PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing	OMB No. 2577-0226 Expires 4/30/2011

1.0 PHA Information

PHA Name: City of Niagara Falls PHA Code: NY404

PHA Type: ☐ Small ☐ High Performing ☐ Standard ☒ HCV (Section 8)

PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (MM/YYYY): 01/2010

2.0 Inventory (based on ACC units at time of FY beginning in 1.0 above)

Number of PH units: _____ Number of HCV units: 788

3.0 Submission Type

☒ 5-Year and Annual Plan ☐ Annual Plan Only ☐ 5-Year Plan Only

4.0 PHA Consortia ☐ PHA Consortia: (Check box if submitting a joint Plan and complete table below.)

Participating PHAs	PHA Code	Program(s) Included in the Consortia	Programs Not in the Consortia	No. of Units in Each Program	
				PH	HCV
PHA 1:					
PHA 2:					
PHA 3:					

5.0 5-Year Plan. Complete items 5.1 and 5.2 only at 5-Year Plan update.

5.1 Mission. State the PHA's Mission for serving the needs of low-income, very low-income, and extremely low income families in the PHA's jurisdiction for the next five years:

The mission of the PHA is to promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination.

5.2 Goals and Objectives. Identify the PHA's quantifiable goals and objectives that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of low-income and very low-income, and extremely low-income families for the next five years. Include a report on the progress the PHA has made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5-Year Plan.

The goals and objectives of the PHA during the next five years are:

- Maintain or increase the availability of decent, safe and affordable housing through landlord outreach and counseling.
- Continue to increase utilization of HCV program funds and apply for additional funding when available.
- Improve SEMAP score to high performer status.
- Continue to administer a homeownership program in conjunction with Federal, state, and local resources.
- Continue to ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing by undertaking measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, and disability

The City of Niagara Falls Leased Housing Program continues to carry out its mission of promoting adequate and affordable housing, providing rental assistance to over 700 families in the City of Niagara Falls. Successful program design and management has resulted in the efficient use of program resources.

The Homeownership Program has also allowed over 15 families to become first time homeowners during the last five years.

6.0 PHA Plan Update

(a) Identify all PHA Plan elements that have been revised by the PHA since its last Annual Plan submission:

None

(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.

- Main administrative office at 1022 Main Street, Niagara Falls, New York
- Niagara Falls Public Library, 1425 Main Street, Niagara Falls, New York

7.0 Hope VI, Mixed Finance Modernization or Development, Demolition and/or Disposition, Conversion of Public Housing, Homeownership Programs, and Project-based Vouchers. *Include statements related to these programs as applicable.*

8.0 Capital Improvements. Please complete Parts 8.1 through 8.3, as applicable.

8.1	**Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report.** As part of the PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan, annually complete and submit **t**he *Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report,* form HUD-50075.1, for each current and open CFP grant and CFFP financing.
8.2	**Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan.** As part of the submission of the Annual Plan, PHAs must complete and submit the *Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan,* 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.
8.3	**Capital Fund Financing Program (CFFP).** ☐ 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.

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.

2000 Census data indicate that 76% of all renter households in the City of Niagara Falls are below 50% of the median income. Of this group, 76.3% experienced housing problems. Minority households experience a greater percent of incidence of housing problems (83.5%).

Over 54% of very low income renter households experience cost burdens (costs exceeding 50% of gross income), while overcrowding in renter units is not a major problem due to the low renter household size in the City of Niagara Falls (2.1 persons/household).

2000 Census data also indicates a high vacancy rate among housing units in Niagara Falls. However, based on previous housing conditions studies, most of the available vacant rental housing was found to be in substandard condition.

The City of Niagara Falls Section 8 waiting list also supports the need for quality affordable housing:

Statistical Breakdown Listing

Eligible Wait List Applicants

Head of Household Only

PREFERENCES		TOTALS	PERCENT
Preference 1 :		0	0
Preference 2:		0	0
Preference 3:		0	0
Preference 4:		0	0
Preference 5:		0	0
Preference 6:		0	0
No Preference		652	100
	Total Eligible:	652	

RACE/ETHNICITY	TOTALS	%
White:	328	50.31
Black:	330	50.61
Asian:	2	0.31
American Indian/ Native Alaskan:	24	3.68
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander:	4	0.61
Hispanic:	22	3.37

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ELDERLY	0 BDRM	1 BDRM	2 BDRMS	3 BDRMS	TOTALS	%
All Elderly:	0	47	5		53	8.13
Disabled/Hand i capped:	0	29	4		34	64.15

NON-ELDERL Y	0 BDRM	1 BDRM	2 BDRMS	3 BDRMS	4 BDRMS	5+ BDRMS	TOTALS	%
All Non-Elderly:	0	274	207	102	14	2	599	91.87
Disabled/Hand icapped:	0	109	50	23	2	1	185	30.88

AVERAGE INCOME

0 BDRM	1 BDRM	2 BDRMS	3 BDRMS	4 BDRMS	5+ BDRMS
$	$8,204	$10,741	$12,066	$12,321	$14,517

AGE

	Under 18	18 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 - 59	60 - 69	70 -79	80 +
Number:	0	169	161	137	117	42	20	6
Percent:	0	26	25	21	18	6	3	1

INCOME

	0-4999	5000-9999	10000-14999	15000-19999	20000-24999	25000 +
Number:	162	211	134	93	37	10
Percent:	25.04	32.61	20.71	14.37	5.72	1.55

GENDER

	Number	Percent		Number	Percent
Male:	176	26.99	Female:	476	73.01

9.1	**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.** The waiting list for the City of Niagara Falls Housing Choice Voucher Program consists of over 650 applicants and remains closed to new applicants. The PHA will continue to canvas current applicants to determine continued interest in remaining on the waiting list. Based upon program turnover and program funding, vouchers will continue to be issued in an efficient manner in order to maximize use of program resources. The PHA will apply for additional vouchers, should they become available. If the PHA determines that it has an insufficient number of applicants remaining, the waiting list will be reopened.
10.0	**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. The City of Niagara Falls Leased Housing Program continues to carry out its mission of promoting adequate and affordable housing, providing rental assistance to over 700 families in the City of Niagara Falls. Successful program design and management has resulted in the efficient use of program resources. Through ongoing landlord outreach and counseling, the PHA has been successful in maintaining the supply of affordable housing options for voucher holders. The PHA has also been successful in maintaining safe and suitable housing for program participants through ongoing inspections and communication with landlords. (b) Significant Amendment and Substantial Deviation/Modification. Provide the PHA's definition of "significant amendment" and "substantial deviation/modification" A Significant Amendment is defined as a change other than a change in agency policy or procedure that cannot be addressed in the PHA's Administrative Plan. It will not include any changes as a result of regulation changes or HUD notice. A Substantial Deviation/Modification is defined as any change that significantly changes the mission of the PHA as outlined in 5.1 or would impact the PHA goals outlined in 5.2. **VAWA Information** This information is included as required pursuant to Section 603 of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) to require PHA's 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, or stalking. The VAWA was signed into law in January 2006 and created new protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are assisted with Section 8 rental assistance programs. Niagara Falls Leased Housing has established policies to support and assist these victims of domestic violence and protect tenant and family members from being evicted or terminated from housing assistance based on acts of such violence against them. The law provides in part 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 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 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 a serious or repeated violation 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. Niagara Falls Leased Housing is utilizing the revised for HUD 52641 Housing Assistance Payments Contract and revised form HUD 52641A Tenancy Addendum. These forms have been revised to reflect the statutory requirements of VAWA that are related to the Housing Choice Voucher program. Our agency is also utilizing form HUD 50066 Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking. Information relating to VAWA is provided to tenants during initial briefing sessions and is also included in annual re-examination materials. Niagara Falls Leased Housing caseworkers have also been provided with listings of local agencies that assist victims of domestic violence. Participating landlords were notified of their rights and responsibilities of VAWA by notice sent to them in April 2007. These rights and responsibilities are also included in our Owner's Information Guide which is provided to new Housing Choice Voucher program landlords.

11.0	**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. (a) Form HUD-50077, *PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations* (which includes all certifications relating to Civil Rights) (b) Form HUD-50070, *Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace* (PHAs receiving CFP grants only) (c) Form HUD-50071, *Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions* (PHAs receiving CFP grants only) (d) Form SF-LLL, *Disclosure of Lobbying Activities* (PHAs receiving CFP grants only) (e) Form SF-LLL-A, *Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Continuation Sheet* (PHAs receiving CFP grants only) (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. (g) Challenged Elements (h) Form HUD-50075.1, *Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report* (PHAs receiving CFP grants only) (i) Form HUD-50075.2, *Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan* (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)

This information collection is authorized by Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act, which added a new section 5A to the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, which introduced 5-Year and Annual PHA Plans. The 5-Year and Annual PHA plans provide a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the PHA's operations, programs, and services, and informs HUD, families served by the PHA, and members of the public of the PHA's mission and strategies for serving the needs of low-income and very low-income families. This form is to be used by all PHA types for submission of the 5-Year and Annual Plans to HUD. Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 12.68 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. HUD may not collect this information, and respondents are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

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Instructions form HUD-50075

Applicability. This form is to be used by all Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) with Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2008 for the submission of their 5-Year and Annual Plan in accordance with 24 CFR Part 903. The previous version may be used only through April 30, 2008.

1.0 PHA Information
Include the full PHA name, PHA code, PHA type, and PHA Fiscal Year Beginning (MM/YYYY).

2.0 Inventory
Under each program, enter the number of Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) Public Housing (PH) and Section 8 units (HCV).

3.0 Submission Type
Indicate whether this submission is for an Annual and Five Year Plan, Annual Plan only, or 5-Year Plan only.

4.0 PHA Consortia
Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete the table.

5.0 Five-Year Plan
Identify the PHA's Mission, Goals and/or Objectives (24 CFR 903.6). Complete only at 5-Year update.

5.1 Mission. A statement of the mission of the public housing agency for serving the needs of low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families in the jurisdiction of the PHA during the years covered under the plan**.**

5.2 Goals and Objectives. Identify quantifiable goals and objectives that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of low income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families.

6.0 PHA Plan Update. In addition to the items captured in the Plan template, PHAs must have the elements listed below readily available to the public. Additionally, a PHA must:

(a) Identify specifically which plan elements have been revised since the PHA's prior plan submission.

(b) Identify where the 5-Year and Annual Plan may be obtained by the public. At a minimum, PHAs must post PHA Plans, including updates, at each Asset Management Project (AMP) and main office or central off ice of the PHA. PHAs are strongly encouraged to post complete PHA Plans on its official website. PHAs are also encouraged to provide each resident council a copy of its 5-Year and Annual Plan.

PHA Plan Elements. (24 CFR 903.7)

1. **Eligibility, Selection and Admissions Policies, including Deconcentration and Wait List Procedures.** Describe the PHA's policies that govern resident or tenant eligibility, selection and admission including admission preferences for both public housing and HCV and unit assignment policies for public housing; and procedures for maintaining waiting lists for admission to public housing and address any site-based waiting lists.

2. **Financial Resources.** A statement of financial resources, including a listing by general categories, of the PHA's anticipated resources, such as PHA Operating, Capital and other anticipated Federal resources available to the PHA, as well as tenant rents and other income available to support public housing or tenant-based assistance. The statement also should include the non-Federal sources of funds supporting each Federal program, and state the planned use for the resources.

3. **Rent Determination.** A statement of the policies of the PHA governing rents charged for public housing and HCV dwelling units.

4. **Operation and Management.** A statement of the rules, standards, and policies of the PHA governing maintenance management of housing owned, assisted, or operated by the public housing agency (which shall include measures necessary for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation, including cockroaches), and management of the PHA and programs of the PHA.

5. **Grievance Procedures.** A description of the grievance and informal hearing and review procedures that the PHA makes available to its residents and applicants.

6. **Designated Housing for Elderly and Disabled Families.** With respect to public housing projects owned, assisted, or operated by the PHA, describe any projects (or portions thereof), in the upcoming fiscal year, that the PHA has designated or will apply for designation for occupancy by elderly and disabled families. The description shall include the following information: **1**) development name and number; **2**) designation type; **3**) application status; **4**) date the designation was approved, submitted, or planned for submission, and; **5**) the number of units affected.

7. **Community Service and Self-Sufficiency.** A description of: (**1**) Any programs relating to services and amenities provided or offered to assisted families; (**2**) Any policies or programs of the PHA for the enhancement of the economic and social self-sufficiency of assisted families, including programs under Section 3 and FSS; **(3)** How the PHA will comply with the requirements of community service and treatment of income changes resulting from welfare program requirements. **(Note: applies to only public housing).**

8. **Safety and Crime Prevention.** For public housing only, describe the PHA's plan for safety and crime prevention to ensure the safety of the public housing residents. The statement must include: (i) A description of the need for measures to ensure the safety of public housing residents; (ii) A description of any crime prevention activities conducted or to be conducted by the PHA; and (iii) A description of the coordination between the PHA and the appropriate police precincts for carrying out crime prevention measures and activities.

9. **Pets.** A statement describing the PHAs policies and requirements pertaining to the ownership of pets in public housing.

10. **Civil Rights Certification.** A PHA will be considered in compliance with the Civil Rights and AFFH Certification if: it can document that it examines its programs and proposed programs to identify any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs; addresses those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available; works with the local jurisdiction to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing; and assures that the annual plan is consistent with any applicable Consolidated Plan for its jurisdiction.

11. **Fiscal Year Audit.** The results of the most recent fiscal year audit for the PHA.

12. **Asset Management.** A statement of how the agency will carry out its asset management functions with respect to the public housing inventory of the agency, including how the agency will plan for the long-term operating, capital investment, rehabilitation, modernization, disposition, and other needs for such inventory.

13. **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).** A description of: **1)** Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by an agency, either directly or in partnership with other service providers, to child or adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; **2)** Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by a PHA that helps child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, to obtain or maintain housing; and **3)** Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by a public housing agency to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, or to enhance victim safety in assisted families.

7.0 Hope VI, Mixed Finance Modernization or Development, Demolition and/or Disposition, Conversion of Public Housing, Homeownership Programs, and Project-based Vouchers

(a) Hope VI or Mixed Finance Modernization or Development. **1)** A description of any housing (including project number (if known) and unit count) for which the PHA will apply for HOPE VI or Mixed Finance Modernization or Development; and **2)** A timetable for the submission of applications or proposals. The application and approval process for Hope VI, Mixed Finance Modernization or Development, is a separate process. See guidance on HUD's website at: http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/hope6/index.cfm

(b) Demolition and/or Disposition. With respect to public housing projects owned by the PHA and subject to ACCs under the Act: **(1)** A description of any housing (including project number and unit numbers [or addresses]), and the number of affected units along with their sizes and accessibility features) for which the PHA will apply or is currently pending for demolition or disposition; and **(2)** A timetable for the demolition or disposition. The application and approval process for demolition and/or disposition is a separate process. See guidance on HUD's website at: http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/centers/sac/demo_dispo/index.cfm
Note: This statement must be submitted to the extent **that approved and/or pending** demolition and/or disposition has changed.

(c) Conversion of Public Housing. With respect to public housing owned by a PHA: **1)** A description of any building or buildings (including project number and unit count) that the PHA is required to convert to tenant-based assistance or that the public housing agency plans to voluntarily convert; **2)** An analysis of the projects or buildings required to be converted; and **3)** A statement of the amount of assistance received under this chapter to be used for rental assistance or other housing assistance in connection with such conversion. See guidance on HUD's website at: http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/centers/sac/conversion.cfm

(d) Homeownership. A description of any homeownership (including project number and unit count) administered by the agency or for which the PHA has applied or will apply for approval.

(e) Project-based Vouchers. If the PHA wishes to use the project-based voucher program, a statement of the projected number of project-based units and general locations and how project basing would be consistent with its PHA Plan.

8.0 Capital Improvements. This section provides information on a PHA's Capital Fund Program. With respect to public housing projects owned, assisted, or operated by the public housing agency, a plan describing the capital improvements necessary to ensure long-term physical and social viability of the projects must be completed along with the required forms. Items identified in 8.1 through 8.3, must be signed where directed and transmitted electronically along with the PHA's Annual Plan submission.

8.1 Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report. PHAs must complete the *Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report* (form HUD-50075.1), for each Capital Fund Program (CFP) to be undertaken with the current year's CFP funds or with CFFP proceeds. Additionally, the form shall be used for the following purposes:

(a) To submit the initial budget for a new grant or CFFP;

(b) To report on the Performance and Evaluation Report progress on any open grants previously funded or CFFP; and

(c) To record a budget revision on a previously approved open grant or CFFP, e.g., additions or deletions of work items, modification of budgeted amounts that have been undertaken since the submission of the last Annual Plan. The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report must be submitted annually.

Additionally, PHAs shall complete the Performance and Evaluation Report section (see footnote 2) of the *Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation* (form HUD-50075.1), at the following times:

1. At the end of the program year; until the program is completed or all funds are expended;

2. When revisions to the Annual Statement are made, which do not require prior HUD approval, (e.g., expenditures for emergency work, revisions resulting from the PHAs application of fungibility); and

3. Upon completion or termination of the activities funded in a specific capital fund program year.

8.2 Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

PHAs must submit the *Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan* (form HUD-50075.2) for the entire PHA portfolio for the first year of participation in the CFP and annual update thereafter to eliminate the previous year and to add a new fifth year (rolling basis) so that the form always covers the present five-year period beginning with the current year.

8.3 Capital Fund Financing Program (CFFP). Separate, written HUD approval is required if the PHA proposes to pledge any

portion of its CFP/RHF funds to repay debt incurred to finance capital improvements. The PHA must identify in its Annual and 5-year capital plans the amount of the annual payments required to service the debt. The PHA must also submit an annual statement detailing the use of the CFFP proceeds. See guidance on HUD's website at: http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/cffp.cfm

9.0 Housing Needs. Provide a statement of the housing needs of families residing in the jurisdiction served by the PHA and the means by which the PHA intends, to the maximum extent practicable, to address those needs. **(Note:** Standard and Troubled PHAs complete annually; Small and High Performers complete only for Annual Plan submitted with the 5-Year Plan).

9.1 Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs. Provide a 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:** Standard and Troubled PHAs complete annually; Small and High Performers complete only for Annual Plan submitted with the 5-Year Plan).

10.0 Additional Information. Describe the following, as well as any additional information requested by HUD:

(a) Progress in Meeting Mission and Goals. PHAs must include (i) a statement of the PHAs progress in meeting the mission and goals described in the 5-Year Plan; (ii) the basic criteria the PHA will use for determining a significant amendment from its 5-year Plan; and a significant amendment or modification to its 5-Year Plan and Annual Plan**. (Note: Standard and Troubled PHAs complete annually; Small and High Performers complete only for Annual Plan submitted with the 5-Year Plan).**

(b) Significant Amendment and Substantial Deviation/Modification. PHA must provide the definition of "significant amendment" and "substantial deviation/modification". **(Note: Standard and Troubled PHAs complete annually; Small and High Performers complete only for Annual Plan submitted with the 5-Year Plan.)**

(c) PHAs must include or reference any applicable memorandum of agreement with HUD or any plan to improve performance. **(Note: Standard and Troubled PHAs complete annually).**

11.0 Required Submission for HUD Field Office Review. In order to be a complete package, PHAs must submit items (a) through (g), with signature by mail or electronically with scanned signatures. Items (h) and (i) shall be submitted electronically as an attachment to the PHA Plan.

(a) Form HUD-50077, *PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations*

(b) Form HUD-50070, *Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace* **(PHAs receiving CFP grants only)**

(c) Form HUD-50071, *Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions* **(PHAs receiving CFP grants only)**

(d) Form SF-LLL, *Disclosure of Lobbying Activities* **(PHAs receiving CFP grants only)**

(e) Form SF-LLL-A, *Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Continuation Sheet* **(PHAs receiving CFP grants only)**

(f) Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments.

(g) Challenged Elements. Include any element(s) of the PHA Plan that is challenged.

(h) Form HUD-50075.1**, *Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report* (Must be attached electronically for PHAs receiving CFP grants only).** See instructions in 8.1.

(i) Form HUD-50075.2, *Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan* **(Must be attached electronically for PHAs receiving CFP grants only).** See instructions in 8.2.

PHA Certifications of Compliance with PHA Plans and Related

Regulations

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing Expires 4/30/2011

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 XX 5-Year and/orXX Annual PHA Plan for the PHAjiscal year beginning 1/1/2010 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 ofImpediments 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)(l).
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 V ery- 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 ofOMB 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.

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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 V.S.c. 1001. 1010, 1012; 31 *V.S.C.* 3729, 3802)

Name of Authorized Official	Title
Paul A. Dyster	Mayor
Signature	Date
	10/15/09

Attachment F

11.0 (f) Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments:

Received an inquiry regarding the opening of the Section 8 Waiting List.

PHA Analysis of RAB Comments:

The current administrative policy regarding closing the waiting list states that the PHA may discontinue receiving applications if there are enough applicants to fill anticipated openings for the next 24 months. The PHA will open the waiting list in accordance with regulation and policy when it is determined that there are an insufficient number of applicants on its waiting list.

The PHA is currently conducting a canvas (purge) of applicants on the waiting list in accordance with administrative policy to ensure that all applicant information is current and accurate at the time of selection from the waiting list.

The PHA previously closed the waiting list due to the administrative burden of maintaining a large waiting list. Due to the volume of applicants, the maintenance of applicant information and the required wait times became unreasonable and difficult to manage effectively.

The PHA continually monitors the need for the reopening of the waiting list. However, the PHA does not intend to make a change to its Selection and Admissions policies at this time based upon this comment