# The Gila County Housing Authority VAWA Description

This VAWA Description is submitted as required pursuant to Section 603 of the law amending Section 5A of the U.S. Housing Act to require PHAs five-year and annual PHA Plans to contain information regarding any goals, activities, objectives, policies, or programs of the PHA that are intended to support or assist victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Sections 606 and Section 607 amend the Section 8 and public housing sections of the U.S. Housing Act to protect certain victims of criminal domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking as well as members of the victims and immediate families from losing their HUD-assisted housing as a consequence of the abuse of which they were the victim.

The Gila County Housing Authority has established policies to support and assist victims of domestic violence and protect tenants and family members of tenants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking from being evicted or terminated from housing assistance based on acts of such violence against them.

The Violence against Women Act (VAWA) protects tenants and family members of tenants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking from being evicted or terminated from housing assistance based on acts of such violence against them. These provisions apply to our agency administering the Section 8 programs and to owners renting to families under Section 8 rental assistance programs.

The law provides in part that criminal activity directly relating to domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, engaged in by a member of a tenants household or any guest or other person under the tenants control, shall not be cause for termination of assistance, tenancy, or occupancy rights if the tenant or an immediate member of the tenants family is the victim or threatened victim of that abuse. The law also provides that an incident or incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking will not be construed as serious or repeated violations of the lease by the victim or threatened victim of that violence and will not be good cause for termination of the assistance, tenancy, or occupancy rights of a victim of such violence.

The Gila County Housing Services is part of a Social Services networking that provides assistance to activity directly relating to domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, engaged in by a member of a household. Partnerships in the networking include Horizon Services (Safe Home) and the Community Action Program. Some of the examples of assistance are assisting in Rent or Utilities payments and assisting victims in need of help who want to remove themselves from life threatening situations. The Gila County Section 8 Program has not had any participants who have needed this help, but it is offered to many residents in the Gila County Area.

## 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* X *5-Year and/or* X *Annual PHA Plan for the PHA fiscal year beginning* 2010 *, 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.

| Civil Rights Certification | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development<br>Office of Public and Indian Housing<br>Expires 4/30/2011 |
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## Civil Rights Certification

### Annual Certification and Board Resolution

*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 Commissioner, I approve the submission of the Plan for the PHA of which this document is a part and make the following certification and agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in connection with the submission of the Plan and implementation thereof:*

The PHA certifies that it will carry out the public housing program of the agency 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, and will affirmatively further fair housing.

| Gila County Housing Authority | AZ045 |
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| PHA Name | PHA Number/HA Code |

| I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate. Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802) | |
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| Name of Authorized Official: Malissa Buzan | Title: Housing Services Director |
| Signature: | Date: 08/17/2010 |

| Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses Gila County - AZ045 | | | |
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| | **Sources** | **Planned $** | **Planned Uses** |
| 1 | ***Federal Grants (FY 2010 Grants)*** | | |
| a | Public Housing Operating Fund | $ - | |
| b | Public Housing Capital Fund | $ - | |
| c | HOPE VI Revitalization | $ - | |
| d | HOPE VI Demolition | $ - | |
| e | Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance | $ - | |
| f | Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (including any Technical Assistance funds) | $ - | |
| g | Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants | $ - | |
| h | Community Block Grant | $ - | |
| i | HOME | $ - | |
| 2 | ***Other Federal Grants (list below)*** | | |
| a | Housing Choice Voucher | $ 295,128.00 | Section 8 Client Assistance |
| b | FSS Coordinator Grant | $ - | |
| 3 | ***Prior Year Federal Grants (Unobligated funds only) (list below)*** | | |
| a | | $ - | |
| 4 | ***Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income (list below)*** | | |
| a | | $ - | |
| 5 | ***Other Income (list below)*** | | |
| a | Fraud/Recovery Collection-Section 8 | $ 500.00 | Program Operations |
| b | Section 8 Administrative Fees | $ 24,636.00 | Program Operations |
| c | Section 8 Portable Admin Fees | $ 900.00 | Program Operations |
| 6 | ***Non-federal sources (list below)*** | | |
| a | Gila County General Fund | $ 30,000.00 | Program Operations |
| | **TOTAL Resources:** | $ 351,164.00 | |