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Small PHA Plan Update
Annual Plan for Fiscal Year: **2003**

Little Falls Housing Authority

Little Falls, NY

(ny109v01)

**NOTE: THIS PHA PLANS TEMPLATE (HUD 50075) IS TO BE COMPLETED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS LOCATED IN APPLICABLE PIH NOTICES**

**PHA Plan
Agency Identification**

PHA Name: Little Falls Housing Authority

PHA Number: NY109

PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (mm/yyyy) 07/2003

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Public Access to Information

**Information regarding any activities outlined in this plan can be obtained by contacting:
(select all that apply)**

- Main administrative office of the PHA
- PHA development management offices

Display Locations For PHA Plans and Supporting Documents

The PHA Plans (including attachments) are available for public inspection at: (select all that apply)

- Main administrative office of the PHA
- PHA development management offices
- Main administrative office of the local, county or State government
- Public library
- PHA website
- Other (list below)

PHA Plan Supporting Documents are available for inspection at: (select all that apply)

- Main business office of the PHA
- PHA development management offices
- Other (list below)

PHA Programs Administered:

- Public Housing and Section 8 Section 8 Only Public Housing Only

Annual PHA Plan
Fiscal Year 2003
 [24 CFR Part 903.7]

i. Table of Contents

Provide a table of contents for the Plan, including attachments, and a list of supporting documents available for public inspection. For Attachments, indicate which attachments are provided by selecting all that apply. Provide the attachment's name (A, B, etc.) in the space to the left of the name of the attachment. If the attachment is provided as a **SEPARATE** file submission from the PHA Plans file, provide the file name in parentheses in the space to the right of the title.

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ii. Executive Summary

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

At PHA option, provide a brief overview of the information in the Annual Plan

This Section is left blank since it is optional.

1. Summary of Policy or Program Changes for the Upcoming Year

In this section, briefly describe changes in policies or programs discussed in last year's PHA Plan that are not covered in other sections of this Update.

We made the following changes to our policies and/or programs based on changes in statutes and/or HUD regulations that have occurred in the past year. HUD mandated all of these.

Section 8 Administrative Plan:

We have revised our Administrative plan to include the current welfare assistance language and definition and added eligibility language as required by the Final Rule effective November 22, 2002.

We have added a new Section 24, Code of Conduct, as required by current HUD regulations.

2. Capital Improvement Needs - NA Section 8 only Housing Authority

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (g)]

Exemptions: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this component.

- A. Yes No: Is the PHA eligible to participate in the CFP in the fiscal year covered by this PHA Plan?
- B. What is the amount of the PHA's estimated or actual (if known) Capital Fund Program grant for the upcoming year? \$
- C. Yes No Does the PHA plan to participate in the Capital Fund Program in the upcoming year? If yes, complete the rest of Component 7. If no, skip to next component.
- D. Capital Fund Program Grant Submissions

(1) Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan

The Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan is provided as Attachment

(2) Capital Fund Program Annual Statement

The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement is provided as Attachment

3. Demolition and Disposition - NA Section 8 only Housing Authority

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (h)]

Applicability: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this section.

1. Yes No: Does the PHA plan to conduct any demolition or disposition activities (pursuant to section 18 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437p)) in the plan Fiscal Year? (If “No”, skip to next component ; if “yes”, complete one activity description for each development.)

2. Activity Description

Demolition/Disposition Activity Description (Not including Activities Associated with HOPE VI or Conversion Activities)
1a. Development name: 1b. Development (project) number:
2. Activity type: Demolition <input type="checkbox"/> Disposition <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Application status (select one) Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted, pending approval <input type="checkbox"/> Planned application <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Date application approved, submitted, or planned for submission: <u>(DD/MM/YY)</u>
5. Number of units affected: 6. Coverage of action (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Part of the development <input type="checkbox"/> Total development
7. Relocation resources (select all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Section 8 for units <input type="checkbox"/> Public housing for units <input type="checkbox"/> Preference for admission to other public housing or section 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Other housing for units (describe below)
8. Timeline for activity: a. Actual or projected start date of activity: b. Actual or projected start date of relocation activities: c. Projected end date of activity:

4. Voucher Homeownership Program

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (k)]

- A. Yes No: Does the PHA plan to administer a Section 8 Homeownership program pursuant to Section 8(y) of the U.S.H.A. of 1937, as implemented by 24 CFR part 982 ? (If “No”, skip to next component; if “yes”, describe each

program using the table below (copy and complete questions for each program identified.)

B. Capacity of the PHA to Administer a Section 8 Homeownership Program - NA

The PHA has demonstrated its capacity to administer the program by (select all that apply):

- Establishing a minimum homeowner downpayment requirement of at least 3 percent and requiring that at least 1 percent of the downpayment comes from the family's resources
- Requiring that financing for purchase of a home under its section 8 homeownership will be provided, insured or guaranteed by the state or Federal government; comply with secondary mortgage market underwriting requirements; or comply with generally accepted private sector underwriting standards
- Demonstrating that it has or will acquire other relevant experience (list PHA experience, or any other organization to be involved and its experience, below):

5. Safety and Crime Prevention: PHDEP Plan – NA Section 8 only

[24 CFR Part 903.7 (m)]

Exemptions Section 8 Only PHAs may skip to the next component PHAs eligible for PHDEP funds must provide a PHDEP Plan meeting specified requirements prior to receipt of PHDEP funds.

A. Yes No: Is the PHA eligible to participate in the PHDEP in the fiscal year covered by this PHA Plan?

B. What is the amount of the PHA's estimated or actual (if known) PHDEP grant for the upcoming year? \$ _____

C. Yes No Does the PHA plan to participate in the PHDEP in the upcoming year? If yes, answer question D. If no, skip to next component.

D. Yes No: The PHDEP Plan is attached at Attachment _____

6. Other Information

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

A. Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Recommendations and PHA Response

1. Yes No: Did the PHA receive any comments on the PHA Plan from the Resident Advisory Board/s?

2. If yes, the comments are Attached at Attachment (File name)

3. In what manner did the PHA address those comments? (select all that apply)

- The PHA changed portions of the PHA Plan in response to comments

A list of these changes is included

Yes No: below or

Yes No: at the end of the RAB Comments in Attachment ____.

Considered comments, but determined that no changes to the PHA Plan were necessary. An explanation of the PHA's consideration is included at the at the end of the RAB Comments in Attachment ____.

Other: (list below)

B. Statement of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

For each applicable Consolidated Plan, make the following statement (copy questions as many times as necessary).

1. Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: (State of New York)

2. The PHA has taken the following steps to ensure consistency of this PHA Plan with the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction: (select all that apply)

- The PHA has based its statement of needs of families in the jurisdiction on the needs expressed in the Consolidated Plan/s.
- The PHA has participated in any consultation process organized and offered by the Consolidated Plan agency in the development of the Consolidated Plan.
- The PHA has consulted with the Consolidated Plan agency during the development of this PHA Plan.
- Activities to be undertaken by the PHA in the coming year are consistent with specific initiatives contained in the Consolidated Plan. (list such initiatives below)

We are continuing to market our Section 8 program to make families and elderly/disabled persons aware of the availability of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing in the City of Little Falls and Herkimer County, New York.

Other: (list below)

The Little Falls Housing Authority Section 8 Administrative Plan Requirements are established and designed to:

- To provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for very low income families while maintaining their rent payments at an affordable level.
- To ensure that all units meet Housing Quality Standards and families pay fair and reasonable rents.
- To promote fair housing and the opportunity for very low-income families of all ethnic backgrounds to experience freedom of housing choice.

- To promote a housing program which maintains quality service and integrity while providing an incentive to private property owners to rent to very low income families.
- To assist the local economy by increasing the occupancy rate and the amount of money flowing into the community.
- To encourage self sufficiency of participant families and assist in the expansion of family opportunities which address educational, socio-economic, recreational and other human service needs.
- To create positive public awareness and expand the level of family, owner, and community support in accomplishing the Little Falls Housing Authority's mission.
- To attain and maintain a high level of standards and professionalism in our day to day management of all program components.
- To administer an efficient, high-performing agency through continuous improvement of the housing authority's support systems and commitment to our employees and their development.

3. PHA Requests for support from the Consolidated Plan Agency

Yes No: Does the PHA request financial or other support from the State or local government agency in order to meet the needs of its public housing residents or inventory? If yes, please list the 5 most important requests below:

4. The Consolidated Plan of the jurisdiction supports the PHA Plan with the following actions and commitments: (describe below)

The New York State Consolidated Plan establishes three strategic objectives that are of equal importance and form the basis of New York State's strategy:

1. Preserve and increase the supply of decent, safe and affordable housing available to all low and moderate income households, and help identify and develop available resources to assist in the development of housing.

The need analysis describes a shortage of affordable housing units in New York State. By increasing the number of decent and affordable housing units, New York State will be addressing each of the housing problems: overcrowding, substandard units, and cost burden. The State plan includes the increase of the supply of decent and affordable housing by assisting in the financing of new construction, substantial rehabilitation, and conversion of previously nonresidential properties. While not specifically targeting funds in the

Consolidated Plan for such programs, New York State believes it has a vested interest in the federal government's commitment to continue to provide resources for the operations, maintenance and preservation of Section 8 and public housing. The Consolidate Plan states: "The preservation of this irreplaceable low-income housing asset should remain a federal priority. Specifically, the federal government should maintain its commitment to rental assistance, preservation of housing eligible for mortgage prepayment and funding for operations, repairs, maintenance and modernization of public housing."

2. Improve the ability of low and moderate income New Yorkers to access rental and home-ownership opportunities.

Cost burden is identified as the most widespread of all the various housing problems by New Yorkers. Cost burden disproportionately affects New Yorkers with low and moderate incomes. Renters make up the substantial majority of households with cost burden.

The Consolidate Plan includes the provision of rental assistance where possible and also to providing home-ownership opportunities to low-income and minority households. State housing agencies are encouraged to apply for Section 8 program funding.

The Consolidated Plan notes that there are insufficient Federal and State capital subsidies to increase the supply of affordable housing to address the problems of all those with cost burdens.

Additional strategies include making mortgages available with below market interest rates to first-time home - buyers and providing rehabilitation assistance to low-income homeowners.

3. Address the shelter, housing, and service needs of the homeless poor and others with special needs.

The Consolidated Plan reflects that the demand for housing and supportive assistance for the homeless far exceeds the supply; particularly, the frail elderly, disabled, and other segments of the Population requiring supportive living arrangements or services.

Among the programs to be utilized, are the various Section 8 programs.

The Consolidated Plan addresses Public Housing Resident Initiatives. The Plan states that "the State of New York does not directly own or administer Federal public housing. Therefore the requirements of this section of the Consolidated Plan do not apply to the State of New York."

"The State does have a State public housing program as noted in the Needs Assessment. Tenant

participation in the management of housing authorities is not only encouraged in this State, but mandated in New York’s Public Housing Law, which provides that authorities having a population under one million be composed of up to seven members, including two tenants elected by public housing residents. The underlying philosophy has been to ensure that tenants’ needs and concerns are effectively communicated to the governing body of the authority and, when necessary, to DHCR, as the supervising State agency.”

The use of the term “low and moderate income households” includes all households at or below 80 percent of median income. Extremely low-income households are included in this category which has been identified in the needs analysis as having the highest magnitude of housing problems.

The New York State Objectives respond to the purposes of the National Affordable Housing Act that are:

1. to help families not owning a home to save for a down payment for the purchase of a home;
2. to retain wherever feasible as housing affordable to low-income families those dwelling units produced for such purposes with Federal assistance;
3. to extend and strengthen partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and non-profit organizations, in the production and operation of housing affordable to low-income and moderate-income families;
4. to expand and improve Federal rental assistance for very low-income families; and
5. to increase the supply of supportive housing, which combines structural features and services needed to enable persons with special needs to live with dignity and independence.

In summary, the New York State Consolidated Plan strategies are consistent with and support the goals and objectives of the Little Falls Housing Authority.

C. Criteria for Substantial Deviation and Significant Amendments

1. Amendment and Deviation Definitions

24 CFR Part 903.7(r)

PHAs are required to define and adopt their own standards of substantial deviation from the 5-year Plan and Significant Amendment to the Annual Plan. The definition of significant amendment is important because it defines when the PHA will subject a change to the policies or activities described in the Annual Plan to full public hearing and HUD review before implementation.

A. Substantial Deviation from the 5-year Plan:

A substantial deviation from the 5-year Plan occurs when the Board of Commissioners decides that it wants to change the mission statement, goals or objectives of the 5-year plan.

B. Significant Amendment or Modification to the Annual Plan:

Significant amendments or modifications to the Annual Plan are defined as discretionary changes in the plans or policies of the housing authority that fundamentally change the plans of the agency and which require formal approval of the Board of Commissioners.

Attachment A

Little Falls Housing Authority

Annual Plan

Fiscal Year 07/01/2003 – 06/30/2004

Supporting Documents Available for Review

PHAs are to indicate which documents are available for public review by placing a mark in the “Applicable & On Display” column in the appropriate rows. All listed documents must be on display if applicable to the program activities conducted by the PHA.

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
X	PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations	5 Year and Annual Plans
NA	State/Local Government Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (not required for this update)	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	Fair Housing Documentation Supporting Fair Housing Certifications: Records reflecting that the PHA has examined its programs or proposed programs, identified any impediments to fair housing choice in those programs, addressed or is addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available, and worked or is working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdictions’ initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA’s involvement.	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	Housing Needs Statement of the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction/s in which the PHA is located and any additional backup data to support statement of housing needs in the jurisdiction	Annual Plan: Housing Needs
NA	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources
NA	Public Housing Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy Policy (A&O/ACOP), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP]	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
NA	Any policy governing occupancy of Police Officers in Public Housing <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A&O Policy	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
X	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
NA	Public housing rent determination policies, including the method for setting public housing flat rents <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
NA	Schedule of flat rents offered at each public housing development <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
X	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
NA	Public housing management and maintenance policy documents, including policies for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation (including cockroach infestation)	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
NA	Results of latest binding Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Assessment	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
NA	Follow-up Plan to Results of the PHAS Resident Satisfaction Survey (if necessary)	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance and Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
X	Results of latest Section 8 Management Assessment System (SEMAP)	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
NA	Any required policies governing any Section 8 special housing types <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
NA	Public housing grievance procedures <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
X	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
NA	The HUD-approved Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement (HUD 52837) for any active grant year	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
NA	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grants	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
NA	Approved HOPE VI applications or, if more recent, approved or submitted HOPE VI Revitalization Plans, or any other approved proposal for development of public housing	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
NA	Self-evaluation, Needs Assessment and Transition Plan required by regulations implementing §504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. See, PIH 99-52 (HA).	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
NA	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing	Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition
NA	Approved or submitted applications for designation of public housing (Designated Housing Plans)	Annual Plan: Designation of Public Housing
NA	Approved or submitted assessments of reasonable revitalization of public housing and approved or submitted conversion plans prepared pursuant to section 202 of the 1996 HUD Appropriations Act, Section 22 of the US Housing Act of 1937, or Section 33 of the US Housing Act of 1937	Annual Plan: Conversion of Public Housing
NA	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans	Annual Plan: Homeownership
NA	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program (section _____ of the Section 8 Administrative Plan)	Annual Plan: Homeownership
NA	Cooperation agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency and between the PHA and local employment and training service agencies	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
NA	FSS Action Plan/s for public housing and/or Section 8	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
NA	Section 3 documentation required by 24 CFR Part 135, Subpart E	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
NA	Most recent self-sufficiency (ED/SS, TOP or ROSS or other resident services grant) grant program reports	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
NA	The most recent Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP) semi-annual performance report	Annual Plan: Safety and Crime Prevention
NA	PHDEP-related documentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Baseline law enforcement services for public housing developments assisted under the PHDEP plan; · Consortium agreement/s between the PHAs participating in the consortium and a copy of the payment agreement between the consortium and HUD (applicable only to PHAs participating in a consortium as specified under 24 CFR 761.15); · Partnership agreements (indicating specific leveraged support) with agencies/organizations providing funding, services or other in-kind resources for PHDEP-funded activities; · Coordination with other law enforcement efforts; · Written agreement(s) with local law enforcement agencies (receiving any PHDEP funds); and · All crime statistics and other relevant data (including Part I and specified Part II crimes) that establish need for the public housing sites assisted under the PHDEP Plan. 	Annual Plan: Safety and Crime Prevention
NA	Policy on Ownership of Pets in Public Housing Family Developments (as required by regulation at 24 CFR Part 960, Subpart G) <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Pet Policy

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
X	The results of the most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under section 5(h)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U. S.C. 1437c(h)), the results of that audit and the PHA's response to any findings	Annual Plan: Annual Audit
NA	Troubled PHAs: MOA/Recovery Plan	Troubled PHAs
X	Other supporting documents (optional) (list individually; use as many lines as necessary)	(specify as needed)
	Definition of Substantial Deviation	Annual Plan

Attachment B

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Required Attachment: Resident Member on the PHA Governing Board

1. Yes No: Does the PHA governing board include at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA this year? (if no, skip to #2)

A. Name of resident member(s) on the governing board:

Louis LaVeck

Doris Burney

B. How was the resident board member selected: (select one)?

- Elected
 Appointed

C. The term of appointment is (include the date term expires): 7/1/02 - 6/30/04

2. A. If the PHA governing board does not have at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA, why not? - **NA**

- the PHA is located in a State that requires the members of a governing board to be salaried and serve on a full time basis
 the PHA has less than 300 public housing units, has provided reasonable notice to the resident advisory board of the opportunity to serve on the governing board, and has not been notified by any resident of their interest to participate in the Board.
 Other (explain):

B. Date of next term expiration of a governing board member: July, 2003

C. Name and title of appointing official(s) for governing board (indicate appointing official for the next position):

Mayor Theodore Wind

Attachment C

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Required Attachment: Membership of the Resident Advisory Board or Boards

- i. List members of the Resident Advisory Board or Boards: (If the list would be unreasonably long, list organizations represented or otherwise provide a description sufficient to identify how members are chosen.)

Marion Parese

Eunice Davis

Jane Miosek

Sophie Keller

Sue Lamanna

Rosalie Derkey

Jim Accattato