Streamlined Annual PHA Plan (HCV Only PHAs) U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing OMB No. 2577-0226 Expires 03/31/2024

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, including changes to these policies, 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. The Form HUD-50075-HCV is to be completed annually by **HCV-Only PHAs**. PHAs that meet the definition of a Standard PHA, Troubled PHA, High Performer PHA, Small PHA, or Qualified PHA do not need to submit this form. Where applicable, separate Annual PHA Plan forms are available for each of these types of PHAs.

Definitions.

- (1) *High-Performer PHA* A PHA that owns or manages more than 550 combined public housing units and housing choice vouchers, and was designated as a high performer on <u>both</u> the most recent Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) assessments if administering both programs, or PHAS if only administering public housing.
- (2) Small PHA A PHA that is not designated as PHAS or SEMAP troubled, that owns or manages less than 250 public housing units and any number of vouchers where the total combined units exceed 550.
- (3) Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Only PHA A PHA that administers more than 550 HCVs, was not designated as troubled in its most recent SEMAP assessment and does not own or manage public housing.
- (4) Standard PHA A PHA that owns or manages 250 or more public housing units and any number of vouchers where the total combined units exceed 550, and that was designated as a standard performer in the most recent PHAS and SEMAP assessments.
- (5) Troubled PHA A PHA that achieves an overall PHAS or SEMAP score of less than 60 percent.
- (6) Qualified PHA A PHA with 550 or fewer public housing dwelling units and/or housing choice vouchers combined and is not PHAS or SEMAP troubled.

A.	PHA Information.				
A.1	Number of Housing Choice VPHA Plan Submission Type: Availability of Information. A PHA must identify the speci and proposed PHA Plan are av reasonably obtain additional in submissions. At a minimum, I encouraged to post complete P Copies of the PHA Plan Montpelier, Vermont 0 jennifer.gray@vsha.org	ginning: (MM/ anual Contributi Vouchers (HCV Annual Su In addition to the diffic location(s) variable for inspendent of the PHAs must post PHA Plans on the control of the	YYYY): 10/2025 ons Contract (ACC) units at time o Vs) 4067 bmission Revised An ne items listed in this form, PHAs n where the proposed PHA Plan, PHA ection by the public. Additionally, e PHA policies contained in the sta PHA Plans, including updates, at t	nual Submission nust have the elements listed bel A Plan Elements, and all informat the PHA must provide informat ndard Annual Plan but excluded the main office or central office ive office located at One ntacting Jennifer Gray	tion relevant to the public hearing ion on how the public may I from their streamlined of the PHA. PHAs are strongly Prospect Street,
	Participating PHAs Lead HA:	PHA Code	Program(s) in the Consortia	Program(s) not in the Consortia	No. of Units in Each Program
В.	Plan Elements.				

Revision of Existing PHA Plan Elements.	
a) Have the following PHA Plan elements been revised by the	PHA since its last Annual Plan submission?
Y N Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Address Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligit Financial Resources. Rent Determination. Operation and Management. Informal Review and Hearing Procedures. Homeownership Programs. Self Sufficiency Programs and Treatment of Income Company Substantial Deviation. Significant Amendment/Modification.	bility, Selection, and Admissions.
(b) If the PHA answered yes for any element, describe the rev	isions for each element(s):
Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for A	Addressing Housing Needs:
low-income, and extremely low-income families	ecognizes the pressing housing challenges faced by low-income, very within its jurisdiction. This includes individuals and families across ble with disabilities, and households of diverse racial and ethnic
1. <u>Identification of Housing Needs</u>	
Based on the <u>Vermont Housing Needs Assessment</u> challenges in our jurisdiction:	at 2025–2029, the following groups face significant housing
renter households are considered "severe b. Elderly Families	of housing instability and homelessness. In spend more than half their income on housing, and about 17,000 ly cost-burdened". In pis rising, increasing the demand for age-appropriate and ched housing to support this demographic. It of accessible housing units, both in the private market and in or more supportive housing options. The provided housing units are the private market and in or more supportive housing options.
VSHA's Housing Choice Voucher program waiting characteristics:	ng list consists of 3,379 applicant families with the following
Income	<u>Family Types</u> (families may be counted in more than one category)
Extremely Low Income- 87% Very Low Income- 10% Low Income- 3%	Families with Children- 28% Elderly Families (Head of Household age 62+)- 14% Families with Disabilities- 12% One member household- 60%
Race/Ethnicity (not all applicants chose to answer White- 38% Black- 2% Asian and Pacific Islander- <1% Alaska Native and American Indian- 1% Hispanic or Latino- 2%)

2. Issues Impacting Housing Need

Housing needs in Vermont are shaped by the following factors:

- Affordability: Rising rents and limited income growth have widened the gap between available housing and what low-income families can afford.
- Supply: There is an inadequate supply of affordable housing units, particularly for large families, households with accessibility needs, and those requiring supportive services.
- Quality: Approximately 20,000 Vermont homes have indications of housing quality vulnerabilities, many of which have low-income owners with few funds for repairs.
- Accessibility: There is a severe shortage of units with mobility and sensory accommodations.
- Unit Size: Larger family households face long waits for adequately sized units.
- Location: Lower cost housing is often located in areas with limited access to jobs, quality education, and public transportation.

3. PHA Strategy to Address Housing Needs

In response to these challenges, VSHA employs a multi-faceted strategy to address the needs of low-income families, with a particular focus on those currently on the Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting list and those residing in the jurisdiction:

- Maximize Utilization of Federal Resources: VSHA will continue to utilize as many allocated Housing Choice Vouchers as our budget can support.
- Support the Development of Affordable Units: VSHA actively partners with developers, non-profits, and state agencies to support the construction and preservation of affordable housing units, particularly those designed for elderly households, persons with disabilities, and extremely low-income families.
- Coordinate with Service Providers: We coordinate with local service agencies to connect households with supportive services such as financial counseling and case management, especially for special populations including the elderly and people with disabilities.
- Advocate for State and Local Support: VSHA supports policies that increase funding for housing assistance, expand affordable housing supply, and address systemic barriers to housing access.

Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions:

The VSHA regularly evaluates our policies that govern program eligibility, applicant selection and admission, including local preferences to meet the current needs of the communities we serve.

On April 1, 2024 VSHA opened it's HCV waiting list to families who are eligible for the Disaster and Move-Up Preferences to target the on-going needs of Vermonter's impacted by flooding and to support the transition from VSHA administered, time-limited rental assistance to permanent rental subsidies. Utilizing this preference, we were able to assist families who otherwise would have been homeless, or at risk of homelessness.

Due to funding concerns, VSHA closed tenant-based waiting lists effective January 31, 2025.

On May 21, 2025, the VSHA Board of Commissioners approved the following change to our preferences policy: to add an Insufficient Funding Preference which provides a Super Preference to families who have been, or are at imminent risk of being, terminated from a VSHA-administered rental assistance program due to insufficient funding.

Financial Resources

	2024	2025
Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance Programs:	\$43,085,330.00	\$45,158,131.00
Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants:	\$357,751.00	\$338,185.00
Continuum of Care:	\$809,999.00	\$766,644.00
Section 8 Project Based Assistance Programs:	\$32,562,878.00	\$35,388,532.00
Property Management Fees:	\$1,466,948.00	\$1,706,095.00
Property Rental/Tenant Income:	\$9,681,252.00	\$10,775,958.00
State Contracted Programs	\$36,675,906.00	\$7,460,428.00

	Miscellaneous Income:	\$339,075.00	\$1,174,294.00
	Interest Income:	\$295,027.00	\$367,144.00
	Total Sources	\$125,274,166.00	\$103,135,411.00
	Rent Determination:		
	Effective October 1, 2024, VSHA reduced the "minimum rent" f following considerations:	from \$50 to \$0. This decision	was based on the
	 A significant number of families subject to the minimur Hardship Exemption. The administrative burden of prod determined to be inefficient and resource-intensive. Most of the families impacted by the minimum rent requ monthly payment placed undue financial strain on house income used to meet the obligation. 	cessing and tracking these frequirement reported zero incom	quent requests was e. Requiring a \$50
B.2	New Activities. – Not Applicable		
	VSHA will continue to exercise the option of expanding the Proj awards/commitments to approximately eight (8) additional housi designated for homeless households. VSHA will continue to exp 25, subject to available budget and statutory authority.	ng communities totaling 21 F	Project-Based Vouchers,
В.3	Progress Report.		
	Please refer to the 5-Year PHA Plan effective October 1, 2024.		
B.4	Capital Improvements. – Not Applicable		
B.5	Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit.		
	(a) Were there any findings in the most recent FY Audit?		
	Y N N/A □ □ □		
	(b) If yes, please describe:		
C.	Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.		
C.1	Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.		
	(a) Did the RAB(s) have comments to the PHA Plan?		
	Y N		
	(b) If yes, comments must be submitted by the PHA as an attachment to t analysis of the RAB recommendations and the decisions made on these		de a narrative describing their
C.2	Certification by State or Local Officials.		
	Form HUD 50077-SL, Certification by State or Local Officials of PHA Plans Co PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.	nsistency with the Consolidated Plan	1, must be submitted by the
C.3	Civil Rights Certification/ Certification Listing Policies and Programs that t	he PHA has Revised since Submiss	sion of its Last Annual Plan.
	Form HUD-50077-ST-HCV-HP, PHA Certifications of Compliance with PHA P. Including PHA Plan Elements that Have Changed, must be submitted by the PHA		

C.4	Challenged Elements. If any element of the PHA Plan is challenged, a PHA must include such information as an attachment with a description of any challenges to Plan elements, the source of the challenge, and the PHA's response to the public.
C.4	(a) Did the public challenge any elements of the Plan?
	Y N □ □
	If yes, include Challenged Elements.
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	Provide a statement of the PHA's strategies and actions to achieve fair housing goals outlined in an accepted Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) consistent with 24 CFR § 5.154(d)(5). Use the chart provided below. (PHAs should add as many goals as necessary to overcome fair
	housing issues and contributing factors.) Until such time as the PHA is required to submit an AFH, the PHA is not obligated to complete this
	chart. The PHA will fulfill, nevertheless, the requirements at 24 CFR § 903.7(o) enacted prior to August 17, 2015. See Instructions for further detail on completing this item.
	Fair Housing Goal:
	Describe fair housing strategies and actions to achieve the goal
	Although VSHA is not yet required to submit an Assessment of Fair Housing, VSHA is fulfilling the requirements
	of 24CFR 903.7(o)(3) by regularly examining our programs and addressing all identified programmatic and/or
	systemic impediments to fair housing.
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		uctions for Preparation of Form HUD-50075-HCV nal PHA Plan for HCV-Only PHAs
A.	PHA	A Information. All PHAs must complete this section. (24 CFR §903.4)
	A.1	Include the full PHA Name, PHA Code, PHA Type, PHA Fiscal Year Beginning (MM/YYYY), Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs), PHA Plan Submission Type, and the Availability of Information, specific location(s) of all information relevant to the public hearing and proposed PHA Plan.
		PHA Consortia: Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete the table. (24 CFR §943.128(a))
B.	Pla	n Elements. All PHAs must complete this section. (24 CFR §903.11(c)(3))
	B.1	Revision of Existing PHA Plan Elements. PHAs must:
		Identify specifically which plan elements listed below that have been revised by the PHA. To specify which elements have been revised, mark the "yes" box. If an element has not been revised, mark "no."
		□ Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs. Provide a statement addressing the housing needs of low-income, very low-income and extremely low-income families and a brief description of the PHA's strategy for addressing the housing needs of families who reside in the jurisdiction served by the PHA and other families who are on the Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting lists. The statement must identify the housing needs of (i) families with incomes below 30 percent of area median income (extremely low-income); (ii) elderly families (iii) households with individuals with disabilities, and households of various races and ethnic groups residing in the jurisdiction or on the public housing and Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting lists. The statement of housing needs shall be based on information provided by the applicable Consolidated Plan, information provided by HUD, and generally available data. The identification of housing needs must address issues of affordability, supply, quality, accessibility, size of units, and location. Once the PHA has submitted an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH), which includes an assessment of disproportionate housing needs in accordance with 24 CFR 5.154(d)(2)(iv), information on households with individuals with disabilities and households of various races and ethnic groups residing in the jurisdiction or on the waiting lists no longer needs to be included in the Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs. (24 CFR § 903.7(a)).
		The identification of housing needs must address issues of affordability, supply, quality, accessibility, size of units, and location. (24 CFR §903.7(a)(2)(i) Provide a description of the ways in which the PHA intends, to the maximum extent practicable, to address those housing needs in the upcoming year and the PHA's reasons for choosing its strategy. (24 CFR §903.7(a)(2)(ii))
		Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions. A statement of the PHA's policies that govern resident or tenant eligibility, selection and admission including admission preferences for HCV. (24 CFR §903.7(b))
		Financial Resources. A statement of financial resources, including a listing by general categories, of the PHA's anticipated resources, such as PHA HCV funding and other anticipated Federal resources available to the PHA, as well as tenant rents and other income available to support 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. (24 CFR §903.7(c))
		Rent Determination. A statement of the policies of the PHA governing rental contributions of families receiving tenant-based assistance, discretionary minimum tenant rents, and payment standard policies. (24 CFR §903.7(d))
		☐ Operation and Management. A statement that includes a description of PHA management organization, and a listing of the programs administered by the PHA. (24 CFR §903.7(e)).
		☐ Informal Review and Hearing Procedures. A description of the informal hearing and review procedures that the PHA makes available to its applicants. (24 CFR §903.7(f))

Homeownership Programs. A statement describing any homeownership programs (including project number and unit count) administered by the agency under section 8y of the 1937 Act, or for which the PHA has applied or will apply for approval. (24 CFR §903.7(k))
Self Sufficiency Programs and Treatment of Income Changes Resulting from Welfare Program Requirements. A description of any PHA programs relating to services and amenities coordinated, promoted, or provided by the PHA for assisted families, including those resulting from the PHA's partnership with other entities, for the enhancement of the economic and social self-sufficiency of assisted families, including programs provided or offered as a result of the PHA's partnerships with other entities, and activities subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 (24 CFR Part 135) and under requirements for the Family Self-Sufficiency Program and others. Include the program's size (including required and actual size of the FSS program) and means of allocating assistance to households. (24 CFR §903.7(I)(ii)) Describe how the PHA will comply with the requirements of section 12(c) and (d) of the 1937 Act that relate to treatment of income changes resulting from welfare program requirements. (24 CFR §903.7(I)(iii)).
Substantial Deviation. PHA must provide its criteria for determining a "substantial deviation" to its 5-Year Plan. (24 CFR §903.7(r)(2)(i))
☐ Significant Amendment/Modification . PHA must provide its criteria for determining a "Significant Amendment or Modification" to its 5-Year and Annual Plan.
If any boxes are marked "yes", describe the revision(s) to those element(s) in the space provided.

- B.2 New Activities. This section refers to new capital activities which is not applicable for HCV-Only PHAs.
- **B.3 Progress Report.** For all Annual Plans following submission of the first Annual Plan, a PHA must include a brief statement of the PHA's progress in meeting the mission and goals described in the 5-Year PHA Plan. (24 CFR §903.11(c)(3), 24 CFR §903.7(r)(1))
- **B.4** Capital Improvements. This section refers to PHAs that receive funding from the Capital Fund Program (CFP) which is not applicable for HCV-Only PHAs
- **B.5 Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit.** If the results of the most recent fiscal year audit for the PHA included any findings, mark "yes" and describe those findings in the space provided. (24 CFR §903.7(p))
- C. Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.
 - C.1 Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments. If the RAB had comments on the annual plan, mark "yes," submit the 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 §903.13(c), 24 CFR §903.19)
 - C.2 Certification by State of 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. (24 CFR §903.15). Note: A PHA may request to change its fiscal year to better coordinate its planning with planning done under the Consolidated Plan process by State or local officials as applicable.
 - C.3 Civil Rights Certification/ Certification Listing Policies and Programs that the PHA has Revised since Submission of its Last Annual Plan. Provide a certification that the following plan elements have been revised, provided to the RAB for comment before implementation, approved by the PHA board, and made available for review and inspection by the public. This requirement is satisfied by completing and submitting form HUD-50077 ST-HCV-HP, PHA Certifications of Compliance with PHA Plan, Civil Rights, and Related Laws and Regulations Including PHA Plan Elements that Have Changed. Form HUD-50077-ST-HCV-HP, PHA Certifications of Compliance with PHA Plan, Civil Rights, and Related Laws and Regulations Including PHA Plan Elements that Have Changed must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan. This includes all certifications relating to Civil Rights and related regulations. A PHA will be considered in compliance with the certification requirement to affirmatively further fair housing if the PHA fulfills the requirements of §§ 903.7(o)(1) and 903.15(d) and: (i) examines its programs or proposed programs; (ii) identifies any fair housing issues and contributing factors within those programs, in accordance with 24 CFR 5.154; or 24 CFR 5.160(a)(3) as applicable (iii) specifies actions and strategies designed to address contributing factors, related fair housing issues, and goals in the applicable Assessment of Fair Housing consistent with 24 CFR 5.154 in a reasonable manner in view of the resources available; (iv) works with jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement; (v) operates programs in a manner consistent with any applicable consolidated plan under 24 CFR part 91, and with any order or agreement, to comply with the authorities specified in paragraph (o)(1) of this section; (vi) complies with any contribution or consultation requirement with respect to any applicable AFH, in accordance with 24 CFR 5.150 through 5.180; (vii) maintains records reflecting these analyses, actions, and the results of these actions; and (viii) takes steps acceptable to HUD to remedy known fair housing or civil rights violations. 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. (24 CFR §903.7(o)).
 - C.4 Challenged Elements. If any element of the Annual PHA Plan or 5-Year PHA Plan is challenged, a PHA must include such information as an attachment to the Annual PHA Plan or 5-Year PHA Plan with a description of any challenges to Plan elements, the source of the challenge, and the PHA's response to the public.
- D. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).
 - **D.1** Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. The PHA will use the answer blocks in item D.1 to provide a statement of its strategies and actions to implement each fair housing goal outlined in its accepted Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) consistent with 24 CFR § 5.154(d)(5) that states, in relevant part: "To implement goals and priorities in an AFH, strategies and actions shall be included in program participants' ... PHA Plans (including any plans incorporated therein) Strategies and actions must affirmatively further fair housing" Use the chart provided to specify each fair housing goal from the PHA's AFH for which the PHA is the responsible program participant whether the AFH was prepared solely by the PHA, jointly with one or more other PHAs, or in collaboration with a state or local jurisdiction and specify the fair housing strategies and actions to be implemented by the PHA during the period covered by this PHA Plan. If there are more than three fair housing goals, add answer blocks as necessary.

Until such time as the PHA is required to submit an AFH, the PHA will not have to complete section D., nevertheless, the PHA will address its obligation to affirmatively further fair housing in part by fulfilling the requirements at 24 CFR 903.7(o)(3) enacted prior to August 17, 2015, which means that it examines its own programs or proposed programs; identifies any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs; addresses those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available; works 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. Furthermore, under Section 5A(d)(15) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, a PHA must submit a civil rights certification with its Annual PHA Plan, which is described at 24 CFR 903.7(o)(1) except for qualified PHAs who submit the Form HUD-50077-CR as a standalone document.

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 Annual PHA Plan. The Annual PHA Plan provides 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 for serving the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families.

Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 6.02 hour 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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