# Willimantic Housing Authority Plans

5 Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2000 - 2004 Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2000

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

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# PHA Plan Agency Identification

# PHA Name: The Housing Authority of the City of Willimantic

# PHA Number: CT010

# PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: 07/2000

# **Public Access to Information**

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

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

# **Display Locations For PHA Plans and Supporting Documents**

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

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

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

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

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#### 5-YEAR PLAN PHA FISCAL YEARS 2000 - 2004 [24 CFR Part 903.5]

# A. Mission

- X The mission of the PHA is the same as that of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: To promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination.
  - The PHA's mission is: (state mission here)

# **B.** Goals

#### HUD Strategic Goal: Increase the availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing.

X	PHA C	Goal: Expand the supply of assisted housing
	Object	ives:
		Apply for additional rental vouchers:
	X	Reduce public housing vacancies:
	X	Leverage private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities:
		Acquire or build units or developments
	X	Other: Acquire additional rental preservation vouchers.
X		Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing
	Object	
		Improve public housing management: (PHAS score)
	X	Improve voucher management: (SEMAP score)
	X	Increase customer satisfaction:
	X	Concentrate on efforts to improve specific management functions:
		(list; e.g., public housing finance; voucher unit inspections)
	X	Renovate or modernize public housing units:
		Demolish or dispose of obsolete public housing:
	$\square$	Provide replacement public housing:
	$\overline{\Box}$	Provide replacement vouchers:
	H	Other: (list below)

X	PHA (	Goal: Increase assisted housing choices
	Object	tives:
	X	Provide voucher mobility counseling:
	X	Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords
		Increase voucher payment standards
		Implement voucher homeownership program:
		Implement public housing or other homeownership programs:
		Implement public housing site-based waiting lists:
		Convert public housing to vouchers:

Other: (list below)

#### HUD Strategic Goal: Improve community quality of life and economic vitality

X	PHA C	PHA Goal: Provide an improved living environment				
	Object	ives:				
	X	Implement measures to deconcentrate poverty by bringing higher income public				
		housing households into lower income developments:				
		Implement measures to promote income mixing in public housing by assuring				
		access for lower income families into higher income developments:				
	X	Implement public housing security improvements:				
		Designate developments or buildings for particular resident groups (elderly,				
		persons with disabilities)				
		Other: (list below)				

# HUD Strategic Goal: Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of families and individuals

X PHA Goal: Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of assisted households Objectives:

- X Increase the number and percentage of employed persons in assisted families:
- X Provide or attract supportive services to improve assistance recipients' employability:
- X Provide or attract supportive services to increase independence for the elderly or families with disabilities.
- Other: (list below)

HUD Strategic Goal:	Ensure Equal	<b>Opportunity</b> in	h Housing for al	l Americans
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X	PHA C	Goal: Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing
	Object	ives:
	X	Undertake affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless
		of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability:
	X	Undertake affirmative measures to provide a suitable living environment for
		families living in assisted housing, regardless of race, color, religion national
		origin, sex, familial status, and disability:
	X	Undertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all
		varieties of disabilities regardless of unit size required:
		Other: (list below)
Other	PHA C	Joals and Objectives: (list below)

#### Annual PHA Plan PHA Fiscal Year 2000

[24 CFR Part 903.7]

#### i. Annual Plan Type:

X Standard Plan

#### **Streamlined Plan:**

- High Performing PHA
- Small Agency (<250 Public Housing Units)
- Administering Section 8 Only

Troubled Agency Plan

#### ii. Executive Summary of the Annual PHA Plan

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

The Annual Plan highlights the major initiatives and discretionary policies of the Willimantic Housing Authority.

## iii. Annual Plan Table of Contents

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)] Provide a table of contents for the Annual Plan, including attachments, and a list of supporting documents available for public inspection.

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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. Note: 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.

Required Attachments:

- N/A Admissions Policy for Deconcentration (Only 1 Federal Family Housing Complex)
- A FY 2000 Capital Fund Program Annual Statement

Most recent board-approved operating budget (Required Attachment for PHAs that are troubled or at risk of being designated troubled ONLY)

**Optional Attachments:** 

- X PHA Management Organizational Chart
- FY 2000 Capital Fund Program 5 Year Action Plan
- Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP) Plan
- Comments of Resident Advisory Board or Boards (must be attached if not included in PHA Plan text)
- Other (List below, providing each attachment name)

#### Supporting Documents Available for Review

	List of Supporting Documents Available for Review					
Applicable						
&						
On Display						
Х	PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans	5 Year and Annual Plans				
	and Related Regulations					
Х	State/Local Government Certification of Consistency with the	5 Year and Annual Plans				
	Consolidated Plan					

	List of Supporting Documents Available for Review				
Applicable &	Supporting Document	Applicable Plan Component			
On Display					
	Fair Housing Documentation: 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			
	Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction/s in which the PHA is located (which includes the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI))) and any additional backup data to support statement of housing needs in the jurisdiction	Annual Plan: Housing Needs			
Х	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources;			
Х	Public Housing Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy Policy (A&O), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP]	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies			
Х	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies			
	<ul> <li>Public Housing Deconcentration and Income Mixing Documentation:</li> <li>PHA board certifications of compliance with deconcentration requirements (section 16(a) of the US Housing Act of 1937, as implemented in the 2/18/99 Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act Initial Guidance; Notice and any further HUD guidance) and</li> <li>Documentation of the required deconcentration and income mixing analysis</li> </ul>	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies			
X	Public housing rent determination policies, including the methodology for setting public housing flat rents X check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination			
X	Schedule of flat rents offered at each public housing development check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination			
Х	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies X check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Rent Determination			
X	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			

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List of Supporting Documents Available for Review           Applicable         Supporting Document         Applicable Plan Compone					
Applicable &	Supporting Document	Applicable I lan Component			
On Display					
X	Public housing grievance procedures	Annual Plan: Grievance			
Λ		Procedures			
	X check here if included in the public housing	Tiocedures			
	A & O Policy				
Х	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures	Annual Plan: Grievance			
	X check here if included in Section 8	Procedures			
	Administrative Plan				
Х	The HUD-approved Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant	Annual Plan: Capital Needs			
	Program Annual Statement (HUD 52837) for the active grant				
	year				
Х	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for	Annual Plan: Capital Needs			
	any active CIAP grant				
Х	Most recent, approved 5 Year Action Plan for the Capital	Annual Plan: Capital Needs			
	Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program, if not included as an				
	attachment (provided at PHA option)				
	Approved HOPE VI applications or, if more recent, approved	Annual Plan: Capital Needs			
	or submitted HOPE VI Revitalization Plans or any other				
	approved proposal for development of public housing				
	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or	Annual Plan: Demolition			
	disposition of public housing	and Disposition			
	Approved or submitted applications for designation of public	Annual Plan: Designation of			
	housing (Designated Housing Plans)	Public Housing			
	Approved or submitted assessments of reasonable	Annual Plan: Conversion of			
	revitalization of public housing and approved or submitted	Public Housing			
	conversion plans prepared pursuant to section 202 of the				
	1996 HUD Appropriations Act				
	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership	Annual Plan:			
	programs/plans	Homeownership			
	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program	Annual Plan:			
	check here if included in the Section 8	Homeownership			
	Administrative Plan				
	Any cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF	Annual Plan: Community			
	agency	Service & Self-Sufficiency			
Х	FSS Action Plan/s for public housing and/or Section 8	Annual Plan: Community			
		Service & Self-Sufficiency			
	Most recent self-sufficiency (ED/SS, TOP or ROSS or other	Annual Plan: Community			
	resident services grant) grant program reports	Service & Self-Sufficiency			
	The most recent Public Housing Drug Elimination Program	Annual Plan: Safety and			
	(PHEDEP) semi-annual performance report for any open grant	Crime Prevention			
	and most recently submitted PHDEP application (PHDEP				
	Plan)				
Х	The most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted	Annual Plan: Annual Audit			
	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				
	Troubled PHAs: MOA/Recovery Plan	Troubled PHAs			

	List of Supporting Documents Available for Review						
Applicable	Applicable         Supporting Document         Applicable Plan Component						
&							
On Display							
	Other supporting documents (optional)	(specify as needed)					
	(list individually; use as many lines as necessary)						

# **<u>1. Statement of Housing Needs</u>** [24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (a)]

Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction								
by Family Type								
Family Type	Overall	Afford- ability	Supply	Quality	Access- ibility	Size	Loca- tion	
Income <= 30% of AMI	7781	5	5	4	3	3	3	
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	5841	4	4	3	3	3	3	
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	6221	3	2	3	3	3	3	
Elderly	11759	5	5	4	3	3	3	
Families with Disabilities	65489	4	5	4	5	4	5	
White/Hispanic	94160	3	3	3	3	3	3	
White/Non- Hispanic	4128	3	3	3	3	2	2	
Black/Hispanic	1057	3	3	3	3	2	2	
Black/Non- Hispanic	45	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Other	7395	3	3	3	3	3	3	

#### **B.** Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction/s Served by the PHA

What sources of information did the PHA use to conduct this analysis? (Check all that apply; all materials must be made available for public inspection.)

	Consolidated Plan of the Jurisdiction/s
	Indicate year:
X	U.S. Census data: the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy ("CHAS")
	dataset
	American Housing Survey data
	Indicate year:
	Other housing market study
	Indicate year:
	Other sources: (list and indicate year of information)

# B. Housing Needs of Families on the Public Housing and Section 8 Tenant- Based Assistance Waiting Lists

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List				
Waiting list type: (select one)          Section 8 tenant-based assistance         X Public Housing (Family Housing)				
Public Housing	on 8 and Public Housing Site-Based or sub-jurisd	ictional waiting list (optic	onal)	
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover	
Waiting list total	116		29	
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	105	90		
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	10	9		
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	1	1		
Families with children	86	74		
Elderly families	2	1		
Families with Disabilities	19	16		
White/Hispanic	68	59		
White/Non-Hispanic	32	28		
Black/Hispanic	3	2		
Black/Non-Hispanic	13	11		
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)				
1BR	22	19	6	
2 BR	53	46	13	
3 BR	32	28	8	

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Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
4 BR	9	7	2
5 BR			
5+ BR			
Is the waiting list closed (select one)? No X Yes			
If yes:			
How long has it been closed (# of months)? 4 Months			
Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? $\Box$ No $\Box$ X Yes			
Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if			
generally closed? No X Yes			

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List					
Waiting list type: (selec	Waiting list type: (select one)				
	t-based assistance				
X Public Housing	(Elderly/Disabled Housin	ng)			
	on 8 and Public Housing				
Public Housing	- Site-Based or sub-jurisdi	ctional waiting list (option	nal)		
If used, identify	which development/sub	jurisdiction:			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover		
	27		22		
Waiting list total	37		33		
Extremely low income	34	91			
<=30% AMI					
Very low income	3	9			
(>30% but <=50%					
AMI)					
Low income	0	0			
(>50% but <80%					
AMI)					
Families with children	0	0			
Elderly families	4	10			
Families with	33	90			
Disabilities					
White/Hispanic	14	38			
White/Non-Hispanic	22	60			
Black/Hispanic	1	2			

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Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List				
Characteristics by				
Bedroom Size (Public				
Housing Only)				
1BR	37	100	33	
2 BR				
3 BR				
4 BR				
5 BR				
5+ BR				
Is the waiting list closed (select one)? X No Yes				
If yes:				
How long has it been closed (# of months)?				
Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? No 🗌 Yes				
Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if				
generally closed? No X Yes				

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List				
Waiting list type: (selec	t one)			
X Section 8 tenan	t-based assistance			
Public Housing				
Combined Secti	on 8 and Public Housing			
Public Housing	Site-Based or sub-jurisdi	ctional waiting list (option	nal)	
If used, identify which development/subjurisdiction:				
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover	
Waiting list total	154		37	
Extremely low income	132	85		
<=30% AMI				
Very low income	22	15		
(>30% but <=50%				
AMI)				

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Low income	0	0	
(>50% but <80%			
AMI)			
Families with children	110	71	
Elderly families	2	1	
Families with	39	25	
Disabilities			
White/Hispanic	82	53	
White/Non-Hispanic	51	34	
Black/Hispanic	4	2	
Black/Non-Hispanic	16	10	
Other/Non-Hispanic	1	1	
Characteristics by			
Bedroom Size (Public			
Housing Only)			
1BR	45	29	11
2 BR	71	46	16
3 BR	34	23	9
4 BR	4	2	1
5 BR			
5+ BR			
Is the waiting list closed (select one)? No X Yes			
If yes:			
How long has it been closed (# of months)? 4 Months			
Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? $\Box$ No $\Box$ X Yes			
Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if			
generally closed? No X Yes			

#### C. Strategy for Addressing Needs

#### (1) Strategies

**Need:** Shortage of affordable housing for all eligible populations

# Strategy 1. Maximize the number of affordable units available to the PHA within its current resources by:

Select all that apply

X	Employ effective maintenance and management policies to minimize the number of
	public housing units off-line
X	Reduce turnover time for vacated public housing units
X	Reduce time to renovate public housing units
	Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through mixed finance
	development
	Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through section 8
	replacement housing resources
X	Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by establishing payment standards that
	will enable families to rent throughout the jurisdiction
	Undertake measures to ensure access to affordable housing among families assisted
	by the PHA, regardless of unit size required
X	Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by marketing the program to owners,
	particularly those outside of areas of minority and poverty concentration
X	Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by effectively screening Section 8
	applicants to increase owner acceptance of program
X	Participate in the Consolidated Plan development process to ensure coordination
	with broader community strategies
	Other (list below)
Strate	gy 2: Increase the number of affordable housing units by:

#### Select all that apply

- X Apply for additional section 8 units should they become available
- Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed finance housing
- X Pursue housing resources other than public housing or Section 8 tenant-based assistance.
- Other: (list below)

#### Need: Specific Family Types: Families at or below 30% of median

**Strategy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 30 % of AMI** Select all that apply

- X Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in public housing
- X Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in tenant-based section 8 assistance
- X Employ admissions preferences aimed at families with economic hardships



Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work Other: (list below)

#### Need: Specific Family Types: Families at or below 50% of median

#### Strategy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 50% of AMI Select all that apply



Employ admissions preferences aimed at families who are working X Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work

Other: (list below)

#### **Need:** Specific Family Types: The Elderly

#### **Strategy 1: Target available assistance to the elderly:**

Select all that apply



Seek designation of public housing for the elderly

Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to the elderly, should they become available

Other: (list below)

#### Need: Specific Family Types: Families with Disabilities

#### **Strategy 1: Target available assistance to Families with Disabilities:**

Select all that apply

- Seek designation of public housing for families with disabilities
- X Carry out the modifications needed in public housing based on the section 504 Needs Assessment for Public Housing
- X Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to families with disabilities, should they become available
  - Affirmatively market to local non-profit agencies that assist families with disabilities Other: (list below)

#### Need: Specific Family Types: Races or ethnicities with disproportionate housing needs

# Strategy 1: Increase awareness of PHA resources among families of races and ethnicities with disproportionate needs:

Select if applicable

X Affirmatively market to races/ethnicities shown to have disproportionate housing needs

Other: (list below)

#### Strategy 2: Conduct activities to affirmatively further fair housing

Select all that apply

- X Counsel section 8 tenants as to location of units outside of areas of poverty or minority concentration and assist them to locate those units
- X Market the section 8 program to owners outside of areas of poverty /minority concentrations
  - Other: (list below)

#### Other Housing Needs & Strategies: (list needs and strategies below)

#### (2) Reasons for Selecting Strategies

Of the factors listed below, select all that influenced the PHA's selection of the strategies it will pursue:

X	Funding constraints
X	Staffing constraints
	Limited availability of sites for assisted housing
	Extent to which particular housing needs are met by other organizations in the
	community
	Evidence of housing needs as demonstrated in the Consolidated Plan and other
	information available to the PHA
	Influence of the housing market on PHA programs
X	Community priorities regarding housing assistance
X	Results of consultation with local or state government
	Results of consultation with residents and the Resident Advisory Board
	Results of consultation with advocacy groups
	Other: (list below)

# 2. Statement of Financial Resources

#### [24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (b)]

List the financial resources that are anticipated to be available to the PHA for the support of Federal public housing and tenant-based Section 8 assistance programs administered by the PHA during the

Plan year. Note: the table assumes that Federal public housing or tenant based Section 8 assistance grant funds are expended on eligible purposes; therefore, uses of these funds need not be stated. For other funds, indicate the use for those funds as one of the following categories: public housing operations, public housing capital improvements, public housing safety/security, public housing supportive services, Section 8 tenant-based assistance, Section 8 supportive services or other.

Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses			
Sources	Planned \$	Planned Uses	
1. Federal Grants (FY 2000 grants)			
a) Public Housing Operating Fund	436,477	Expenses	
b) Public Housing Capital Fund	455,392	See Table Library	
c) HOPE VI Revitalization	N/A		
d) HOPE VI Demolition	N/A		
e) Annual Contributions for Section 8	193,047	Administration &	
Tenant-Based Assistance		Assistance to Families	
f) Public Housing Drug Elimination	N/A		
Program (including any Technical			
Assistance funds)			
g) Resident Opportunity and Self-	N/A		
Sufficiency Grants			
h) Community Development Block	N/A		
Grant			
i) HOME	N/A		
Other Federal Grants (list below)	N/A		
2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below)	0		
3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income	674,280	Expenses	
4. Other income (list below)         Interest	18,000		
Sales & Services	9,120		
4. Non-federal sources (list below)			

Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses			
Sources Planned \$ Planned Uses			
Total resources	1,692,630		

# 3. PHA Policies Governing Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (c)]

#### A. Public Housing

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer public housing are not required to complete subcomponent 3A.

#### (1) Eligibility

a. When does the PHA verify eligibility for admission to public housing? (select all that apply)

- X When families are within a certain number of being offered a unit: (3 DAYS)
  - When families are within a certain time of being offered a unit: (state time)
  - Other: (describe)
- b. Which non-income (screening) factors does the PHA use to establish eligibility for admission to public housing (select all that apply)?
- X Criminal or Drug-related activity
- X Rental history
- X Housekeeping
- Other (describe)
- c. X Yes No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?
- d. X Yes No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?
- e. Yes X No: Does the PHA access FBI criminal records from the FBI for screening purposes? (either directly or through an NCIC-authorized source)

#### (2)Waiting List Organization

- a. Which methods does the PHA plan to use to organize its public housing waiting list (select all that apply)
- X Community-wide list
- Sub-jurisdictional lists
- Site-based waiting lists
- Other (describe)

b. Where may interested persons apply for admission to public housing?

- X PHA main administrative office
  - PHA development site management office
  - Other (list below)
- c. If the PHA plans to operate one or more site-based waiting lists in the coming year, answer each of the following questions; if not, skip to subsection (3) Assignment
  - 1. How many site-based waiting lists will the PHA operate in the coming year? 2
  - Yes X No: Are any or all of the PHA's site-based waiting lists new for the upcoming year (that is, they are not part of a previously-HUD-approved site based waiting list plan)? If yes, how many lists?
  - 3. X Yes No: May families be on more than one list simultaneously If yes, how many lists? 2 - Pending Eligibility
  - 4. Where can interested persons obtain more information about and sign up to be on the site-based waiting lists (select all that apply)?
    - X PHA main administrative office
      - All PHA development management offices
      - Management offices at developments with site-based waiting lists
      - At the development to which they would like to apply
      - Other (list below)

#### (3) Assignment

- a. How many vacant unit choices are applicants ordinarily given before they fall to the bottom of or are removed from the waiting list? (select one)
  - One
  - X Two
    - Three or More

- b. X Yes No: Is this policy consistent across all waiting list types?
- c. If answer to b is no, list variations for any other than the primary public housing waiting list/s for the PHA:

#### (4) Admissions Preferences

#### a. Income targeting:

X Yes No: Does the PHA plan to exceed the federal targeting requirements by targeting more than 40% of all new admissions to public housing to families at or below 30% of median area income?

#### b. Transfer policies:

In what circumstances will transfers take precedence over new admissions? (list below)

- X Emergencies
- X Overhoused
- X Underhoused
- X Medical justification
- X Administrative reasons determined by the PHA (e.g., to permit modernization work)
  - Resident choice: (state circumstances below)
  - Other: (list below)

#### c. Preferences

1. X Yes No: Has the PHA established preferences for admission to public housing (other than date and time of application)? (If "no" is selected, skip to subsection (5) Occupancy)

2. Which of the following admission preferences does the PHA plan to employ in the coming year? (select all that apply from either former Federal preferences or other preferences)

Former Federal preferences:

- X Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
  - Victims of domestic violence
  - Substandard housing
    - Homelessness

High rent burden (rent is > 50 percent of income)

Other preferences: (select below)

Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
Veterans and veterans' families
X Residents who live and/or work in the jurisdiction
Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
Other preference(s) (list below)

3. If the PHA will employ admissions preferences, please prioritize by placing a "1" in the space that represents your first priority, a "2" in the box representing your second priority, and so on. If you give equal weight to one or more of these choices (either through an absolute hierarchy or through a point system), place the same number next to each. That means you can use "1" more than once, "2" more than once, etc.

1 Date and Time

Former Federal preferences:

Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition) Victims of domestic violence Substandard housing Homelessness High rent burden

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- Working families and those unable to work because of age or disabilityVeterans and veterans' families
  - Residents who live and/or work in the jurisdiction
  - Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
  - Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
  - Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
  - Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
  - Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
  - Other preference(s) (list below)

4. Relationship of preferences to income targeting requirements:



The PHA applies preferences within income tiers

X Not applicable: the pool of applicant families ensures that the PHA will meet income targeting requirements

#### (5) Occupancy

a. What reference materials can applicants and residents use to obtain information about the rules of occupancy of public housing (select all that apply)

- X The PHA-resident lease
- X The PHA's Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy policy
- X PHA briefing seminars or written materials
  - Other source (list)

b. How often must residents notify the PHA of changes in family composition? (select all that apply)

- X At an annual reexamination and lease renewal
- X Any time family composition changes
- X At family request for revision
  - Other (list)

#### (6) Deconcentration and Income Mixing

a. Yes X No: Did the PHA's analysis of its family (general occupancy) developments to determine concentrations of poverty indicate the need for measures to promote deconcentration of poverty or income mixing?

b. Yes X No: Did the PHA adopt any changes to its **admissions policies** based on the results of the required analysis of the need to promote deconcentration of poverty or to assure income mixing?

c. If the answer to b was yes, what changes were adopted? (select all that apply)

Adoption of site-based waiting lists

If selected, list targeted developments below:

	Employing waiting list "skipping" to achieve deconcentration of poverty or income mixing goals at targeted developments If selected, list targeted developments below:
	Employing new admission preferences at targeted developments If selected, list targeted developments below:
X	Other : The Housing Authority has only one family housing project/waiting list, therefore deconcentration does not apply.
d. 🗌	Yes X No: Did the PHA adopt any changes to <b>other</b> policies based on the results of the required analysis of the need for deconcentration of poverty and income mixing?
e. If th	he answer to d was yes, how would you describe these changes? (select all that apply)
	Additional affirmative marketing Actions to improve the marketability of certain developments Adoption or adjustment of ceiling rents for certain developments Adoption of rent incentives to encourage deconcentration of poverty and income- mixing Other (list below)
	ed on the results of the required analysis, in which developments will the PHA make efforts to attract or retain higher-income families? (select all that apply) Not applicable: results of analysis did not indicate a need for such efforts List (any applicable) developments below:
-	ed on the results of the required analysis, in which developments will the PHA make efforts to assure access for lower-income families? (select all that apply) Not applicable: results of analysis did not indicate a need for such efforts List (any applicable) developments below:

# **B. Section 8**

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer section 8 are not required to complete sub-component 3B. Unless otherwise specified, all questions in this section apply only to the tenant-based section 8 assistance program (vouchers, and until completely merged into the voucher program, certificates).

#### (1) Eligibility

<ul> <li>a. What is the extent of screening conducted by the PHA? (select all that apply)</li> <li>X Criminal or drug-related activity only to the extent required by law or regulation</li> <li>Criminal and drug-related activity, more extensively than required by law or regulation</li> <li>More general screening than criminal and drug-related activity (list factors below)</li> <li>Other (list below)</li> </ul>
b. X Yes No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?
c. X Yes No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?
d. Yes X No: Does the PHA access FBI criminal records from the FBI for screening purposes? (either directly or through an NCIC-authorized source)
e. Indicate what kinds of information you share with prospective landlords? (select all that

- e. Indicate what kinds of information you share with prospective landlords? (select all that apply)
  - X Criminal or drug-related activity
  - Other (describe below)

#### (2) Waiting List Organization

- a. With which of the following program waiting lists is the section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting list merged? (select all that apply)
  - X None
    - Federal public housing
    - Federal moderate rehabilitation
    - Federal project-based certificate program
    - Other federal or local program (list below)
- b. Where may interested persons apply for admission to section 8 tenant-based assistance? \_\_\_\_\_ (select all that apply)
  - X PHA main administrative office
    - Other (list below)

#### (3) Search Time

a. Yes X No: Does the PHA give extensions on standard 60-day period to search for a unit?

If yes, state circumstances below:

#### (4) Admissions Preferences

- a. Income targeting
- X Yes No: Does the PHA plan to exceed the federal targeting requirements by targeting more than 75% of all new admissions to the section 8 program to families at or below 30% of median area income?
- b. Preferences
- 1. X Yes No: Has the PHA established preferences for admission to section 8 tenant-based assistance? (other than date and time of application) (if no, skip to subcomponent (5) Special purpose section 8 assistance programs)
- 2. Which of the following admission preferences does the PHA plan to employ in the coming year? (select all that apply from either former Federal preferences or other preferences)

Former Federal preferences

- X Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- X Victims of domestic violence
- X Substandard housing
- X Homelessness
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Other preferences (select all that apply)

- Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- Veterans and veterans' families
- X Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction
  - Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
  - Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
  - Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)

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Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs Victims of reprisals or hate crimes Other preference(s) (list below)

3. If the PHA will employ admissions preferences, please prioritize by placing a "1" in the space that represents your first priority, a "2" in the box representing your second priority, and so on. If you give equal weight to one or more of these choices (either through an absolute hierarchy or through a point system), place the same number next to each. That means you can use "1" more than once, "2" more than once, etc.

1 Date and Time

Former Federal preferences

- 1 Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- 2 Victims of domestic violence
- 2 Substandard housing
- 2 Homelessness
- 2 High rent burden

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- Veterans and veterans' families
- X Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction
  - Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
  - Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
  - Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
    - Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
  - Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
  - Other preference(s) (list below)

4. Among applicants on the waiting list with equal preference status, how are applicants selected? (select one)

- X Date and time of application
  - Drawing (lottery) or other random choice technique

5. If the PHA plans to employ preferences for "residents who live and/or work in the jurisdiction" (select one)

This preference has previously been reviewed and approved by HUD

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X The PHA requests approval for this preference through this PHA Plan

6. Relationship of preferences to income targeting requirements: (select one)

The PHA applies preferences within income tiers



#### (5) Special Purpose Section 8 Assistance Programs

- a. In which documents or other reference materials are the policies governing eligibility, selection, and admissions to any special-purpose section 8 program administered by the PHA contained? (select all that apply)
- X The Section 8 Administrative Plan
- X Briefing sessions and written materials
  - Other (list below)
- b. How does the PHA announce the availability of any special-purpose section 8 programs to the public?
  - X Through published notices
    - Other (list below)

# 4. PHA Rent Determination Policies

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (d)]

# A. Public Housing

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer public housing are not required to complete sub-component 4A.

## (1) Income Based Rent Policies

Describe the PHA's income based rent setting policy/ies for public housing using, including discretionary (that is, not required by statute or regulation) income disregards and exclusions, in the appropriate spaces below.

a. Use of discretionary policies: (select one)

X	The PHA will not employ any discretionary rent-setting policies for income based		
	rent in public housing. Income-based rents are set at the higher of 30% of adjusted		
	monthly income, 10% of unadjusted monthly income, the welfare rent, or minimum		
	rent (less HUD mandatory deductions and exclusions). (If selected, skip to sub-		
	component (2))		

---or---

The PHA employs discretionary policies for determining income based rent (If selected, continue to question b.)

#### b. Minimum Rent

1. What amount best reflects the PHA's minimum rent? (select one)



- 2. Yes X No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies?
- 3. If yes to question 2, list these policies below:
- c. Rents set at less than 30% than adjusted income
- 1. Yes X No: Does the PHA plan to charge rents at a fixed amount or percentage less than 30% of adjusted income?
- 2. If yes to above, list the amounts or percentages charged and the circumstances under which these will be used below:
- d. Which of the discretionary (optional) deductions and/or exclusions policies does the PHA plan to employ (select all that apply)
- X For the earned income of a previously unemployed household member
- X For increases in earned income
- X Fixed amount (other than general rent-setting policy)

If yes, state amount/s and circumstances below: If the tenant chooses a flat rent, they may select a fixed rental amount based on unit size.

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	Fixed percentage (other than general rent-setting policy) If yes, state percentage/s and circumstances below:
	For household heads For other family members For transportation expenses For the non-reimbursed medical expenses of non-disabled or non-elderly families Other (describe below)
e. Ceili	ing rents
	you have ceiling rents? (rents set at a level lower than 30% of adjusted income) elect one)
	Yes for all developments Yes but only for some developments No
2. Fo	r which kinds of developments are ceiling rents in place? (select all that apply)
	For all developments For all general occupancy developments (not elderly or disabled or elderly only) For specified general occupancy developments For certain parts of developments; e.g., the high-rise portion For certain size units; e.g., larger bedroom sizes Other (list below)
	lect the space or spaces that best describe how you arrive at ceiling rents (select all t apply)
	Market comparability study Fair market rents (FMR) 95 <sup>th</sup> percentile rents 75 percent of operating costs 100 percent of operating costs for general occupancy (family) developments Operating costs plus debt service The "rental value" of the unit Other (list below)

f. Rent re-determinations:

1. Between income reexaminations, how often must tenants report changes in income or family composition to the PHA such that the changes result in an adjustment to rent? (select all that apply)

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	Never
	At family option
X	Any time the family experiences an income increase
	Any time a family experiences an income increase above a threshold amount or
	percentage: (if selected, specify threshold)
	Other (list below)

g. Yes X No: Does the PHA plan to implement individual savings accounts for residents (ISAs) as an alternative to the required 12 month disallowance of earned income and phasing in of rent increases in the next year?

#### (2) Flat Rents

- 1. In setting the market-based flat rents, what sources of information did the PHA use to establish comparability? (select all that apply.)
- X The section 8 rent reasonableness study of comparable housing
- X Survey of rents listed in local newspaper
- X Survey of similar unassisted units in the neighborhood
  - Other (list/describe below)

# **B.** Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer Section 8 tenant-based assistance are not required to complete sub-component 4B. Unless otherwise specified, all questions in this section apply only to the tenant-based section 8 assistance program (vouchers, and until completely merged into the voucher program, certificates).

#### (1) Payment Standards

Describe the voucher payment standards and policies.

a. What is the PHA's payment standard? (select the category that best describes your standard)

At or above 90% but below100% of FMR

X 100% of FMR

Above 100% but at or below 110% of FMR
Above 110% of FMR (if HUD approved: des

- b. If the payment standard is lower than FMR, why has the PHA selected this standard? (select all that apply)
- FMRs are adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment of the FMR area
  - The PHA has chosen to serve additional families by lowering the payment standard
  - Reflects market or submarket
  - Other (list below)
- c. If the payment standard is higher than FMR, why has the PHA chosen this level? (select all that apply)
- FMRs are not adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment of the FMR area
  - Reflects market or submarket
    - To increase housing options for families
    - Other (list below)
- d. How often are payment standards reevaluated for adequacy? (select one)
- X Annually
  - Other (list below)
- e. What factors will the PHA consider in its assessment of the adequacy of its payment standard? (select all that apply)
- X Success rates of assisted families
- X Rent burdens of assisted families
  - Other (list below)

#### (2) Minimum Rent

a. What amount best reflects the PHA's minimum rent? (select one)

\$0 \$1-\$25 Х \$26-\$50

b. X Yes No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies? (if yes, list below)

- 1. A hardship exists in the following circumstances:
  - a. When the family has lost eligibility for or is awaiting an eligibility determination for a Federal, State or local assistance program;
  - b. When the family would be evicted as a result of the imposition of the minimum rent requirement;
  - c. When the income of the family has decreased because of changed circumstances, including loss of employment;
  - d. When the family has an increase in expenses because of changed circumstances, for medical costs, childcare, transportation, education, or similar items;
  - e. When a death has occurred in the family.
- 2. No hardship. If the Housing Authority determines there is no qualifying hardship, the minimum rent will be reinstated, including requiring back payment of minimum rent to the Housing Authority for the time of suspension.
- 3. Temporary hardship. If the Housing Authority determines that there is a qualifying hardship but that it is of a temporary nature, the minimum rent will not be imposed for a period of 90 days from the date of the family's request. At the end of the 90-day period, the minimum rent will be imposed retroactively to the time of suspension. The Housing Authority will offer a reasonable repayment agreement for any minimum rent back payment paid by the Housing Authority on the family's behalf during the period of suspension.
- 4. Long-term hardship. If the Housing Authority determines there is a long-term hardship, the family will be exempt from the minimum rent requirement until the hardship no longer exists.
- 5. Appeals. The family may use the informal hearing procedure to appeal the Housing Authority's determination regarding the hardship. No escrow deposit will be required in order to utilize the informal hearing procedures.

#### **5. Operations and Management**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (e)]

Exemptions from Component 5: High performing and small PHAs are not required to complete this section. Section 8 only PHAs must complete parts A, B, and C(2)

#### A. PHA Management Structure

Describe the PHA's management structure and organization. (select one)

- X An organization chart showing the PHA's management structure and organization is attached.
  - A brief description of the management structure and organization of the PHA follows:

#### **B. HUD Programs Under PHA Management**

List Federal programs administered by the PHA, number of families served at the beginning of the upcoming fiscal year, and expected turnover in each. (Use "NA" to indicate that the PHA does not operate any of the programs listed below.)

Program Name	Units or Families	Expected
	Served at Year	Turnover
	Beginning	
Public Housing	250	52
Section 8 Vouchers	254	33
Section 8 Certificates	31	4
Section 8 Mod Rehab	N/A	N/A
Special Purpose Section	N/A	N/A
8 Certificates/Vouchers		
(list individually)		
Public Housing Drug	N/A	N/A
Elimination Program		
(PHDEP)		
Other Federal	N/A	N/A
Programs(list individually)		

#### C. Management and Maintenance Policies

List the PHA's public housing management and maintenance policy documents, manuals and handbooks that contain the Agency's rules, standards, and policies that govern maintenance and management of public housing, including a description of any measures necessary for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation (which includes cockroach infestation) and the policies governing Section 8 management.

- Public Housing Maintenance and Management: (list below)
   Admission & Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP)
- (2) Section 8 Management: (list below) Section 8 Administration Plan

## **<u>6. PHA Grievance Procedures</u>**
[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (f)]

Exemptions from component 6: High performing PHAs are not required to complete component 6. Section 8-Only PHAs are exempt from sub-component 6A.

### A. Public Housing

1. X Yes No: Has the PHA established any written grievance procedures in addition to federal requirements found at 24 CFR Part 966, Subpart B, for residents of public housing?

If yes, list additions to federal requirements below:

### INFORMAL REVIEW

A. If the Willimantic Housing Authority determines that an applicant does not meet the criteria for receiving public housing assistance, the Willimantic Housing Authority will promptly provide the applicant with written notice of the determination. The notice must contain a brief statement of the reason(s) for the decision and state that the applicant may request an informal review of the decision within 10 business days of the denial. The Willimantic Housing Authority will describe how to obtain the informal review.

The informal review may be conducted by any person designated by the Willimantic Housing Authority, other than a person who made or approved the decision under review or subordinate of this person. The applicant must be given the opportunity to present written or oral objections to the Willimantic Housing Authority's decision. The Willimantic Housing Authority must notify the applicant of the final decision within 14 calendar days after the informal review, including a brief statement of the reasons for the final decision.

B. The participant family may request that the Willimantic Housing Authority provide for an Informal Hearing after the family has notification of an INS decision on their citizenship status on appeal, or in lieu of request of appeal to the INS. This request must be made by the participant family within 30 days of receipt of the Notice of Denial or Termination of Assistance, or within 30 days of receipt of the INS appeal decision.

For the participant families, the Informal Hearing Process above will be utilized with the exception that the participant family will have up to 30 days of receipt of the Notice of Denial or Termination of Assistance, or of the INS appeal decision.

- 2. Which PHA office should residents or applicants to public housing contact to initiate the PHA grievance process? (select all that apply)
- X PHA main administrative office
  - PHA development management offices
  - Other (list below)

### **B.** Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance

1. X Yes No: Has the PHA established informal review procedures for applicants to the Section 8 tenant-based assistance program and informal hearing procedures for families assisted by the Section 8 tenant-based assistance program in addition to federal requirements found at 24 CFR 982?

If yes, list additions to federal requirements below:

### INFORMAL REVIEW FOR THE APPLICANT

### Informal Review Process

The Willimantic Housing Authority will give an applicant an opportunity for an informal review of the Willimantic Housing Authority decision denying assistance to the applicant. The procedure is as follows:

- 1. The review will be conducted by any person or persons designated by the Willimantic Housing Authority other than the person who made or approved the decision under review or a subordinate of this person.
- 2. The applicant will be given an opportunity to present written or oral objections to the Willimantic Housing Authority decision.
- 3. The Willimantic Housing Authority will notify the applicant of the Willimantic Housing Authority decision after the informal review within 14 calendar days. The notification will include a brief statement of the reasons for the final decision.

### Considering Circumstances

In deciding whether to terminate assistance because of action or inaction by members of the family, the Housing Authority may consider all of the circumstances in each case, including the seriousness of the case, the extent of participation or culpability of individual family members, and the effects of denial or termination of assistance on other family members who were not involved in the action or failure.

The Housing Authority may impose, as a condition of continued assistance for other family members, a requirement that family members who participated in or were culpable for the action or failure will not reside in the unit. The Housing Authority may permit the other members of a participant family to continue receiving assistance.

If the Housing Authority seeks to terminate assistance because of illegal use, or possession for personal use, of a controlled substance, or pattern of abuse of alcohol, such use or possession or pattern of abuse must have occurred within one year before the date that the Housing Authority provides notice to the family of the Housing Authority determination to deny or terminate assistance. In determining whether to terminate assistance for these reasons the Willimantic Housing Authority will consider evidence of whether the household member:

- 1. Has successfully completed a supervised drug or alcohol rehabilitation program (as applicable) and is no longer engaging in the illegal use of a controlled substance or abuse of alcohol;
- 2. Has otherwise been rehabilitated successfully and is no longer engaging in the illegal use of a controlled substance or abuse of alcohol; or
- 3. Is participating in a supervised drug or alcohol rehabilitation program and is no longer engaging in the illegal use of a controlled substance or abuse of alcohol.
- Informal Review Procedures for Denial of Assistance on the Basis of Ineligible Immigration Status

The applicant family may request that the Willimantic Housing Authority provide for an informal review after the family has notification of the INS decision on appeal, or in lieu of request of appeal to the INS. This request must be made by the applicant family within 30 days of receipt of the *Notice of Denial or Termination of Assistance*, or within 30 days of receipt of the INS appeal decision.

For applicant families, the Informal Review Process above will be utilized with the exception that the applicant family will have up to 30 days of receipt of the *Notice of Denial or Termination of Assistance*, or of the INS appeal decision to request the review.

### INFORMAL HEARINGS FOR PARTICIPANTS

- A. When a Hearing is Required
  - 1. The Willimantic Housing Authority will give a participant family an opportunity for an informal hearing to consider whether the following Willimantic Housing Authority decisions relating to the individual circumstances of a participant family are in accordance with the law, HUD regulations, and Willimantic Housing Authority policies:
    - a. A determination of the family's annual or adjusted income, and the use of such income to compute the housing assistance payment.
    - b. A determination of the appropriate utility allowance (if any) for tenant-paid utilities from the Willimantic Housing Authority utility allowance schedule.
    - c. A determination of the family unit size under the Willimantic Housing Authority subsidy standards.
    - d. A determination that a Certificate Program family is residing in a unit with a larger number of bedrooms than appropriate for the family unit size under the Willimantic Housing Authority subsidy standards, or the Willimantic Housing Authority determination to deny the family's request for an exception from the standards.

- e. A determination to terminate assistance for a participant family because of the family's action or failure to act.
- f. A determination to terminate assistance because the participant family has been absent from the assisted unit for longer than the maximum period permitted under the Willimantic Housing Authority policy and HUD rules.
- 2. In cases described in paragraphs 16.3(A)(1)(d), (e), and (f), of this Section, the Willimantic Housing Authority will give the opportunity for an informal hearing before the Willimantic Housing Authority terminates housing assistance payments for the family under an outstanding HAP contract.
- B. When a Hearing is not Required

The Willimantic Housing Authority will not provide a participant family an opportunity for an informal hearing for any of the following reasons:

- 1. General policy issues or class grievances.
- 2. Establishment of the Willimantic Housing Authority schedule of utility allowances for families in the program.
- 3. A Willimantic Housing Authority determination not to approve an extension or suspension of a certificate or voucher term.
- 4. A Willimantic Housing Authority determination not to approve a unit or lease.
- 5. A Willimantic Housing Authority determination that an assisted unit is not in compliance with HQS. (However, the Willimantic Housing Authority will provide the opportunity for an informal hearing for a decision to terminate assistance for a breach of the HQS caused by the family.)
- 6. A Willimantic Housing Authority determination that the unit is not in accordance with HQS because of the family size.
- 7. A determination by the Willimantic Housing Authority to exercise or not exercise any right or remedy against the owner under a HAP contract.
- C. Notice to the Family
  - 1. In the cases described in paragraphs 16.3(A)(1)(a), (b), and (c), of this Section, the Willimantic Housing Authority will notify the family that the family may ask for an explanation of the basis of the Willimantic Housing Authority's determination, and that if the family does not agree with the determination, the family may request an informal hearing on the decision.
  - 2. In the cases described in paragraphs 16.3(A)(1)(d), (e), and (f), of this Section, the Willimantic Housing Authority will give the family prompt written notice that the family may request a hearing within 10 business days of the notification. The notice will:

- a. Contain a brief statement of the reasons for the decision; and
- b. State that if the family does not agree with the decision, the family may request an informal hearing on the decision within 10 business days of the notification.

### D. Hearing Procedures

The Willimantic Housing Authority and participants will adhere to the following procedures:

- 1. Discovery
  - a. The family will be given the opportunity to examine before the hearing any Willimantic Housing Authority documents that are directly relevant to the hearing. The family will be allowed to copy any such document at the family's expense. If the Willimantic Housing Authority does not make the document(s) available for examination on request of the family, the Willimantic Housing Authority may not rely on the document at the hearing.
  - b. The Willimantic Housing Authority will be given the opportunity to examine, at the Willimantic Housing Authority's offices before the hearing, any family documents that are directly relevant to the hearing. The Willimantic Housing Authority will be allowed to copy any such document at the Willimantic Housing Authority's expense. If the family does not make the document(s) available for examination on request of the Willimantic Housing Authority, the family may not rely on the document at the hearing.

Note: The term **document** includes records and regulations.

2. Representation of the Family

At its own expense, a lawyer or other representative may represent the family.

- 3. Hearing Officer
  - a. The hearing will be conducted by any person or persons designated by the Willimantic Housing Authority, other than a person who made or approved the decision under review or a subordinate of this person.
  - b. The person who conducts the hearing will regulate the conduct of the hearing in accordance with the Willimantic Housing Authority hearing procedures.
- 4. Evidence

The Willimantic Housing Authority and the family must have the opportunity to present evidence and may question any witnesses. Evidence may be

considered without regard to admissibility under the rules of evidence applicable to judicial proceedings.

5. Issuance of Decision

The person who conducts the hearing must issue a written decision within 14 calendar days from the date of the hearing, stating briefly the reasons for the decision. Factual determinations relating to the individual circumstances of the family shall be based on a preponderance of the evidence presented at the hearing.

6. Effect of the Decision

The Willimantic Housing Authority is not bound by a hearing decision:

- a. Concerning a matter for which the Willimantic Housing Authority is not required to provide an opportunity for an informal hearing under this Section, or that otherwise exceeds the authority of the person conducting the hearing under the Willimantic Housing Authority hearing procedures.
- b. Contrary to HUD regulations or requirements, or otherwise contrary to Federal, State, or local law.
- c. If the Willimantic Housing Authority determines that it is not bound by a hearing decision, the Willimantic Housing Authority will notify the family within 14 calendar days of the determination, and of the reasons for the determination.

### E. Considering Circumstances

In deciding whether to terminate assistance because of action or inaction by members of the family, the Housing Authority may consider all of the circumstances in each case, including the seriousness of the case, the extent of participation or culpability of individual family members, and the effects of denial or termination of assistance on other family members who were not involved in the action or failure.

The Housing Authority may impose, as a condition of continued assistance for other family members, a requirement that family members who participated in or were culpable for the action or failure will not reside in the unit. The Housing Authority may permit the other members of a participant family to continue receiving assistance.

If the Housing Authority seeks to terminate assistance because of illegal use, or possession for personal use, of a controlled substance, or pattern of abuse of alcohol, such use or possession or pattern of abuse must have occurred within one year before the date that the Housing Authority provides notice to the family of the Housing Authority determination to deny or terminate assistance. In determining whether to terminate assistance for these reasons the Willimantic Housing Authority will consider evidence of whether the household member:

1. Has successfully completed a supervised drug or alcohol rehabilitation program (as applicable) and is no longer engaging in the illegal use of a controlled substance or abuse of alcohol;

- 2. Has otherwise been rehabilitated successfully and is no longer engaging in the illegal use of a controlled substance or abuse of alcohol; or
- 3. Is participating in a supervised drug or alcohol rehabilitation program and is no longer engaging in the illegal use of a controlled substance or abuse of alcohol.
- F. Informal Hearing Procedures for Denial of Assistance on the Basis of Ineligible Immigration Status

The participant family may request that the Willimantic Housing Authority provide for an informal hearing after the family has notification of the INS decision on appeal, or in lieu of request of appeal to the INS. This request must be made by the participant family within 30 days of receipt of the *Notice of Denial or Termination of Assistance*, or within 30 days of receipt of the INS appeal decision.

For the participant families, the Informal Hearing Process above will be utilized with the exception that the participant family will have up to 30 days of receipt of the *Notice of Denial or Termination of Assistance*, or of the INS appeal decision.

- 2. Which PHA office should applicants or assisted families contact to initiate the informal review and informal hearing processes? (select all that apply)
  - X PHA main administrative office

Other (list below)

### 7. Capital Improvement Needs

### [24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (g)]

Exemptions from Component 7: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this component and may skip to Component 8.

### A. Capital Fund Activities

Exemptions from sub-component 7A: PHAs that will not participate in the Capital Fund Program may skip to component 7B. All other PHAs must complete 7A as instructed.

### (1) Capital Fund Program Annual Statement

Using parts I, II, and III of the Annual Statement for the Capital Fund Program (CFP), identify capital activities the PHA is proposing for the upcoming year to ensure long-term physical and social viability of its public housing developments. This statement can be completed by using the CFP Annual Statement tables provided in the table library at the end of the PHA Plan template **OR**, at the PHA's option, by completing and attaching a properly updated HUD-52837.

Select one:

X The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement is provided as an attachment to the PHA Plan at Attachment A

-or-

The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement is provided below: (if selected, cop	Ŋу
the CFP Annual Statement from the Table Library and insert here)	

### (2) Optional 5-Year Action Plan

Agencies are encouraged to include a 5-Year Action Plan covering capital work items. This statement can be completed by using the 5 Year Action Plan table provided in the table library at the end of the PHA Plan template **OR** by completing and attaching a properly updated HUD-52834.

a. Yes X No: Is the PHA providing an optional 5-Year Action Plan for the Capital Fund? (if no, skip to sub-component 7B)

b. If yes to question a, select one:

The Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan is provided as an attachment to the PHA Plan at Attachment (state name

-or-

The Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan is provided below: (if selected, copy the CFP optional 5 Year Action Plan from the Table Library and insert here)

### **B. HOPE VI and Public Housing Development and Replacement** Activities (Non-Capital Fund)

Applicability of sub-component 7B: All PHAs administering public housing. Identify any approved HOPE VI and/or public housing development or replacement activities not described in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement.

Yes X No: a) Has the PHA received a HOPE VI revitalization grant? (if no, skip to question c; if yes, provide responses to question b for each grant, copying and completing as many times as necessary)

- b) Status of HOPE VI revitalization grant (complete one set of questions for each grant)
- 1. Development name:
- 2. Development (project) number:
- 3. Status of grant: (select the statement that best describes the current status) Revitalization Plan under development

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	<ul> <li>Revitalization Plan submitted, pending approval</li> <li>Revitalization Plan approved</li> <li>Activities pursuant to an approved Revitalization Plan underway</li> </ul>
Yes X No:	c) Does the PHA plan to apply for a HOPE VI Revitalization grant in the Plan year?
	If yes, list development name/s below:
Yes X No:	d) Will the PHA be engaging in any mixed-finance development activities for public housing in the Plan year?
	If yes, list developments or activities below:
Yes X No:	or replacement activities not discussed in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement?
	If yes, list developments or activities below:

### 8. Demolition and Disposition

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (h)] Applicability of component 8: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this section.

1. Yes X 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 component 9; if "yes", complete one activity description for each development.)

2. Activity Description

Yes No: Has the PHA provided the activities description information in the **optional** Public Housing Asset Management Table? (If "yes", skip to component 9. If "No", complete the Activity Description table below.)

Demolition/Disposition Activity Description
1a. Development name:
1b. Development (project) number:

2. Activity type: Demolition		
Disposition		
3. Application status (select one)		
Approved		
Submitted, pending approval		
Planned application		
4. Date application approved, submitted, or planned for submission: (DD/MM/YY)		
5. Number of units affected:		
6. Coverage of action (select one)		
Part of the development		
Total development		
7. Timeline for activity:		
a. Actual or projected start date of activity:		
b. Projected end date of activity:		

### 9. Designation of Public Housing for Occupancy by Elderly Families or Families with Disabilities or Elderly Families and Families with Disabilities

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (i)]

Exemptions from Component 9; Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this section.

1. Yes X No: Has the PHA designated or applied for approval to designate or does the PHA plan to apply to designate any public housing for occupancy only by the elderly families or only by families with disabilities, or by elderly families and families with disabilities or will apply for designation for occupancy by only elderly families or only families with disabilities as provided by section 7 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437e) in the upcoming fiscal year? (If "No", skip to component 10. If "yes", complete one activity description for each development, unless the PHA is eligible to complete a streamlined submission; PHAs completing streamlined submissions may skip to component 10.)

2. Activity Description

Yes No:

Has the PHA provided all required activity description information for this component in the **optional** Public Housing Asset Management Table? If "yes", skip to component 10. If "No", complete the Activity Description table below.

Designation of Public Housing Activity Description		
1a. Development name:		
1b. Development (project) number:		
2. Designation type:		
Occupancy by only the elderly		
Occupancy by families with disabilities		
Occupancy by only elderly families and families with disabilities		
3. Application status (select one)		
Approved; included in the PHA's Designation Plan		
Submitted, pending approval		
Planned application		
4. Date this designation approved, submitted, or planned for submission: (DD/MM/YY)		
5. If approved, will this designation constitute a (select one)		
New Designation Plan		
Revision of a previously-approved Designation Plan?		
6. Number of units affected:		
7. Coverage of action (select one)		
Part of the development		
Total development		

### **10. Conversion of Public Housing to Tenant-Based Assistance**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (j)] Exemptions from Component 10; Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this section.

### A. Assessments of Reasonable Revitalization Pursuant to section 202 of the HUD FY 1996 HUD Appropriations Act

1. Yes X No: Have any of the PHA's developments or portions of developments been identified by HUD or the PHA as covered under section 202 of the HUD FY 1996 HUD Appropriations Act? (If "No", skip to component 11; if "yes", complete one activity description for each identified development, unless eligible to complete a streamlined submission. PHAs completing streamlined submissions may skip to component 11.)

### 2. Activity Description

Yes No:

Has the PHA provided all required activity description information for this component in the **optional** Public Housing Asset Management Table? If "yes", skip to component 11. If "No", complete the Activity Description table below.

Conversion of Public Housing Activity Description				
1a. Development name:				
1b. Development (project) number:				
2. What is the status of the required assessment?				
Assessment underway				
Assessment results submitted to HUD				
Assessment results approved by HUD (if marked, proceed to next question)				
Other (explain below)				
3. Yes No: Is a Conversion Plan required? (If yes, go to block 4; if no, go to				
block 5.)				
4. Status of Conversion Plan (select the statement that best describes the current status)				
Conversion Plan in development				
Conversion Plan submitted to HUD on: (DD/MM/YYYY)				
Conversion Plan approved by HUD on: (DD/MM/YYYY)				
Activities pursuant to HUD-approved Conversion Plan underway				
5. Description of how requirements of Section 202 are being satisfied by means other than				
conversion (select one)				
Units addressed in a pending or approved demolition application (date submitted or approved:				
Units addressed in a pending or approved HOPE VI demolition application				
(date submitted or approved: )				
Units addressed in a pending or approved HOPE VI Revitalization Plan (date				
submitted or approved: )				
Requirements no longer applicable: vacancy rates are less than 10 percent				
Requirements no longer applicable: site now has less than 300 units				
Other: (describe below)				

**B.** Reserved for Conversions pursuant to Section 22 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937

C. Reserved for Conversions pursuant to Section 33 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937

### **<u>11. Homeownership Programs Administered by the PHA</u>**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (k)]

### A. Public Housing

Exemptions from Component 11A: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete 11A.

1. Yes X No: Does the PHA administer any homeownership programs administered by the PHA under an approved section 5(h) homeownership program (42 U.S.C. 1437c(h)), or an approved HOPE I program (42 U.S.C. 1437aaa) or has the PHA applied or plan to apply to administer any homeownership programs under section 5(h), the HOPE I program, or section 32 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437z-4). (If "No", skip to component 11B; if "yes", complete one activity description for each applicable program/plan, unless eligible to complete a streamlined submission due to small PHA or high performing PHA status. PHAs completing streamlined submissions may skip to component 11B.)

2. Activity Description

Yes No:

Has the PHA provided all required activity description information for this component in the **optional** Public Housing Asset Management Table? (If "yes", skip to component 12. If "No", complete the Activity Description table below.)

Public Housing Homeownership Activity Description (Complete one for each development affected)		
1a. Development name:		
1b. Development (project) number:		
2. Federal Program authority:		
HOPE I		
5(h)		
Turnkey III		
Section 32 of the USHA of 1937 (effective 10/1/99)		
3. Application status: (select one)		
Approved; included in the PHA's Homeownership Plan/Program		
Submitted, pending approval		
Planned application		

4. Date Homeownership Plan/Program approved, submitted, or planned for submission:		
(DD/MM/YYYY)		
5. Number of units affected:		
6. Coverage of action: (select one)		
Part of the development		
Total development		

### **B.** Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance

1. Yes X 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 component 12; if "yes", describe each program using the table below (copy and complete questions for each program identified), unless the PHA is eligible to complete a streamlined submission due to high performer status. **High performing PHAs** may skip to component 12.)

### 2. Program Description:

a. Size of Program

Yes No:

Will the PHA limit the number of families participating in the section 8 homeownership option?

If the answer to the question above was yes, which statement best describes the number of participants? (select one)

- 25 or fewer participants
- 26 50 participants
- 51 to 100 participants
- more than 100 participants

b. PHA-established eligibility criteria

Yes No: Will the PHA's program have eligibility criteria for participation in its Section 8 Homeownership Option program in addition to HUD criteria? If yes, list criteria below:

### **12. PHA Community Service and Self-sufficiency Programs**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (1)]

Exemptions from Component 12: High performing and small PHAs are not required to complete this component. Section 8-Only PHAs are not required to complete sub-component C.

### A. PHA Coordination with the Welfare (TANF) Agency

1. Cooperative agreements:

Yes X No: Has the PHA has entered into a cooperative agreement with the TANF Agency, to share information and/or target supportive services (as contemplated by section 12(d)(7) of the Housing Act of 1937)?

If yes, what was the date that agreement was signed? DD/MM/YY

- 2. Other coordination efforts between the PHA and TANF agency (select all that apply)
- X Client referrals
- X Information sharing regarding mutual clients (for rent determinations and otherwise)
- X Coordinate the provision of specific social and self-sufficiency services and programs to eligible families
  - Jointly administer programs
  - Partner to administer a HUD Welfare-to-Work voucher program
  - Joint administration of other demonstration program
  - Other (describe)

### **B.** Services and programs offered to residents and participants

### (1) General

a. Self-Sufficiency Policies

Which, if any of the following discretionary policies will the PHA employ to enhance the economic and social self-sufficiency of assisted families in the following areas? (select all that apply)

- Public housing rent determination policies
- Public housing admissions policies
- Section 8 admissions policies
- Preference in admission to section 8 for certain public housing families
- Preferences for families working or engaging in training or education
- programs for non-housing programs operated or coordinated by the PHA
- Preference/eligibility for public housing homeownership option participation
- Preference/eligibility for section 8 homeownership option participation
- Other policies (list below)
- b. Economic and Social self-sufficiency programs

X Yes No: Does the PHA coordinate, promote or provide any programs to enhance the economic and social self-sufficiency of residents? (If "yes", complete the following table; if "no" skip to sub-component 2, Family Self Sufficiency Programs. The position of the table may be altered to facilitate its use. )

Services and Programs				
Program Name & Description (including location, if appropriate)	Estimated Size	Allocation Method (waiting list/random selection/specific criteria/other)	Access (development office / PHA main office / other provider name)	Eligibility (public housing or section 8 participants or both)
After School Tutorial Program	40	All Children Project Wide	PHA main office	Public Housing Children in Grades K-12
Big Buddy Mentoring Program	15	Specific Criteria	PHA Main Office	Public Housing Children – At Risk
Farmers Market Coupons	250	All Public Housing Households	PHA Main Office	Public Housing Families
First Time Home Buyers Seminars	20	Random Sample	PHA Main Office	Public Housing Families

### (2) Family Self Sufficiency program/s

### a. Participation Description

Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Participation				
Program	Required Number of Participants	Actual Number of Participants		
	(start of FY 2000 Estimate)	(As of: DD/MM/YY)		
Public Housing				
Section 8	10	8		

b. X Yes No: If the PHA is not maintaining the minimum program size required by HUD, does the most recent FSS Action Plan address the steps the PHA plans to take to achieve at least the minimum program size? If no, list steps the PHA will take below:

### C. Welfare Benefit Reductions

- 1. The PHA is complying with the statutory requirements of section 12(d) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (relating to the treatment of income changes resulting from welfare program requirements) by: (select all that apply)
- X Adopting appropriate changes to the PHA's public housing rent determination policies and train staff to carry out those policies
  - X Informing residents of new policy on admission and reexamination
- X Actively notifying residents of new policy at times in addition to admission and reexamination.
- Establishing or pursuing a cooperative agreement with all appropriate TANF agencies regarding the exchange of information and coordination of services
- X Establishing a protocol for exchange of information with all appropriate TANF agencies
  - Other: (list below)

### **D.** Reserved for Community Service Requirement pursuant to section 12(c) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937

### 13. PHA Safety and Crime Prevention Measures

### [24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (m)]

Exemptions from Component 13: High performing and small PHAs not participating in PHDEP and Section 8 Only PHAs may skip to component 15. High Performing and small PHAs that are participating in PHDEP and are submitting a PHDEP Plan with this PHA Plan may skip to sub-component D.

### A. Need for measures to ensure the safety of public housing residents

- 1. Describe the need for measures to ensure the safety of public housing residents (select all that apply)
- High incidence of violent and/or drug-related crime in some or all of the PHA's developments

- High incidence of violent and/or drug-related crime in the areas surrounding or adjacent to the PHA's developments
- X Residents fearful for their safety and/or the safety of their children
  - Observed lower-level crime, vandalism and/or graffiti
- X People on waiting list unwilling to move into one or more developments due to perceived and/or actual levels of violent and/or drug-related crime
- Other (describe below)
- 2. What information or data did the PHA used to determine the need for PHA actions to improve safety of residents (select all that apply).
- X Safety and security survey of residents
  - Analysis of crime statistics over time for crimes committed "in and around" public housing authority
  - Analysis of cost trends over time for repair of vandalism and removal of graffiti
- X Resident reports
- X PHA employee reports
- X Police reports
- X
   Demonstrable, quantifiable success with previous or ongoing anticrime/anti drug programs
- Other (describe below)
- 3. Which developments are most affected? (list below) Nathan Hale Terrace

## **B.** Crime and Drug Prevention activities the PHA has undertaken or plans to undertake in the next PHA fiscal year

1. List the crime prevention activities the PHA has undertaken or plans to undertake: (select all that apply)

- Contracting with outside and/or resident organizations for the provision of crimeand/or drug-prevention activities
  - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- X Activities targeted to at-risk youth, adults, or seniors
- Volunteer Resident Patrol/Block Watchers Program
- X Other : After School Programs
- 2. Which developments are most affected? (list below)

### Nathan Hale Terrace

### C. Coordination between PHA and the police

1. Describe the coordination between the PHA and the appropriate police precincts for carrying out crime prevention measures and activities: (select all that apply)

	Police involvement in development, implementation, and/or ongoing evaluation of
	drug-elimination plan
X	Police provide crime data to housing authority staff for analysis and action
	Police have established a physical presence on housing authority property (e.g.,
	community policing office, officer in residence)
X	Police regularly testify in and otherwise support eviction cases
X	Police regularly meet with the PHA management and residents
	Agreement between PHA and local law enforcement agency for provision of above-
	baseline law enforcement services
	Other activities (list below)
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2. Which developments are most affected? (list below)

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### D. Additional information as required by PHDEP/PHDEP Plan

PHAs eligible for FY 2000 PHDEP funds must provide a PHDEP Plan meeting specified requirements prior to receipt of PHDEP funds.

X Yes	No: Is the PHA eligible to participate in the PHDEP in the fiscal year covered
	by this PHA Plan?
Yes X	X No: Has the PHA included the PHDEP Plan for FY 2000 in this PHA Plan?

Yes X No: This PHDEP Plan is an Attachment. (Attachment Filename: \_\_\_\_)

### **14. PET POLICY**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (n)]

### Willimantic Housing Authority Pet Policy Housing Developments for the Elderly and Disabled

According to Federal Law the keeping of companion pets is allowed in housing, subject to the reasonable rules made by Management for the welfare of tenants and pets, and the physical welfare of the property. The developments that this policy applies to are:

Wilbur Cross Apartments John Ashton Tower Father Honan Terrace

### RULES FOR PET OWNERSHIP:

- 1. Any tenant who wishes to keep a companion animal will inform management in writing, on forms available at the Housing Authority Office, prior to obtaining the pet or bringing it onto Authority property. If the Authority feels the pet is inappropriate, based on the terms outlined in this policy, management will inform the tenant. Permission for a specific pet will not be unreasonably withheld. A Lease Pet Rider must be signed immediately by the tenant. All pet owners must be able to control their pets via leash, pet carrier, or cage.
- 2. A companion animal is defined as a common household pet such as a dog, cat, small bird, guinea pig, gerbil, hamster, or fish. Reptiles, birds of prey, rabbits, or ferrets are not considered household pets for the purposes of this policy. Other animals, not specifically mentioned, may also be excluded based upon species, characteristics which make them undesirable as domestic pets in multifamily developments. Pets, other than cats and dogs, shall have suitable housing, e.g. cages or aquariums.
- 3. There will be no more than one dog or cat per apartment. A maximum of two birds or two small caged mammals is permitted. In the case of fish, no more than one aquarium with a 20 gallon capacity shall be allowed.
- 4. The mature size of newly acquired dogs is limited to those with a weight not to exceed 40 pounds. In general, tenants are encouraged to acquire mature dogs and cats to minimize the destruction often done by young animals. Puppies of undetermined parentage generally will not be allowed due to the difficulty of estimating their mature size or disposition. Each animal will be taken into consideration for its individual characteristics, based upon the facilities available at each development.
- 5. Dogs of vicious or aggressive disposition, or those prone to excessive barking, will not be permitted. Due to age and behavioral activities of puppies and kittens, application for ownership of such young animals shall be more closely reviewed prior to approval.
- 6. All dogs and cats over the age of six months must be spayed or neutered. If health problems prevent such spaying or neutering, a veterinarian's certificate will be necessary to allow the pet to become a resident and the exception will be at the discretion of the Executive Director.
- 7. All dogs must be licensed with the Town of Windham.
- 8. Residents are expressly prohibited from feeding or harboring stray animals.

### TENANT OBLIGATIONS:

- 1. The pet owner is responsible for the proper care of his or her pet, including good nutrition, grooming, exercise, flea control, routine veterinary care and yearly inoculations. Dogs and cats must wear a collar with an identification tag listing the owner's name and address.
- 2. The pet owner is responsible for cleaning up after the pet inside the apartment and anywhere on Housing Authority property. All wastes must be bagged and disposed of in the manner specified by the Authority in the "Addenda" at the end of this policy. Under no circumstances should any pet debris be deposited in toilets as blockages may occur. Tenants will be responsible for the cost of unclogging, repairing, or replacing any toilets or piped damaged or clogged by pet debris.
- 3. Pet blankets or bedding are not to be washed in the laundry room.

- 4. The pet owner will keep the apartment clean and free of pet odors, insect infestation, waste, and litter and will maintain the apartment in a sanitary condition at all times.
- 5. The pet owner will prevent the pet from gnawing, chewing, scratching, or otherwise defacing doors, walls, windows, floor covering, or any other portion of the apartment, or other apartments, and common areas, including preventing damage to landscaping, shrubs, lawns or other features of the development grounds.
- 6. Under no circumstances are pets ever to be tied outside or left unattended outside.
- 7. Tenant will not alter his or her unit or other area, inside or outside, to create an enclosure for an animal.
- 8. Pets shall be restrained at all times when outside the apartment on Housing Authority property. No pets shall ever be allowed loose in hallways, elevators, community rooms, dinging rooms, or other common areas.
- 9. Visitors with pets will be allowed as long as they notify the Authority and generally conform to the policy's guidelines.
- 10. Pets must not be allowed to disturb the health, safety, rights, comfort or peaceful enjoyment of other tenants. A pet may not create a nuisance to neighbors by excessive barking, whining, chirping, or other unruly behavior.
- 11. Pet owners must agree to quarterly inspections to be sure the pets and the apartments are being cared for properly. These inspections may be reduced or increased in frequency at the Authority's discretion.
- 12. The tenant is responsible for providing management with the following information and documents which are to be kept on file in the tenant's folder:
  - a) a color photo and description of the pet
  - b) attending veterinarian's name, address, and phone number
  - c) veterinary certificates of spaying or neutering, rabies, distemper combination, and any other applicable inoculations.
  - d) licensing certificates in accordance with local and state law.
  - e) two (2) alternate caretakers, their names, addresses, and telephone numbers, who will assume immediate responsibility for the care of the pet should the owner become incapacitated. These caretakers must sign the Pet Rider acknowledging their responsibilities.
  - f) Emergency boarding accommodations.

The tenant is responsible for keeping the Authority informed of any change in information.

13. Temporary ownership (overnight or short term) shall be registered with the Authority under the pet rules and regulations.

### PET COMMITTEE:

- 1. Each development shall establish a Pet Committee that is responsible for resolving complaints which may arise within that development. The committee must consist of pet owning tenants and non-pet owning tenants and should, where possible, include local humane groups, veterinarians, and community volunteers. A community volunteer may not be affiliated with the Willimantic Housing Authority or a tenant pet owner other than as a member of the Pet Committee. A community volunteer may not be a member of the immediate family of a tenant pet owner. The number of individuals on the committee should be uneven, numbering at least three, to allow for a majority rule in the event of a vote decision.
- 2. A resident who wishes to own a pet is responsible for informing the Authority of the necessity for establishing a Pet Committee if one is not already in place at his or her development.
- 3. A primary purpose of the committee is to alleviate the Willimantic Housing Authority's involvement with tenant's questions and complaints concerning companion animals. The committee should also monitor how the ownership of pets affects the quality of life of both petowning tenants and non-pet owning tenants and report any recommendations to the Authority.
- 4. The Pet Committee will be extremely careful not to violate any tenant's right to privacy by excessive inspections of pet owner's apartments, or by inspections outside of the routine schedule when not warranted by complaints related to a tenant's pet.
- 5. The Pet Committee will promptly notify the Authority of any unresolved complaints.

### RESOLUTION OF COMPLAINTS:

- 1. The Pet Committee will be responsible for resolving complaints which may arise at the development. The committee will be the first line of complaint receipt as well as complaint resolution. Written complaints will be made to the pet committee which will approach the pet owner about such complaints and attempt to reach a resolution with the pet owner.
- 2. In all cases where the Pet Committee recommends the removal of the pet from the care of a tenant, the case will be referred to the Authority for confirmation of the determination of the Committee.
- 3. The Pet Committee shall work in locating and using resources to help tenants and the Authority in the solution of pet problems.

### PROTECTION OF PET:

- 1. Identification cards, carried in purse or wallet, naming veterinarian and caretaker, should be with the pet owner at all times.
- 2. No pet is to remain unattended for more than 24 hours, except in the case of a dog. Dogs shall not remain unattended for more than 12 hours.
- 3. If the health or safety of a companion animal is threatened by incapacity or death of the owner, the Pet Committee or the Authority will contact the caretakers designated by tenant.

REMOVAL OF PET:

- 1. If caretakers are unwilling or unable to assume responsibility for the pet and the tenant is unable to locate alternate, the Authority may enter the premises, remove the pet, and arrange for pet care to protect the pet. Funds for such care will be billed to the tenant or deducted from tenant's Pet Deposit or Security Deposit, as appropriate.
- 2. Termination of Lease proceedings may be instituted if the pet owner is in violation of these guidelines.

### PET DEPOSIT AND FEES:

- 1. Tenants keeping either a cat or a dog will be required to pay a pet deposit of \$100 to cover damage to the apartment caused by the pet. This may be paid in four monthly installments, with the first installment due prior to the pet being brought into the apartment. Damages in excess of the amount of the pet deposit will be billed to the tenant's account.
- 2. The deposit will be refunded at the time the tenant vacates or no longer has ownership of the pet, provided that no damage has been done to the property. Sums necessary to repair such damage will be deducted from the deposit.
- 3. Tenants who fail to remove pet waste from common areas or grounds will be charged a fee for the removal of such waste.

### LIABILITY OF PET OWNERS FOR DAMAGE OR INJURY

1. The pet owner is solely responsible for injuries to persons or damage to property caused by his or her pet.

- 2. The tenant is responsible for all damage to the exterior and interior of his or her unit and to common areas, including, but not limited to doors, walls, floors and floor coverings, cabinets and other fixtures. Such damage will be repaired by the Authority and charged to the tenant's account.
- 3. The tenant is responsible for cleaning, deodorizing, and sanitizing the apartment as necessitated by the presence of the pet.
- 4. Pet owners must provide the Authority with evidence of liability insurance coverage in an amount sufficient to cover any costs associated with injuries or damages that could be caused by their pets, and sufficient to indemnify the Authority against any pet related litigation or attorney's fees.

### MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1. Establishing a Pet Committee consisting of animal owning and non-animal owning tenants and any interested local humane groups, veterinarians, etc. for in-house pet ownership management.
- 2. Posting specific instructions for disposal of pet waste and kitty litter in each building.
- 3. Posting the Authority's rules and regulations for companion animal ownership in a location accessible to all tenants and providing tenants with a copy of request.
- 4. Enforcing the pet ownership rules in a fair and just manner and properly keeping all records required to do so.
- 5. Referring all written complaints to the appropriate Pet Committee for resolution. Referring all violations of this Pet Policy found during the course of routine inspections or maintenance work to the Pet Committee for resolution.
- 6. Resolving conflicts between Tenants and the Pet Committee at his or her development where the Tenant feels that the Pet Committee is acting in a manner inconsistent with the terms of this pet policy.
- 7. Upon second notice of a written legitimate complaint from the Pet Committee to the tenant, the Authority shall advise the resident that a further notice shall be cause for termination of the Pet Rider provisions, except that in the case of a serious problem, e.g. a vicious dog, this procedure may be shortened in the interest of public safety.

### **15.** Civil Rights Certifications

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (o)]

Civil rights certifications are included in the PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations.

### 16. Fiscal Audit

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (p)]

1. X Yes No:	Is the PHA required to have an audit conducted under section
5(	h)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U S.C. 1437c(h))?
(I	f no, skip to component 17.)
2. X Yes No:	Was the most recent fiscal audit submitted to HUD?
3. X Yes No: 7	Were there any findings as the result of that audit?
4. Yes X No:	If there were any findings, do any remain unresolved?
	If yes, how many unresolved findings remain?
5. Yes No:	Have responses to any unresolved findings been submitted to HUD?
	If not, when are they due (state below)?

### **17. PHA Asset Management**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (q)]

Exemptions from component 17: Section 8 Only PHAs are not required to complete this component. High performing and small PHAs are not required to complete this component.

1. Yes X No: Is the PHA engaging in any activities that will contribute to the longterm asset management of its public housing stock , including how the Agency will plan for long-term operating, capital investment, rehabilitation, modernization, disposition, and other needs that have **not** been addressed elsewhere in this PHA Plan?

- 2. What types of asset management activities will the PHA undertake? (select all that apply)
- X Not applicable
  - Private management
  - Development-based accounting
  - Comprehensive stock assessment
  - Other: (list below)
- 3. Yes X No: Has the PHA included descriptions of asset management activities in the **optional** Public Housing Asset Management Table?

### 18. Other Information

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

A. Resident Advisory Board Recommendations					
1. X Yes No: Did the PHA receive any comments on the PHA Plan from the Resident Advisory Board/s?					
<ul> <li>2. If yes, the comments are: (if comments were received, the PHA MUST select one)</li> <li>Attached at Attachment (File name)</li> <li>X Provided below: Improvements to Playground Area, Modernize call-for-aid system, &amp; install handrails for ramps.</li> </ul>					
<ul> <li>3. In what manner did the PHA address those comments? (select all that apply)</li> <li>Considered comments, but determined that no changes to the PHA Plan were necessary.</li> <li>X The PHA changed portions of the PHA Plan in response to comments List changes below: The comments were taken into consideration and added to the Comprehensive Grant Program.</li> </ul>					
Other: (list below)					
B. Description of Election process for Residents on the PHA Board					
1. Yes X No: Does the PHA meet the exemption criteria provided section 2(b)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937? (If no, continue to question 2; if yes, skip to sub-component C.)					
2. Yes X No: Was the resident who serves on the PHA Board elected by the residents? (If yes, continue to question 3; if no, skip to sub-component C.)					
3. Description of Resident Election Process					
<ul> <li>a. Nomination of candidates for place on the ballot: (select all that apply)</li> <li>Candidates were nominated by resident and assisted family organizations</li> <li>Candidates could be nominated by any adult recipient of PHA assistance</li> <li>X Self-nomination: Candidates registered with the PHA and requested a place on ballot</li> <li>Other: (describe)</li> </ul>					

b. Eligible candidates: (select one)

- Any recipient of PHA assistance
- Any head of household receiving PHA assistance
- X Any adult recipient of PHA assistance
  - Any adult member of a resident or assisted family organization
  - Other (list)

c. Eligible voters: (select all that apply)

- All adult recipients of PHA assistance (public housing and section 8 tenant-based assistance)
- Representatives of all PHA resident and assisted family organizations
- X Other : Members of the Windham Board of Selectmen

### C. 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 Connecticut
- 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)
- X 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 the initiatives contained in the Consolidated Plan. (list below)
- Other: (list below)
- 4. The Consolidated Plan of the jurisdiction supports the PHA Plan with the following actions and commitments: (describe below)

### D. Other Information Required by HUD

Use this section to provide any additional information requested by HUD.

### **Attachments**

- A. Comprehensive Grant Program (CGP), Part I, II & III.
- **B.** Willimantic Housing Authority Organizational Plan.

### PHA Plan Table Library

### Component 7 Capital Fund Program Annual Statement Parts I, II, and II

### Annual Statement Capital Fund Program (CFP) Part I: Summary

Capital Fund Grant Number CT-26P01070600 FFY of Grant Approval: (07/2000)

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Original Annual Statement

**REVISED ANNUAL STATEMENT** 

Line No.	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost
1	Total Non-CGP Funds	
2	1406 Operations	
3	1408 Management Improvements	5,000
4	1410 Administration	38,000
5	1411 Audit	
6	1415 Liquidated Damages	
7	1430 Fees and Costs	22,392
8	1440 Site Acquisition	
9	1450 Site Improvement	
10	1460 Dwelling Structures	370,000
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment-Nonexpendable	130,000
12	1470 Nondwelling Structures	
13	1475 Nondwelling Equipment	20,000
14	1485 Demolition	
15	1490 Replacement Reserve	
16	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration	
17	1495.1 Relocation Costs	
18	1498 Mod Used for Development	
19	1502 Contingency	
20	Amount of Annual Grant (Sum of lines 2-19)	455,392
21	Amount of line 20 Related to LBP Activities	
22	Amount of line 20 Related to Section 504 Compliance	30,000
23	Amount of line 20 Related to Security	
24	Amount of line 20 Related to Energy Conservation Measures	20,000

### Annual Statement Capital Fund Program (CFP) Part II: Supporting Table

Development	General Description of Major Work	Development	Total	
Number/Name	Categories	Account	Estimated	
HA-Wide Activities	C	Number	Cost	
PHA-Wide	IA-Wide Computer Equipment & Software		5,000	
PHA-Wide	Administration	1410	38,000	
10-2-5	Construct Congregate Addition – Phase I	1460	320,000	
10-2-5	Install Handicapped Showers	1460	30,000	
10-2-5	A/E Fees for Congregate Addition	1430	22,392	
10-5	Replace of water shut off valves	1460	20,000	
	throughout building			
10-5	Photovoltaic system to reduce	1475	20,000	
	energy costs			

### Annual Statement Capital Fund Program (CFP) Part III: Implementation Schedule

Development Number/Name HA-Wide Activities	All Funds Obligated (Quarter Ending Date)	All Funds Expended (Quarter Ending Date)
PHA-Wide 10-2-5 10-5	03/31/02 03/31/02 03/31/02	06/30/03 06/30/03 06/30/03

### **Optional Table for 5-Year Action Plan for Capital Fund (Component 7)**

Complete one table for each development in which work is planned in the next 5 PHA fiscal years. Complete a table for any PHA-wide physical or management improvements planned in the next 5 PHA fiscal year. Copy this table as many times as necessary. Note: PHAs need not include information from Year One of the 5-Year cycle, because this information is included in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement.

Optional 5-Year Action Plan Tables					
Development Number	Development Name (or indicate PHA wide)	Number Vacant Units		cancies elopment	
Description of Ne	eded Physical Improvements or Ma	inagement Improve	ments	Estimated Cost	Planned Start Date (HA Fiscal Year)
Total estimated c	ost over next 5 years				

### **Optional Public Housing Asset Management Table**

See Technical Guidance for instructions on the use of this table, including information to be provided.

	Public Housing Asset Management							
	opment							
Ident	ification							
Name,	Number and	Capital Fund Program	Development	Demolition /	Designated	Conversion	Home-	Other
Number,	Type of	Parts II and III	Activities	disposition	housing		ownership	(describe)
and	units	Component 7a	Component 7b	Component 8	Component	Component	Compone	Component
Location				-	9	10	nt 11a	17
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# Willimantic Housing Authority Organizational Plan

