5-Year PHA Plan (for All PHAs)

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

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Purpose. 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, goals and objectives for serving the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families

Applicability. Form HUD-50075-5Y is to be completed once every 5 PHA fiscal years by all PHAs.

A.	PHA Information.						
A.1	PHA Name:Vermont	State Housing	Authority		PHA Code:	VT901	
	PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning: (MM/YYYY): 10/01/2019 PHA Plan Submission Type: 5-Year Plan Submission Availability of Information. In addition to the items listed in this form, PHAs must have the elements listed below readily available to the public. A PHA must identify the specific location(s) where the proposed PHA Plan Elements, and all information relevant to the public hearing and proposed PHA Plan are available for inspection by the public. Additionally, the PHA must provide information on how the public may reasonably obtain additional information on the PHA policies contained in the standard Annual Plan, but excluded from their streamlined submissions. At a minimum, PHAs must post PHA Plans, including updates, at each Asset Management Project (AMP) and main office or central office of the PHA. PHAs are strongly encouraged to post complete PHA Plans on their official websites. PHAs are also encouraged to provide each resident council a copy of their PHA Plans. Copies of the PHA Plan are available at VSHA located at: One Prospect Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 VSHA's website: www.vsha.org Contact person: Amber Neddo at 802-828-3020 or amber@vsha.org						
	Particinating PHAs		No. of Un	Units in Each Program			
	Lead PHA:	Code	Consortia	Consortia	PH	HCV	
В.	5-Year Plan. Required for all PHAs completing this form.						
B.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 Vermont State Housing Authority's (VSHA) core Mission is to promote and expand the supply of affordable rental and home-ownership opportunities on a statewide basis. Each new endeavor will enhance or increase the organization's capacity to continue its core Mission and to assure the effectiveness of VSHA as a provider and administrator of affordable housing programs."						

- **B.2** Goals and Objectives. Identify the PHA's quantifiable goals and objectives that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families for the next five years.
 - 1. Expand the supply of assisted housing
 - Apply for additional rental vouchers when opportunity arises
 - Through the expansion of the PBV program, leverage private and public funds to create additional housing opportunities
 - Partnering with towns and municipalities and the Community Development Block Grant program to develop innovative programs, including Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) and Rental Rehabilitation programs
 - 2. Improve the quality and efficiency of assisted housing administration
 - Obtain a SEMAP score equaling "high performer"
 - Research, develop and implement a paperless file management system
 - Research, develop and implement an on-line application system
 - Maintain compliance with the department's file review quality control program
 - Conduct quality control HQS inspections to monitor the quality of HQS inspections conducted by program staff
 - 3. Increase assisted housing choice
 - Conduct outreach efforts to recruit new landlords
 - Continue to promote Homeownership program
 - Continue to expand the Project-Based Voucher program
 - 4. Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of families and individuals
 - Increase enrollments in FSS and Homeownership programs
 - 5. Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing, in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Administrative Plan, including:
 - Taking affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex familial status, and disability;
 - Actively serve on the state of Vermont's Fair Housing Committee, a committee of the Vermont Housing Council. The Fair Housing Committee is comprised of representatives from numerous housing agencies, the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs and the Human Rights Commission and work collaboratively on fair housing initiatives and assist in identifying impediments to fair housing choice.
 - Continue working with the HRC to promote Vermont's law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of receipt of public assistance, including housing assistance.
 - Undertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all varieties of disabilities regardless of housing choice or unit size required.
 - 6. Reduce non-compliance and fraud by program participants
 - Investigate cases of suspicion of non-compliance by participant families, landlords / property owner
 - Working with the HUD Inspector General and US Attorney for the Vermont, prosecute (when appropriate) egregious cases of fraud, demanding repayment of federal subsidy

B.3 Progress Report. Include a report on the progress the PHA has made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5-Year Plan.

VSHA Continues to make good progress in carrying out and furthering its mission, "to promote and expand the supply of affordable rental and homeownership opportunities on a statewide basis".

Over the past five years we have accomplished the following:

- 1. Designated "High Performer" under HUDs Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) for the period ending 9/30/19, as well as for the past consecutive five years;
- 2. Applied for and received an additional 208 housing vouchers:
- Mainstream Housing Program, 45 vouchers
- Family Unification Program (FUP), 59 vouchers
- Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program (VASH), 49 vouchers
- Housing Conversion Actions: VSHA was awarded 55 Tenant-Protection vouchers for families residing at a public housing project administered by Brattleboro HA, Melrose Terrace)
- 3. Awarded and contracted an additional 275 Project-Based Voucher units;
- 4. Graduated 72 individuals from Family Self Sufficiency, disbursing a total of \$580,403 in escrow funds;
- 5. In partnership with the NeighborWorks Homeownership Centers, Supported 33 families in achieving homeownership through VSHA's Section 8 For Homeownership Program;
- 6. VSHA is the collaborative applicant for the State of Vermont's Balance of State Continuum of Care programs, and is grantee for 4 projects, administering approximately \$3 million dollars annually in Continuum of Care homeless funding, including Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids;
- 7. Applied for and received funding under the Youth Homeless Demonstration Program;
- 8. Consistently administered state-funded housing grants, including the Department of Mental Health's Housing Subsidy plus Care and the Department of Health's Bridge to HOPWA programs;
- 9. Continues to perform housing inspections under the terms and conditions of grant agreements the Agency of Human Services' Housing Opportunities and Vermont Rental Subsidy programs;
- 10. Completed and implemented an organizational review and cultural assessment which led to the restructuring of the Programs Administration Division, and the addition of a mid-level management staff position;
- 11. Mid-level management staff attends Fair Housing Committee meetings on a regular basis;
- B.4 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Goals. Provide a statement of the PHA's goals, activities objectives, policies, or programs that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

VSHA complies with the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA 2013). See Chapter 3, 5, 12 and 16 of VSHA's Administrative Plan at www.vsha.org

B.5	Significant Amendment or Modification. Provide a statement on the criteria used for determining a significant amendment or modification to the 5-Year Plan.				
	VSHA's defines any of the following actions as a "significant amendment or modification" to VSHA's Five-Year or Annual Plan:				
	 Changes in tenant-rent policies; Changes to admissions policies – including the creation or elimination of any preference – and waiting list organization; 				
	3. Additions of new activities and programs as well as the omission of any existing activity or program.				
B.6	Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.				
	(a) Did the RAB(s) provide comments to the 5-Year PHA Plan?				
	Y N Comments will be provided if received □ ⊠				
	(b) If yes, comments must be submitted by the PHA as an attachment to the 5-Year PHA Plan. PHAs must also include a narrative describing their analysis of the RAB recommendations and the decisions made on these recommendations.				
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B. 7	Certification by State or Local Officials.				
	Form HUD 50077-SL, Certification by State or Local Officials of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.				

Instructions for Preparation of Form HUD-50075-5Y 5-Year PHA Plan for All PHAs

A. PHA Information 24 CFR §903.23(4)(e)

A.1 Include the full PHA Name, PHA Code, PHA Fiscal Year Beginning (MM/YYYY), PHA Plan Submission Type, and the Availability of Information, specific location(s) of all information relevant to the hearing and proposed PHA Plan.

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

B. 5-Year Plan.

- B.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. (24 CFR §903.6(a)(1))
- **B.2 Goals and Objectives.** Identify the PHA's quantifiable goals and objectives that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of low-income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families for the next five years. (24 CFR §903.6(b)(1)) For Qualified PHAs only, if at any time a PHA proposes to take units offline for modernization, then that action requires a significant amendment to the PHA's 5-Year Plan
- B.3 Progress Report. Include a report on the progress the PHA has made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5-Year Plan. (24 CFR §903.6(b)(2))
- B.4 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Goals. Provide a statement of the PHA's goals, activities objectives, policies, or programs that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. (24 CFR §903.6(a)(3))
- **B.5** Significant Amendment or Modification. Provide a statement on the criteria used for determining a significant amendment or modification to the 5-Year Plan.
- B.6 Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments.
 - (a) Did the public or RAB provide comments?
 - (b) If yes, submit comments as an attachment to the Plan and describe the analysis of the comments and the PHA's decision made on these recommendations. (24 CFR §903.17(a), 24 CFR §903.19)

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 the 5-Year PHA Plan. The 5-Year PHA Plan provides the PHA's mission, goals and objectives for serving the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low-income families and the progress made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5-Year Plan.

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