within 14 business days after receipt of the PHA's written request or must request an extension within that time frame. The PHA may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for 10 business days.

If the individual provides the requested documentation within 14 business days, or any PHA-approved extension, the PHA will reconsider its termination decision in light of the documentation.

If the individual does not provide the requested documentation within 14 business days, or any PHA-approved extension, the PHA will proceed with termination of the family's lease in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal law and the policies in this ACOP.

Terminating or Evicting a Perpetrator of Domestic Violence

Although VAWA provides protection from termination for victims of domestic violence, it does not provide protection for perpetrators. In fact, VAWA gives the PHA the explicit authority to bifurcate a lease, or to remove a household member from a lease, "in order to evict, remove, terminate occupancy rights, or terminate assistance to any individual who is a tenant or lawful occupant and who engages in criminal acts of physical violence against family members or others, without evicting, removing, terminating assistance to, or otherwise penalizing the victim of such violence who is also a tenant or lawful occupant." Specific lease language affirming this authority is not necessary. Further, the authority supersedes any local, state, or other federal law to the contrary. However, if the PHA chooses to exercise this authority, it must follow any procedures prescribed by HUD or by applicable local, state, or federal law for eviction, lease termination, or termination of assistance [Pub.L. 109-271]. This means that the PHA must follow the same rules when terminating or evicting an individual as it would when terminating or evicting an entire family [3/16/07 *Federal Register* notice on the applicability of VAWA to HUD programs].

PHA Policy

The PHA will bifurcate a family's lease and terminate the tenancy of a family member if the PHA determines that the family member has committed criminal acts of physical violence against other family members or others. This action will not affect the tenancy or program assistance of the remaining, nonculpable family members.

In making its decision, the PHA will consider all credible evidence, including, but not limited to, a signed certification (form HUD-50066) or other documentation of abuse submitted to the PHA by the victim in accordance with this section. The PHA will also consider the factors in section 13.III.E. Upon such consideration, the PHA may, on a case-by-case basis, choose not to bifurcate the lease and terminate the tenancy of the culpable family member.

If the PHA does bifurcate the lease and terminate the tenancy of the culpable family member, it will do so in accordance with the lease, applicable law, and the policies in this ACOP. If necessary, the PHA will also take steps to ensure that the remaining family members have a safe place to live during the termination process. For example, the PHA may offer the remaining family members another public housing unit, if available; it may

help them relocate to a confidential location; or it may refer them to a victim service provider or other agency with shelter facilities.

PHA Confidentiality Requirements [Pub.L. 109-162]

All information provided to the PHA regarding domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, including the fact that an individual is a victim of such violence or stalking, must be retained in confidence and may neither be entered into any shared data base nor provided to any related entity, except to the extent that the disclosure (a) is requested or consented to by the individual in writing, (b) is required for use in an eviction proceeding, or (c) is otherwise required by applicable law.

PHA Policy

If disclosure is required for use in an eviction proceeding or is otherwise required by applicable law, the PHA will inform the victim before disclosure occurs so that safety risks can be identified and addressed.

PUBLIC HOUSING, ACOP, CHAPTER 16 - PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION, PART VII: NOTIFICATION TO APPLICANTS AND TENANTS REGARDING PROTECTIONS UNDER THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005 (VAWA)

16-VII.A. OVERVIEW

The Violence against Women Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA) requires PHAs to inform public housing tenants of their rights under this law, including their right to confidentiality and the limits thereof. Since VAWA provides protections for applicants as well as tenants, PHAs may elect to provide the same information to applicants.

This part describes the steps that the PHA will take to ensure that all actual and potential beneficiaries of its public housing program are notified about their rights under VAWA.

16-VII.B. VAWA NOTIFICATION

PHA Policy

The PHA will post the following information regarding VAWA in its offices and on its Web site. It will also make the information readily available to anyone who requests it.

A summary of the rights and protections provided by VAWA to public housing applicants and residents who are or have been victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking (see sample notice in Exhibit 16-1)

The definitions of *domestic violence*, *dating violence*, and *stalking* provided in VAWA (included in Exhibit 16-1)

An explanation of the documentation that the PHA may require from an individual who claims the protections provided by VAWA (included in Exhibit 16-1)

A copy of form HUD-50066, Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking

A statement of the PHA's obligation to keep confidential any information that it receives from a victim unless (a) the PHA has the victim's written permission to release the information, (b) it needs to use the information in an eviction proceeding, or (c) it is compelled by law to release the information (included in Exhibit 16-1)

The National Domestic Violence Hot Line: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY) (included in Exhibit 16-1)

Contact information for local victim advocacy groups or service providers

16-VII.C. NOTIFICATION TO APPLICANTS

PHA Policy

The PHA will provide all applicants with notification of their protections and rights under VAWA at the time they request an application for housing assistance.

The notice will explain the protections afforded under the law, inform each applicant of PHA confidentiality requirements, and provide contact information for local victim advocacy groups or service providers.

The PHA will also include in all notices of denial a statement explaining the protection against denial provided by VAWA (see section 3-III.F).

16-VII.D. NOTIFICATION TO TENANTS [Pub.L. 109-162]

VAWA requires PHAs to notify tenants assisted under public housing of their rights under this law, including their right to confidentiality and the limits thereof.

PHA Policy

The PHA will provide all tenants with notification of their protections and rights under VAWA at the time of admission and at annual reexamination.

The notice will explain the protections afforded under the law, inform the tenant of PHA confidentiality requirements, and provide contact information for local victim advocacy groups or service providers.

The PHA will also include in all lease termination notices a statement explaining the protection against termination or eviction provided by VAWA (see Section 13-IV.D).

<p>EXHIBIT 16-1: SAMPLE NOTICE TO PUBLIC HOUSING APPLICANTS AND RESIDENTS REGARDING THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA)</p>
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This sample notice was adapted from a notice prepared by the National Housing Law Project.

A federal law that went into effect in 2006 protects individuals who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The name of the law is the Violence against Women Act, or "VAWA." This notice explains your rights under VAWA.

Protections for Victims

If you are eligible for public housing, the housing authority cannot refuse to admit you to the public housing program solely because you are a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.

If you are the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, the housing authority cannot evict you based on acts or threats of violence committed against you. Also, criminal acts directly related to the domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking that are caused by a member of your household or a guest can't be the reason for evicting you if you were the victim of the abuse.

Reasons You Can Be Evicted

The housing authority can still evict you if the housing authority can show there is an *actual* and *imminent* (immediate) threat to other tenants or housing authority staff if you are not evicted. Also, the housing authority can evict you for serious or repeated lease violations that are not related to the domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking against you. The housing authority cannot hold you to a more demanding set of rules than it applies to tenants who are not victims.

Removing the Abuser from the Household

The housing authority may split the lease to evict a tenant who has committed criminal acts of violence against family members or others, while allowing the victim and other household members to stay in the public housing unit. If the housing authority chooses to remove the abuser, it may not take away the remaining tenants' rights to the unit or otherwise punish the remaining tenants. In removing the abuser from the household, the housing authority must follow federal, state, and local eviction procedures.

Proving that You Are a Victim of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking

The housing authority can ask you to prove or "certify" that you are a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. In cases of termination or eviction, the housing authority must give you at least 14 business days (i.e. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays do not count) to provide this proof. The housing authority is free to extend the deadline. There are three ways you can prove that you are a victim:

- Complete the certification form given to you by the housing authority. The form will ask for your name, the name of your abuser, the abuser's relationship to you, the date, time, and location of the incident of violence, and a description of the violence.
- Provide a statement from a victim service provider, attorney, or medical professional who has helped you address incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. The professional must state that he or she believes that the incidents of abuse are real. Both you and the professional must sign the statement, and both of you must state that you are signing "under penalty of perjury."
- Provide a police or court record, such as a protective order.

If you fail to provide one of these documents within the required time, the housing authority may evict you.

Confidentiality

The housing authority must keep confidential any information you provide about the violence against you, unless:

- You give written permission to the housing authority to release the information.
- The housing authority needs to use the information in an eviction proceeding, such as to evict your abuser.
- A law requires the housing authority to release the information.

If release of the information would put your safety at risk, you should inform the housing authority.

VAWA and Other Laws

VAWA does not limit the housing authority's duty to honor court orders about access to or control of a public housing unit. This includes orders issued to protect a victim and orders dividing property among household members in cases where a family breaks up.

VAWA does not replace any federal, state, or local law that provides greater protection for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.

For Additional Information

If you have any questions regarding VAWA, please contact _____ at _____.

For help and advice on escaping an abusive relationship, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY).

Definitions

For purposes of determining whether a tenant may be covered by VAWA, the following list of definitions applies:

VAWA defines *domestic violence* to include felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by any of the following:

- A current or former spouse of the victim
- A person with whom the victim shares a child in common
- A person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse
- A person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies
- 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

VAWA defines *dating violence* as violence committed by a person (1) who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim AND (2) where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:

- The length of the relationship
- The type of relationship
- The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship

VAWA defines *stalking* as (A)(i) to follow, pursue, or repeatedly commit acts with the intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate another person OR (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.

HCV ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN, CHAPTER 3 - ELIGIBILITY, 3-III.G. PROHIBITION AGAINST DENIAL OF ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, AND STALKING [Pub.L. 109-162]

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA) prohibits denial of admission to an otherwise qualified applicant on the basis that the applicant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. Specifically, Section 606(4)(A) of VAWA adds the following provision to Section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, which lists contract provisions and requirements for the housing choice voucher program:

- That an applicant or participant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking is not an appropriate reason for denial of program assistance or for denial of admission, if the applicant otherwise qualifies for assistance or admission.

Definitions

As used in VAWA:

- 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 cohabitating with or has cohabitated 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.
- The term *dating violence* means violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
 - The length of the relationship
 - The type of relationship
 - The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship
- The term *stalking* means:
 - To follow, pursue, or repeatedly commit acts with the intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate; or
 - To place under surveillance with the intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate another person; and
 - 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 (1) that person, (2) a member of the immediate family of that person, or (3) the spouse or intimate partner of that person.

- The term *immediate family member* means, with respect to a person:
 - A spouse, parent, brother or sister, or child of that person, or an individual to whom that person stands in the position or place of a parent; or
 - Any other person living in the household of that person and related to that person by blood and marriage.

Notification

PHA Policy

The PHA acknowledges that a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking may have an unfavorable history (e.g., a poor credit history, a record of previous damage to an apartment, a prior arrest record) that would warrant denial under the PHA's policies. Therefore, if the PHA makes a determination to deny admission to an applicant family, the PHA will include in its notice of denial:

A statement of the protection against denial provided by VAWA

A description of PHA confidentiality requirements

A request that an applicant wishing to claim this protection submit to the PHA documentation meeting the specifications below with her or his request for an informal review (see section 16-III.D)

Documentation

Victim Documentation

PHA Policy

An applicant claiming that the cause of an unfavorable history is that a member of the applicant family is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking must provide documentation (1) demonstrating the connection between the abuse and the unfavorable history and (2) naming the perpetrator of the abuse. The documentation may consist of any of the following:

A statement signed by the victim certifying that the information provided is true and correct and that it describes bona fide incident(s) of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking

A police or court record documenting the domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking

Documentation signed by a person who has assisted the victim in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, or the effects of such abuse. This person may be an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider; an attorney; or a medical or other knowledgeable professional. The person signing the documentation must attest under penalty of perjury to the person's belief that the incidents in question are bona fide incidents of abuse. The victim must also sign the documentation.

Perpetrator Documentation

PHA Policy

If the perpetrator of the abuse is a member of the applicant family, the applicant must provide additional documentation consisting of one of the following:

A signed statement (1) requesting that the perpetrator be removed from the application and (2) certifying that the perpetrator will not be permitted to visit or to stay as a guest in the assisted unit

Documentation that the perpetrator has successfully completed, or is successfully undergoing, rehabilitation or treatment. The documentation must be signed by an employee or agent of a domestic violence service provider or by a medical or other knowledgeable professional from whom the perpetrator has sought or is receiving assistance in addressing the abuse. The signer must attest under penalty of perjury to his or her belief that the rehabilitation was successfully completed or is progressing successfully. The victim and perpetrator must also sign or attest to the documentation **and have no violence calls from law enforcement for a period of six (6) months.**

Time Frame for Submitting Documentation

PHA Policy

The applicant must submit the required documentation with her or his request for an informal review (see section 16-III.D) **within 14 business days.** If after reviewing the documentation provided by the applicant the PHA determines that the family is eligible for assistance, no informal review will be scheduled and the PHA will proceed with admission of the applicant family.

PHA Confidentiality Requirements

All information provided to the PHA regarding domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, including the fact that an individual is a victim of such violence or stalking, must be retained in confidence and may neither be entered into any shared database nor provided to any related entity, except to the extent that the disclosure (a) is requested or consented to by the individual in writing, (b) is required for use in an eviction proceeding, or (c) is otherwise required by applicable law.

PHA Policy

If disclosure is required for use in an eviction proceeding or is otherwise required by applicable law, the PHA will inform the victim before disclosure occurs so that safety risks can be identified and addressed.

HCV ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN, CHAPTER 12 - TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE AND TENANCY, 12-II.E. TERMINATING THE ASSISTANCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, OR STALKING VICTIMS AND PERPETRATORS [Pub.L. 109-162, Pub.L. 109-271]

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA) provides that “criminal activity directly relating to domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, engaged in by a member of a tenant’s household or any guest or other person under the tenant’s control shall not be a cause for termination of assistance, tenancy, or occupancy rights if the tenant or an immediate member of the tenant’s family is the victim or threatened victim of that domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.”

VAWA also gives PHAs the authority to “terminate assistance to any individual who is a tenant or lawful occupant and who engages in criminal acts of physical violence against family members or others, without evicting, removing, terminating assistance to, or otherwise penalizing the victim of such violence who is also a tenant or lawful occupant.”

VAWA does not limit the authority of the PHA to terminate the assistance of any participant if the PHA “can demonstrate an actual and imminent threat to other tenants or those employed at or providing service to the property if that tenant is not evicted or terminated from assistance.” However, situations where this might be relevant are extremely rare.

PHA Policy

In determining whether a participant who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking is an actual and imminent threat to other tenants or those employed at or providing service to a property, the PHA will consider the following, and any other relevant, factors:

Whether the threat is toward an employee or tenant other than the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking

Whether the threat is a physical danger beyond a speculative threat

Whether the threat is likely to happen within a short period of time

Whether the threat to other tenants or employees can be eliminated in some other way, such as by helping the victim relocate to a confidential location

If the tenant wishes to contest the PHA’s determination that he or she is an actual and imminent threat to other tenants or employees, the tenant may do so as part of the informal hearing.

Victim Documentation

PHA Policy

When a participant family is facing assistance termination because of the actions of a participant, household member, guest, or other person under the participant’s control and a participant or immediate family member of the participant’s family claims that she or he is the victim of such actions and that the actions are related to domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, the PHA will request in writing that the individual submit documentation affirming that claim. The written request will include explicit instructions

on where, when, and to whom the documentation must be submitted. It will also state the consequences for failure to submit the documentation by the deadline.

The documentation will consist of a completed and signed form HUD-50066, Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking. In lieu of the certification form, the PHA will accept either of the following forms of documentation:

A police or court record documenting the actual or threatened abuse

Documentation signed by a person who has assisted the victim in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, or the effects of such abuse. This person may be an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider; an attorney; or a medical or other knowledgeable professional. The person signing the documentation must attest under penalty of perjury to the person's belief that the incidents in question are bona fide incidents of abuse. The victim must also sign the documentation.

The PHA reserves the right to waive the documentation requirement if it determines that a statement or other corroborating evidence from the individual will suffice.

The individual claiming victim status must submit the requested documentation within 14 business days after receipt of the PHA's written request.

If the individual provides the requested documentation within 14 business days, the PHA will reconsider its termination decision in light of the documentation.

If the individual does not provide the requested documentation within 14 business days, the PHA will proceed with termination of the family's assistance in accordance with applicable law, program regulations, and the policies in this plan.

Terminating the Assistance of a Domestic Violence Perpetrator

Although VAWA provides assistance termination protection for victims of domestic violence, it does not provide protection for perpetrators. VAWA gives the PHA the explicit authority to "terminate assistance to any individual who is a tenant or lawful occupant and who engages in criminal acts of physical violence against family members or others...without terminating assistance to, or otherwise penalizing the victim of such violence who is also a tenant or lawful occupant." This authority is not dependent on a bifurcated lease or other eviction action by an owner against an individual family member. Further, this authority supersedes any local, state, or other federal law to the contrary. However, if the PHA chooses to exercise this authority, it must follow any procedures prescribed by HUD or by applicable local, state, or federal law regarding termination of assistance [Pub.L. 109-271]. This means that the PHA must follow the same rules when terminating assistance to an individual as it would when terminating the assistance of an entire family [3/16/07 *Federal Register* notice on the applicability of VAWA to HUD programs].

PHA Policy

The PHA will terminate assistance to a family member if the PHA determines that the family member has committed criminal acts of physical violence against other family members or others. This action will not affect the assistance of the remaining, nonculpable family members.

In making its decision, the PHA will consider all credible evidence, including, but not limited to, a signed certification (form HUD-50066) or other documentation of abuse submitted to the PHA by the victim in accordance with this section. The PHA will also consider the factors in section 12-II.D. Upon such consideration, the PHA may, on a case-by-case basis, choose not to terminate the assistance of the culpable family member.

If the PHA does terminate the assistance of the culpable family member, it will do so in accordance with applicable law, HUD regulations, and the policies in this plan.

PHA Confidentiality Requirements

All information provided to the PHA regarding domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, including the fact that an individual is a victim of such violence or stalking, must be retained in confidence and may neither be entered into any shared data base nor provided to any related entity, except to the extent that the disclosure (a) is requested or consented to by the individual in writing, (b) is required for use in an eviction proceeding, or (c) is otherwise required by applicable law.

PHA Policy

If disclosure is required for use in an eviction proceeding or is otherwise required by applicable law, the PHA will inform the victim before disclosure occurs so that safety risks can be identified and addressed.

HCV ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN, CHAPTER 16 -PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION, PART IX: NOTIFICATION REGARDING APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005 (VAWA)

The Violence against Women Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA) requires PHAs to inform assisted tenants of their rights under this law, including their right to confidentiality and the limits thereof. Since VAWA provides protections for applicants as well as tenants, PHAs may elect to provide the same information to applicants. VAWA also requires PHAs to inform owners and managers of their obligations under this law.

This part describes the steps that the PHA will take to ensure that all actual and potential beneficiaries of its housing choice voucher program are notified about their rights and that owners and managers are notified of their obligations under VAWA.

PHA Policy

The PHA will post the following information regarding VAWA in its offices and on its Web site. It will also make the information readily available to anyone who requests it.

A summary of the rights and protections provided by VAWA to housing choice voucher program applicants and participants who are or have been victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking (see sample notices in Exhibits 16-1 and 16-2)

The definitions of *domestic violence*, *dating violence*, and *stalking* provided in VAWA (included in Exhibits 16-1 and 16-2)

An explanation of the documentation that the PHA may require from an individual who claims the protections provided by VAWA (included in Exhibits 16-1 and 16-2)

A copy of form HUD-50066, Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking

A statement of the PHA's obligation to keep confidential any information that it receives from a victim unless (a) the PHA has the victim's written permission to release the information, (b) it needs to use the information in an eviction proceeding, or (c) it is compelled by law to release the information (included in Exhibits 16-1 and 16-2)

The National Domestic Violence Hot Line: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY) (included in Exhibits 16-1 and 16-2)

Contact information for local victim advocacy groups or service providers

PART IX: NOTIFICATION REGARDING APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005 (VAWA)

16-IX.A. NOTIFICATION TO PARTICIPANTS [Pub.L. 109-162]

VAWA requires PHAs to notify HCV program participants of their rights under this law, including their right to confidentiality and the limits thereof.

PHA Policy

The PHA will provide all participants with notification of their protections and rights under VAWA at the time of admission and at annual reexamination.

The notice will explain the protections afforded under the law, inform the participant of PHA confidentiality requirements, and provide contact information for local victim advocacy groups or service providers.

The PHA will also include in all assistance termination notices a statement explaining assistance termination protection provided by VAWA (see Section 12-II.E).

16-IX.B. NOTIFICATION TO APPLICANTS

PHA Policy

The PHA will provide all applicants with notification of their protections and rights under VAWA at the time they request an application for housing assistance.

The notice will explain the protections afforded under the law, inform each applicant of PHA confidentiality requirements, and provide contact information for local victim advocacy groups or service providers.

The PHA will also include in all notices of denial a statement explaining the protection against denial provided by VAWA (see section 3-III.G).

16-IX.C. NOTIFICATION TO OWNERS AND MANAGERS [Pub.L. 109-162]

VAWA requires PHAs to notify owners and managers of their rights and responsibilities under this law.

PHA Policy

Inform property owners and managers of their screening and termination responsibilities related to VAWA. The PHA may utilize any or all of the following means to notify owners of their VAWA responsibilities:

As appropriate in day to day interactions with owners and managers.

Inserts in HAP payments, 1099s, owner workshops, classes, orientations, and/or newsletters.

Signs in the PHA lobby and/or mass mailings which include model VAWA certification forms.

EXHIBIT 16-1: SAMPLE NOTICE TO HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER APPLICANTS AND TENANTS REGARDING THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA)

This sample notice was adapted from a notice prepared by the National Housing Law Project.

A federal law that went into effect in 2006 protects individuals who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The name of the law is the Violence against Women Act, or “VAWA.” This notice explains your rights under VAWA.

Protections for Victims

If you are eligible for a Section 8 voucher, the housing authority cannot deny you rental assistance solely because you are a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.

If you are the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, you cannot be terminated from the Section 8 program or evicted based on acts or threats of violence committed against you. Also, criminal acts directly related to the domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking that are caused by a member of your household or a guest can't be the reason for evicting you or terminating your rental assistance if you were the victim of the abuse.

Reasons You Can Be Evicted

You can be evicted and your rental assistance can be terminated if the housing authority or your landlord can show there is an *actual* and *imminent* (immediate) threat to other tenants or employees at the property if you remain in your housing. Also, you can be evicted and your rental assistance can be terminated for serious or repeated lease violations that are not related to the domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking committed against you. The housing authority and your landlord cannot hold you to a more demanding set of rules than it applies to tenants who are not victims.

Removing the Abuser from the Household

Your landlord may split the lease to evict a tenant who has committed criminal acts of violence against family members or others, while allowing the victim and other household members to stay in the assisted unit. Also, the housing authority can terminate the abuser's Section 8 rental

assistance while allowing you to continue to receive assistance. If the landlord or housing authority chooses to remove the abuser, it may not take away the remaining tenants' rights to the unit or otherwise punish the remaining tenants. In removing the abuser from the household, your landlord must follow federal, state, and local eviction procedures.

Moving to Protect Your Safety

The housing authority may permit you to move and still keep your rental assistance, even if your current lease has not yet expired. The housing authority may require that you be current on your rent or other obligations in the housing choice voucher program. The housing authority may ask you to provide proof that you are moving because of incidences of abuse.

Proving that You Are a Victim of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking

The housing authority and your landlord can ask you to prove or "certify" that you are a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. The housing authority and your landlord must give you at least 14 business days (i.e. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays do not count) to provide this proof. The housing authority and your landlord are free to extend the deadline. There are three ways you can prove that you are a victim:

Complete the certification form given to you by the housing authority or your landlord. The form will ask for your name, the name of your abuser, the abuser's relationship to you, the date, time, and location of the incident of violence, and a description of the violence.

Provide a statement from a victim service provider, attorney, or medical professional who has helped you address incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. The professional must state that he or she believes that the incidents of abuse are real. Both you and the professional must sign the statement, and both of you must state that you are signing "under penalty of perjury."

Provide a police or court record, such as a protective order.

If you fail to provide one of these documents within the required time, the landlord may evict you, and the housing authority may terminate your rental assistance.

Confidentiality

The housing authority and your landlord must keep confidential any information you provide about the violence against you, unless:

You give written permission to the housing authority or your landlord to release the information.

Your landlord needs to use the information in an eviction proceeding, such as to evict your abuser.

A law requires the housing authority or your landlord to release the information.

If release of the information would put your safety at risk, you should inform the housing authority and your landlord.

VAWA and Other Laws

VAWA does not limit the housing authority's or your landlord's duty to honor court orders about access to or control of the property. This includes orders issued to protect a victim and orders dividing property among household members in cases where a family breaks up.

VAWA does not replace any federal, state, or local law that provides greater protection for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.

For Additional Information

If you have any questions regarding VAWA, please contact Jeannie Cossey at Jonesboro Urban Renewal & Housing Authority.

For help and advice on escaping an abusive relationship, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY).

Definitions

For purposes of determining whether a tenant may be covered by VAWA, the following list of definitions applies:

VAWA defines *domestic violence* to include felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by any of the following:

A current or former spouse of the victim

A person with whom the victim shares a child in common

A person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse

A person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies

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

VAWA defines *dating violence* as violence committed by a person (1) who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim AND (2) where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:

The length of the relationship

The type of relationship

The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship

VAWA defines *stalking* as (A)(i) to follow, pursue, or repeatedly commit acts with the intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate another person OR (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.

EXHIBIT 16-2: SAMPLE NOTICE TO HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER OWNERS AND MANAGERS REGARDING THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA)

This sample notice was adapted from a notice prepared by the National Housing Law Project.

A federal law that went into effect in 2006 protects individuals who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The name of the law is the Violence against Women Act, or “VAWA.” This notice explains your obligations under VAWA.

Protections for Victims

You cannot refuse to rent to an applicant solely because he or she is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.

You cannot evict a tenant who is the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking based on acts or threats of violence committed against the victim. Also, criminal acts directly related to the domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking that are caused by a household member or guest cannot be cause for evicting the victim of the abuse.

Permissible Evictions

You can evict a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking if you can demonstrate that there is an *actual* or *imminent* (immediate) threat to other tenants or employees at the property if the victim is not evicted. Also, you may evict a victim for serious or repeated lease violations that are not related to the domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. You cannot hold a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking to a more demanding standard than tenants who are not victims.

Removing the Abuser from the Household

You may split the lease to evict a tenant who has committed criminal acts of violence against family members or others, while allowing the victim and other household members to stay in the unit. If you choose to remove the abuser, you may not take away the remaining tenants’ rights to the unit or otherwise punish the remaining tenants. In removing the abuser from the household, you must follow federal, state, and local eviction procedures.

Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking

If a tenant asserts VAWA’s protections, you can ask the tenant to certify that he or she is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. You are not required to demand official documentation and may rely upon the victim’s statement alone. If you choose to request certification, you must do so in writing and give the tenant at least 14 business days to provide documentation. You are free to extend this deadline. A tenant can certify that he or she is a victim by providing any one of the following three documents:

By completing a HUD-approved certification form. The most recent form is HUD-50066. This form is available at the housing authority, or online at www.hudclips.org.

By providing a statement from a victim service provider, attorney, or medical professional who has helped the victim address incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. The professional must state that he or she believes that the incidents of abuse are real. Both the victim and the professional must sign the statement under penalty of perjury.

By providing a police or court record, such as a protective order.

If the tenant fails to provide one of these documents within 14 business days, you may evict the tenant if authorized by otherwise applicable law and lease provisions.

Confidentiality

You must keep confidential any information a tenant provides to certify that he or she is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. You cannot enter the information into a shared database or reveal it to outside entities unless:

The tenant provides written permission releasing the information.

The information is required for use in an eviction proceeding, such as to evict the abuser.

Release of the information is otherwise required by law.

The victim should inform you if the release of the information would put his or her safety at risk.

VAWA and Other Laws

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VAWA does not replace any federal, state, or local law that provides greater protection for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.

Additional Information

If you have any questions regarding VAWA, please contact Jeannie Cossey at Jonesboro Urban Renewal & Housing Authority.

HUD Notice PIH 2006-42 contains detailed information regarding VAWA's certification requirements. The notice is available at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/>.

An overview of VAWA's housing provisions is available at

<http://hmis.info/ClassicAsp/documents/March%2016,%202007%20HUD%20Notice%20on%20VAWA.pdf>

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