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# 2015 PHA ANNUAL PLAN AND 5 YEAR PLAN

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#### **Executive Summary of Annual Plan**

The Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), Division of Housing (DOH) works with a variety of partners to increase the availability of affordable housing to residents of Colorado. DOLA Housing Division provides grants, loans, rental subsidies and bond authority to local governments, housing authorities, non-profit organizations, for-profit and non-profit developers, private landlords and other organizations to create, preserve and rehabilitate housing for Colorado's workers, families, seniors and those with special needs.

The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program is a major federal government program which assists very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Based on federal requirements, DOH must provide 75 percent of its vouchers to applicants whose incomes that are lower than 30 percent of the area median income. Median income levels are published by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and vary by location.

DOH is the statewide PHA designated to administer the HCV Program in Colorado. DOH currently administers 6,783 Housing Choice Vouchers, 560 Shelter Plus Care Vouchers and over 200 State Housing Vouchers statewide. DOH provides assistance to persons who are low income, who are disabled, or have other special needs. DOH also administers a HCV Homeownership Program to promote opportunities for families to become homeowners.

DOH must comply with requirements of HUD regarding activities as a Public Housing Agency (PHA), including the development of both a 5-year PHA Plan and Annual Plan. Much of the plan is developed based on federal requirements. Each year, the Annual Plan is based on the premise that if we accomplish our goals and objectives, we will be working towards the achievement of our mission. The statements and policies set forth in the Annual Plan all reflect the accomplishments of our 5-Year Plan goals and objectives. Taken as a whole, these policies and accomplishments outline a comprehensive approach consistent with the Consolidated Plan.

As part of the Agency Plan review process, DOH appoints a Resident Advisory Board which reviews and comments on components of the Agency Plan as well as the DOH Administrative Plan. DOH appoints all Housing Choice Voucher Program participants to the Resident Advisory Board (RAB). The Plan is posted on DOH's website for a 45-day review period for public comment and is also available at the local housing provider's office. The Advisory Board's comments are included in the Final Plan.

DOH tries to enhance our customer service by continuously working with staff to employ quality work practices and initiatives. In addition, DOH applies for additional HCV funding as Notifications of Funding Availability (NOFA) announcements are issued by HUD. DOH strives to improve the quality of life for the participants in our programs and ensure that only those who are truly qualified continue to be assisted, with efforts to identify and counteract instances of fraud. In summary, DOH is continuously working to provide quality affordable housing for extremely low and very low income households in Colorado by operating a high quality Housing Choice Voucher program.

#### Introduction

#### Constitutional and Statutory Authority

Title 24, Article 32, Section 702, C.R.S.

#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Department of Local Affairs (DOLS), Division of Housing (DOH) is to ensure that Coloradans live in safe, decent, and affordable housing. We do this by helping communities meet their housing goals.

#### Vision Statement

With stakeholders, create a strategic direction for the DOLA Housing Division to improve the state's impact on affordable housing.

To assist in meeting the affordable housing needs within the State of Colorado, DOLA Housing Division administers the following grant, loan, and bond authority as well as manufactured housing programs:

- HOME Investment Partnership Grant/Loan Program
- Community Development Block Grant Program
- Emergency Solutions Grant Program
- Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS Grant Program
- Housing Development Grant (HDG) Program
- Housing Development Loan Fund (HDLF)
- Shelter Plus Care Housing Program
- Private Activity Bonds (balance of State) Program
- Housing Choice Voucher, Homeownership and Family Self-Sufficiency Program
- Manufactured Housing Dealer Registration Program
- Inspection and certification programs for all factory-built (modular) housing, commercial structures, and manufactured homes
- Consumer complaint service program for factory/manufactured structures
- Manufactured Home Installation Program
- Homeless Prevention Tax Check Off Program
- Fort Lyon Supportive Housing Program

<u>Colorado State Housing Board</u>: The Colorado State Housing Board (the Board) was created in 1970 to advise the General Assembly, the Governor, and the DOLA Housing Division on Colorado housing needs. The seven member Board reviews financing requests and adopts policies to assist in the development of affordable housing. The Board also adopts regulations governing factory built structures and multifamily housing in counties with no codes.

<u>Preparation of the DOLA Housing Division Strategic Plan</u>: DOLA Housing Division develops two housing plans annually that assist in setting the strategic plan for the Division. The State Consolidated Plan and the Housing Choice Voucher Agency Plan identify DOLA Housing Division strategies and goals to address affordable housing needs in Colorado communities. DOLA Housing Division relies on a number of resources and publications to identify the greatest needs for affordable housing in Colorado. These sources include a quarterly vacancy survey report, foreclosure report, household

income report, housing needs assessments, US census building permits, unemployment reports, economic growth report, public housing waiting lists and the homeless vulnerability index. Information from these reports is supplemented by data from the DOLA demography section and outside sources. All the information referenced above is utilized in preparing the DOLA Housing Division Strategic Plan.

DOLA Housing Division also has a Community Housing Assistance Team, or "CHATS" staff that works one-on-one with local communities throughout Colorado to identify housing needs, prepare housing strategies, identify potential housing projects and create financing packages for new housing and to preserve existing housing. The team has staff in Denver and in three field offices in Colorado. The CHATS work with other affordable housing funders (Colorado Housing Finance Authority, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Rural Development, Mercy Housing, Enterprise Foundation, etc.) to identify and maintain a pipeline of potential affordable housing projects.

*Livability Focus:* DOLA, in partnership with local governments and the public and private sector, is strategically linking each of its programs to improve people's lives in five areas: jobs, housing, transportation, education and environment. This is accomplished by leveraging program dollars and staff consultation within DOLA for our partners and stakeholders as well as strengthening coordination of services and funding resources from other state agencies. DOLA Housing Division's leadership and participation in this effort is essential.

Because safe and affordable housing is fundamental to the ultimate success of all Colorado communities, DOLA Housing Division will target a number of key objectives with the greatest emphasis on providing housing to those earning less than 50% of the Area Median Income.

#### Division of Housing Customers

Private for-profit and nonprofit housing organizations Housing authorities Colorado renters and homeowners Housing manufacturers Owners and potential owners of factory-built residential and non-residential structures Nonprofit independent living agencies Mental health agencies Chronically homeless individuals

#### Fund Sources for Division of Housing – FY 2014-15

#### **State**

General Fund Private Activity Bond Allocation Cash Funds Homeless Prevention Activities Program Cash Funds Building Regulation Cash Funds Local Government Energy & Mineral Impact Funds Local Government Severance Tax Funds

#### **Federal**

Community Development Block Grant Funds HUD-VA Grant Funds Department of Justice Grant Funds Department of Housing and Urban Development Grant Funds

PHA	A 5-Year and		ment of Housing and	Urban	O	MB No. 25	
Annual Plan		Development			Expires 4/30/2011		
		Office of Pu	blic and Indian Hous	sing			
1.0	PHA Information         PHA Name: _The Colorad         PHA Type: □ Small         ○ HCV (Section 8)         PHA Fiscal Year Beginnin	$\boxtimes$	High Performing	PHA	Code: _ ] Standa		
2.0	<b>Inventory</b> (based on ACC Number of PH units:				of HCV	units: _6	,783
3.0	Submission Type S-Year and Annual Pla		Annual Pl				ear Plan
4.0	<b>PHA Consortia</b> PHA below.)	Consortia: ( <b>(</b>	Check box if submitt	ing a joint Plar	and co	omplete ta	ıble
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	PHA 1: PHA 2:						
	PHA 3:						
5.0	5-Year Plan. Complete ite	ems 5.1 and	5.2 only at 5-Year Pl	lan update.			
5.1	and affordable hou Goals and Objectives. In PHA to serve the needs of for the next five years. In	sing. lentify the Pl low-income clude a repor	and very low-incom t on the progress the	als and objecti ae, and extreme	ves that ely low-	t will enal	ble the amilies
	and objectives described in <u>5 Year Plan Goals:</u>	n the previou	is 5-Year Plan.				
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	• Establishing and applying funding priorities for developing housing for households
	<ul><li>with the lowest incomes</li><li>Resources for additional special needs housing</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>Resources for additional special needs housing</li> <li>Resources for rental housing assistance</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Educational activities (e.g. Section 8 training, Developer's Tool Kit, Advanced</li> </ul>
	Financing, etc.)
	Housing Goal #2: Fulfill Division's regulatory role as a statewide housing authority.
	Perform required housing authority functions to include:
	Strategies:
	• Manage housing under its jurisdiction
	• Manage lease rates to be most cost-effective based on HUD Section 8 performance
	<ul> <li>measures and current budget allocation</li> <li>Maximize the division's voucher rate while serving households with the lowest</li> </ul>
	incomes as well as those with disabled household members
	<ul> <li>Maintain a minimum reporting rate in Public Information Center (PIC) of 98%</li> </ul>
	Housing Goal #3: Ensure that all consumers, service providers, and stakeholders receive
	professional, high quality, and respectful service.
	Strategies:
	• Create and distribute a tenant newsletter
	<ul> <li>Increase technical assistance and monitoring of contractors to include creation of a "troubled agency" plan.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Increase training opportunities for current contractors on HCV rules and regulations</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Continue providing Fair Housing Training sessions statewide</li> </ul>
	PHA Plan Update
	(a) Identify all PHA Plan elements that have been revised by the PHA since its last Annual Plan submission:
	submission.
	1. Eligibility, Selection and Admissions Policies, including de-concentration and Wait List
	Procedures
	• No substantive changes were made
6.0	2. Financial Resources
0.0	No substantive changes were made
	3. Rent Determination
	No substantive changes were made
	4. Operation and Management
	<ul> <li>No substantive changes were made</li> <li>5. Grievance Procedures</li> </ul>
	No substantive changes were made
	6. Designated Housing for Elderly and Disabled Families-N/A
	7. Community Service and Self-Sufficiency-N/A
	8. Safety and Crime Prevention- N/A
	9. Pets-N/A
	10. Civil Rights Certification
	<ul> <li>No substantive changes were made</li> <li>11. Fiscal Year Audit</li> </ul>
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	• No audit findings since last plan.
	12. Asset Management-N/A
	13. Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) DOLA/DOH has adopted a policy to implement applicable provisions of the
	Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). DOLA/DOH strives to serve the
	needs of all victims of domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, as
	defined in VAWA.
	VAWA affords certain protections to an applicant or participant who is or
	has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. The act
	goes on to say that one of the previous mentions criteria is not an appropriate
	basis for denial of program assistance or for denial of admission of an
	otherwise qualified applicant. Therefore, The Colorado Department of
	Human Services will not deny program assistance or terminate program
	assistance to an individual who is or has been a victim of domestic violence,
	dating violence, or stalking because of charges or information linked to that
	violence.
	All applicants are briefed upon entry to the program recording the
	All applicants are briefed upon entry to the program regarding the protections under VAWA. Additionally, each termination notice informs
	tenants of their ability to declare protection under VAWA, if applicable.
	tenants of their ability to declare protection under VIXVIX, if applicable.
	DOLA/DOH will work with each individual victim to identify agencies,
	activities, services or programs that may be available to help child and adult
	victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to
	enhance victim safety and to maintain housing for assisted families.
	In addition, The State of Colorado has a program called, the Address
	Confidentiality Program (ACP). This program provides survivors of domestic
	violence, sexual offenses, stalking and/or harassment with a means to prevent
	abusers and potential abusers from locating them through public records.
	Enrollment in the ACP provides survivors with a legal, substitute address, which
	may be used as a residential, school, and work address, and a first-class mail
	forwarding service.
	(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.
	<ul> <li>Division of Housing</li> </ul>
	1313 Sherman St. Room 319
	Denver, CO 80203
	<u>http://dola.colorado.gov/doh-publications</u>
	Hope VI, Mixed Finance Modernization or Development, Demolition and/or Disposition,
7.0	<b>Conversion of Public Housing, Homeownership Programs, and Project-based Vouchers.</b> <i>Include statements related to these programs as applicable.</i>
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	Homeownership Program:
	On October 22, 1999, Supportive Housing Programs (SHP), now known as The Division of
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Housing (DOH) submitted a letter to Secretary Lucas requesting authority to develop a Section 8 homeownership program for persons with disabilities and other special needs using Section 8 vouchers under the Draft Rule 24 CFR Parts 982 and 984, docket number FR-4427-P-01.

In its proposal to HUD, DOH demonstrated the capacity to administer a homeownership program and addressed key issues for HUD to consider:

- A. Underwriting guidelines
- B. Private contractor and Housing Quality Standards inspections
- C. Mortgage default
- D. Homeownership counseling
- E. Choice of home
- F. First time homebuyer exemptions

In a letter dated January 3, 2000, HUD authorized SHHP/DOH to conduct a Section 8 homeownership demonstration project in accordance with the statute and HUD's Section 8 homeownership proposed rule. On October 27, 2003, DOH submitted a letter to Gerald Benoit, Director of Housing Voucher Management Operation Division, informing HUD that effective November 1, 2003, DOH would begin operating its Section 8 homeownership program for both disabled and non-disabled participants in accordance with the statute and requirements of the Final Rule for the Housing Choice Voucher Program option, published October 18, 2002.

DOH has demonstrated capacity to administer a homeownership program as evidenced by the fact that as of January 2013, DOH has 155 current active homeowners in the program.

#### **Project–Based Voucher (PBV) Program:**

DOH reserves the right to allocate up to 20 percent of its Housing Choice Vouchers for the potential use under the Project Based Vouchers Assistance Program. The proposed units may be located throughout DOH's jurisdiction. This potential reallocation of the Project Based Assistance is consistent with DOH's Agency Plan and goal of providing quality affordable housing to low income families and will increase housing choices for these families. The locations will be consistent with goals of de-concentrating poverty and expanding housing and economic opportunities in accordance with HUD and the DOH Administrative Plan. Project basing is being pursued to compliment the goal to end homelessness and link supportive services to housing.

DOH currently administers 218 units of project based voucher assistance to special needs populations statewide.

Current Locations:

- 6 units in Larimer County for people exiting the prison system with mental health disabilities. (AIIMS)
- o 4 units in Larimer County for persons with disabilities. (Touchstone)
- 10 units in Denver for homeless youth. (Urban Peak)
- 4 units in Pueblo for homeless individuals. (Spanish Peaks)
- 100 units in Denver for homeless individuals. (Colorado Coalition for the Homeless)
- o 16 units for homeless veterans in Pueblo. (VASH)
- o 25 units for homeless veterans in Denver. (VASH)
- o 35 units for persons with disabilities in Longmont. (Mental Health Partners)
- 18 units for persons with disabilities and individuals needing services in Lafayette. (Imagine)

DOH recently issued a request for applications to provide up to 170 additional PBV units for

	Permanent Supportive Housing Programs.					
8.0	Capital Improvements. Please complete Parts 8.1 through 8.3, as applicable. N/A					
	Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report. As part of					
8.1	the PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan, annually complete and submit the Capital Fund Program					
	Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report, form HUD-50075.1, for each current and					
	open CFP grant and CFFP financing.					
	N/A					
	Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan. As part of the submission of the Annual Plan,					
8.2	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. N/A					
0.2	Capital Fund Financing Program (CFFP).					
8.3	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.					
	N/A					
	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.					
	Top Housing and Community Development Needs					
	The Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) conducted an online survey of local, state and					
	federal government officials, self-employed individuals, housing authorities, nonprofit					
9.0	organizations, advocacy groups, private consulting firms, businesses and private citizens. Two					
2.0	hundred and fifty eight (258) persons responded.					
	Survey participants identified the top five needs (most often selected) of their communities as					
	follows:					
	<ol> <li>Affordable Housing 185 (16%)</li> <li>Transportation 120 (11%)</li> </ol>					
	3. Economic Assistance for Small Business Development/Business Retention 105					
	(9%)					
	3. Homeless Services/Shelters 106 (9%)					
	4. Neighborhood Renewals or Revitalization 101 (9%)					
	5. Public Facility/Capital Improvements 67 (6%)					
	In Colorado, 186,217 <sup>1</sup> households relied on SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) to put					
	food on the table last year, according to the new American Community Survey Census data.					
	That was roughly 9.3 percent of all Colorado households. Among these struggling families					
	are:					
	• <b>Seniors:</b> 21 percent of households had at least one senior over the age of 60.					
	• <b>Children:</b> 56 percent of households had at least one child under the age of 18.					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Colorado Fiscal Institute, Poverty among Colorado Families :http://www.coloradofiscal.org

- **People with Disabilities:** 41 percent of households had a person with a disability.
- **Workers:** 82 percent of households had at least one worker, while 32 percent had two or more.

# Persons with Disabilities

Colorado's economy has created new and difficult housing challenges for the State's special needs population. "Persons with Disabilities" include individuals with chronic mental illness, physical disabilities, developmental disabilities, drug and/or alcohol addiction, HIV/AIDS, and other multiple diagnoses. This population generally is unable, due to their disability, to hold full-time employment, has higher than normal medical expenses, may require assistance in activities of daily living (e.g. cooking, cleaning, personal care, etc.), and most significantly, has limited income that provides them few options in housing. Their ability to compete in the housing market for affordable and appropriate housing is limited in many cases not only by their lack of income, but also by their need for special accommodations. Many special needs populations are losing ground.

In the year 2011, an estimated 23.1 percent of non-institutionalized persons aged 21 to 64 years with a disability in Colorado were living below the poverty line.<sup>2</sup> For many individuals, Supplemental Security Income benefits (SSI) provide the bulk of their income. Colorado's maximum monthly SSI benefit is \$710. According to a 2012 study by the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, *Priced Out in 2012*, the average national rent was greater than the amount of income received by persons with disabilities from the SSI program. Specifically, the average rent for a modest one-bedroom rental unit in Colorado was equal to 104 percent of SSI benefits.

# **Homeless Needs**

Poverty increases the risk of homelessness. The housing market crisis, predatory lending, and the loss of jobs have all contributed to poverty and impacted families' well-being, and stability. In 2012 there were 694,842 Coloradans – or 13.7 percent – living in poverty, the Census report shows. Tragically, over 18 percent of Colorado's children were living in poverty last year, much higher than at the start of the recession in 2007, when it was 15.9 percent.<sup>3</sup>

The results of the last *statewide* homeless count found that there were an estimated 9,358 homeless men, women and children in January 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Erickson, W., Lee, C., von Schrader, S. (2013). Disability Statistics from the 2011 American Community Survey (ACS). Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Employment and Disability Institute (EDI). Retrieved Dec 27, 2013 from www.disabilitystatistics.org

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Colorado Fiscal Institute, Poverty among Colorado Families :http://www.coloradofiscal.org

	Point-in-time total homeless individuals,		
	children, and families: January, 2013	Homeless Veterans	Chronically Homeless Individ
Seven County			
Metropolitan			
Area (MDHI)	11,167	626	
Colorado Springs			
(El Paso County)	1,171	150	
Balance of State			
(56 remaining			
counties)	2,327	177	
Statewide total:	14,665	953	
	Point-in-time total homeless individuals,		
	children, and families: January, 2014	Homeless Veterans	Chronically Homeless Individ
Seven County			
Metropolitan	5.040	407	
Area (MDHI)	5,812	437	
Colorado Springs	1.010	445	
(El Paso County)	1,219	145	
Balance of State			
(56 remaining	0.007	4-7-7	
counties)*	<u>2.327</u>		
Statewide total:	9,358	759	

**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.** 

9.1 DOH is committed to serving Colorado's citizens who are most in need. DOH will continue to provide preference on its Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List to individuals who have a disability, are homeless, are victims of domestic violence and individuals who are exiting an institutional setting.

In addition, DOH has a Homeless Prevention Team which provides leadership on homelessness and housing in partnership with local, state and federal stakeholders to build, promote and support collaborative approaches that will connect housing and services to meet the needs of the most vulnerable citizens in Colorado

**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.

# Update on progress on previous 5 Year Plan Goals:

*Goal 1:* Maintain and expand permanent funding resources for programs designed to decrease and prevent homelessness in Colorado.

<u>Objective 2:</u> DOH was awarded renewal funding for all of its current Shelter Plus Care Grants that serve homeless individuals with disabilities along with the award of another 160 units. DOH also received 85 new VASH vouchers to serve homeless veterans.

*Goal 2:* Maximize utilization and expand housing resources for special needs population in Colorado.

*Objective 1:* DOH was awarded 85 Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Vouchers in 2012.

<u>Objective 2:</u> DOH is currently working with several community agencies exploring the possibility of project basing additional vouchers. In preparation of this, a request for applications was issued on January 16, 2015.

*Goal 3:* Ensure comprehensive and prompt compliance with current and new regulatory requirements within the housing and homeless environment to improve programmatic and operational efficiencies.

<u>Objective 2:</u> DOH received a SEMAP score of "high performer" for last fiscal year. <u>Objective 3:</u> DOH achieved a 100% successful on-time submission rate on all VMS reports.

<u>*Objective 4:*</u> DOH currently has a PIC reporting rate of over 100%.

<u>*Goal 5:*</u> Ensure that all consumers, service providers, and stakeholders receive professional, high quality, and respectful service.

<u>Objective 2:</u> DOH is in the process of developing a tiered level of technical support that can be tailored to a specific agency's needs.

*Objective 3:* DOH hopes to continue the tenant newsletter in 2015 along with the landlord newsletter.

Objective 4:

- DOH provides ongoing training and guidance partner agencies through frequent procedural trainings, regular updates, and electronic notices. DOH also solicits regular feedback from partner agencies in an effort to help increase quality performance.
- DOH designed and presented a disability awareness training which focused on disability related topics such as fair housing, and reasonable accommodations in 2013.

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

deviation/modification"

#### Substantial Deviation:

• A substantial change in a goal(s) identified in the Five-Year Plan. For example, adding or deleting a goal.

# Significant Amendment/Modification:

• Significant modifications to major strategies to address housing needs and to major policies (e.g., policies governing eligibility, selection or admissions and rent determination) or programs (e.g., demolition or disposition, designation, homeownership programs or conversion activities).

Required Submission for HUD Field Office Review. In addition to the PHA Plan template (HUD-11. 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)

#### Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Narrative

The Department of Local Affairs appointed all program participants to its Resident Advisory Board. Notification of the RAB review period and all related documents were made available to all program participants at their local housing agency.

No comments were received

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.

**Privacy Act Notice.** The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to solicit the information requested in this form by virtue of Title 12, U.S. Code, Section 1701 et seq., and regulations promulgated thereunder at Title 12, Code of Federal Regulations. Responses to the collection of information are required to obtain a benefit or to retain a benefit. The information requested does not lend itself to confidentiality

#### 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)

 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).
- 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.

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

Hope VI or Mixed Finance Modernization or Development. (a) 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.c fm

Note: This statement must be submitted to the extent that approved and/or pending demolition and/or disposition has changed.

Conversion of Public Housing. With respect to public (c) 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
    - To record a budget revision on a previously approved open (c) 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;
- When revisions to the Annual Statement are made, 2. 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 5year 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 vits 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.