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PHA 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

PHA Plan Agency Identification

PHA Name: Middlesex County NJ PHA PHA Number: NJ114 PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (mm/yyyy) 01/2004 **Public Access to Information** Information regarding any activities outlined in this plan can be obtained by contacting: (select all that apply) Main administrative office of the PHA PHA development management offices 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) 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) Main business office of the PHA PHA development management offices Other (list below)

5-YEAR PLAN **PHA FISCAL YEARS 2000 - 2004**

[24 CFR Part 903.5]

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<u>A. N</u>	<u>Mission</u>
	he PHA's mission for serving the needs of low-income, very low income, and extremely low-income as in the PHA's jurisdiction. (select one of the choices below)
	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)
	<u>Goals</u>
empha identify PHAS SUCC (Quant	pals and objectives listed below are derived from HUD's strategic Goals and Objectives and those sized in recent legislation. PHAs may select any of these goals and objectives as their own, or by other goals and/or objectives. Whether selecting the HUD-suggested objectives or their own, ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO IDENTIFY QUANTIFIABLE MEASURES OF TESS IN REACHING THEIR OBJECTIVES OVER THE COURSE OF THE 5 YEARS. Stiffable measures would include targets such as: numbers of families served or PHAS scores ed.) PHAs should identify these measures in the spaces to the right of or below the stated objectives.
HUD housi	Strategic Goal: Increase the availability of decent, safe, and affordable ng.
	PHA Goal: Expand the supply of assisted housing Objectives: Apply for additional rental vouchers: Reduce public housing vacancies: Leverage private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities: Acquire or build units or developments Other (list below)
	PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing Objectives: ☐ Improve public housing management: (PHAS score) ☐ Improve voucher management: (SEMAP score) ☐ Increase customer satisfaction: ☐ Concentrate on efforts to improve specific management functions: ☐ (list; e.g., public housing finance; voucher unit inspections) ☐ Renovate or modernize public housing units: ☐ Demolish or dispose of obsolete public housing:

		Provide replacement public housing:
		Provide replacement vouchers:
		Other: (list below)
\boxtimes	PHA C	Goal: Increase assisted housing choices
	Object	_
		Provide voucher mobility counseling:
		Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords
	$\overline{\boxtimes}$	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)
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HUD	strategi	c Goal: Improve community quality of life and economic vitality
\square	PHA C	Goal: Provide an improved living environment
	Object	
		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:
		Implement public housing security improvements:
		Designate developments or buildings for particular resident groups
		(elderly, persons with disabilities)
	\boxtimes	Other: (list below)
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	Strategi dividua	ic Goal: Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of families
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\bowtie	PHA C	Goal: Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of assisted
househ		Tomote sen sufficiency and asset development of assisted
	Object	ives:
		Increase the number and percentage of employed persons in assisted
		families:
		Provide or attract supportive services to improve assistance recipients'
		employability:
		Provide or attract supportive services to increase independence for the
		elderly or families with disabilities.
		Other: (list below)

HUD Strategic Goal: Ensure Equal Opportunity in Housing for all Americans \boxtimes PHA Goal: Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing Objectives: X Undertake affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability: \boxtimes 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: Undertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all varieties of disabilities regardless of unit size required: Other: (list below) Other PHA Goals and Objectives: (list below)

Encourage all assisted families to be stable, responsible tenants.

Have no evictions of Section 8 families, and landlord compliants on no more than 2% of tenants.

Annual PHA Plan PHA Fiscal Year 2004

[24 CFR Part 903.7]

<u>i.</u>	Annual Plan Type:
Sele	ect which type of Annual Plan the PHA will submit.
	Standard Plan
Str	eamlined 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)]

Provide a brief overview of the information in the Annual Plan, including highlights of major initiatives and discretionary policies the PHA has included in the Annual Plan.

The Middlesex County Public Housing Agency (PHA) provides U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 8 Rental Assistance to eligible very low income renter households, giving preference to families living or working in the sixteen municipalities within the county which do not have their own public housing agencies.

In January 2001 the PHA opened its waiting list for four days and received 2215 walk-in and mail-in applications. By October 2003 the list was down to 1500 households. It will take about seven more years to exhaust this list, so the PHA does not plan to take applications for the forseeable future.

During 2004 the PHA will apply for any additional Housing Choice Vouchers for which it is eligible, and which are of a type consistent with the PHA's mission and staff capabilities.

The PHA operates within the County Department of Housing and Community Development which also administers HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships programs. The CDBG program serves nineteen municipalities, sixteen of which also are served by the PHA (though the PHA, under certain conditions, serves clients from all municipalities in the county.) The CDBG program sometimes provides loans to help non-profit organizations develop plans for affordable housing, as well as providing bridge loans for affordable housing projects which will receive permanent funding from other sources.

The HOME program serves twenty three municipalities, and focuses on the creation of very low income rental housing, consistent with the needs identified in the Urban County and HOME consortium's Consolidated Plan. HOME-subsidized housing is open to Section 8 clients, but is affordable to at least some very low income households without further assistance, thus freeing up Section 8 to help other families living in market-rate rental housing, which makes up the majority of the county's rental housing stock.

The County Department of Housing and Community Development, within which the PHA operates, prepares and oversees the County's Consolidated Plan, a five-year and annual document required by HUD for participation in its programs. This insures that the PHA Plan and operations are consistent with the Consolidated Plan.

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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tachments	

Attachments

Indicate which attachments are provided by selecting all that apply. Provide the attachment's name (A, B, etc.) in the space to the left of the name of the attachment. 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.

R	equired	Attac	hments:	N	/ A
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Admissions Policy for Deconcentration
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:

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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)

- Atch 1. Progress in meeting 5-year Plan Mission and Goals
- Atch 2. Resident Membership of the PHA Governing Board
- Atch 3. Membership of the Resident Advisory Board
- Atch 4. Certifications
- Atch 5. Public Notices
- Atch 6. Freeholder resolution approving the PHA Plan

Supporting Documents Available for Review

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

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review			
Applicable Supporting Document		Applicable Plan	
&		Component	
On Display			
X	PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans	5 Year and Annual Plans	
	and Related Regulations		

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review			
Applicable &	Supporting Document	Applicable Plan Component	
On Display X	State/Local Government Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan	5 Year and Annual Plans	
X	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	
X	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	
	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources;	
	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	
X	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies	
	Public Housing Deconcentration and Income Mixing Documentation: 1. 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 2. Documentation of the required deconcentration and income mixing analysis	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies	
	Public housing rent determination policies, including the methodology for setting public housing flat rents check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination	
	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	
X	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Rent Determination	
	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	

Applicable List of Supporting Documents Available for Review Supporting Document App			
& On Display		Component	
on Display	Public housing grievance procedures	Annual Plan: Grievance	
	check here if included in the public housing	Procedures	
	A & O Policy		
X	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures	Annual Plan: Grievance	
	check here if included in Section 8	Procedures	
	Administrative Plan		
	The HUD-approved Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant	Annual Plan: Capital Need	
	Program Annual Statement (HUD 52837) for the active grant	_	
	year		
	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for	Annual Plan: Capital Need	
	any active CIAP grant		
	Most recent, approved 5 Year Action Plan for the Capital	Annual Plan: Capital Need	
	Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program, if not included as an		
	attachment (provided at PHA option)		
	Approved HOPE VI applications or, if more recent,	Annual Plan: Capital Need	
	approved or submitted HOPE VI Revitalization Plans or any		
	other approved proposal for development of public housing	A 1 Dlana Dana 1'd'an	
	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or	Annual Plan: Demolition	
	disposition of public housing Approved or submitted applications for designation of public	and Disposition 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	
	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 and most recently submitted PHDEP application	Crime Prevention	
	(PHDEP Plan)		
	The most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted	Annual Plan: Annual Audi	
	under section 5(h)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.	Aminar Fan. Aminar Audi	
	S.C. 1437c(h)), the results of that audit and the PHA's		
	response to any findings		
	Troubled PHAs: MOA/Recovery Plan	Troubled PHAs	
	Other supporting documents (optional)	(specify as needed)	
	(list individually; use as many lines as necessary)	\ 1 \ 7/	

1. Statement of Housing Needs

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (a)]

A. Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction/s Served by the PHA

Based upon the information contained in the Consolidated Plan/s applicable to the jurisdiction, and/or other data available to the PHA, provide a statement of the housing needs in the jurisdiction by completing the following table. In the "Overall" Needs column, provide the estimated number of renter families that have housing needs. For the remaining characteristics, rate the impact of that factor on the housing needs for each family type, from 1 to 5, with 1 being "no impact" and 5 being "severe impact." Use N/A to indicate that no information is available upon which the PHA can make this assessment.

	Housing	Needs of	f Families	in the Jur	risdiction		
	by Family Type						
Family Type	Overall	Afford- ability	Supply	Quality	Access- ibility	Size	Loca- tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	3285	5	5	3	3	5	3
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	2905	5	4	3	3	4	3
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	1781	5	3	3	3	4	3
Elderly	2857	5	4	3	3	2	3
Families with Disabilities	N/A						
Race/Ethnicity Black	791	5	4	3	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity Hispanic	655	5	4	3	3	4	3

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.)

\boxtimes	Consolidated Plan of the Jurisdiction/s
	Indicate year: 2000 (5 year Plan)
\boxtimes	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

State the housing needs of the families on the PHA's waiting list/s. Complete one table for each type of PHA-wide waiting list administered by the PHA. PHAs may provide separate tables for site-based or sub-jurisdictional public housing waiting lists at their option.

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List				
Waiting list type: (sel-	ect one)			
	nt-based assistance			
Public Housing				
1 	tion 8 and Public Hous	sing		
		risdictional waiting list	(optional)	
_	fy which development		(°F)	
,	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover	
Waiting list total	1500			
Extremely low	1215			
income <=30% AMI				
Very low income	277			
(>30% but <=50%				
AMI)				
Low income	8			
(>50% but <80%				
AMI)				
Families with	1125			
children				
Elderly families	38			
Families with	170			
Disabilities				
Race/ethnicity	Black-1020			
Race/ethnicity	Hispanic-203			
Race/ethnicity	White-210			
Race/ethnicity	Other-22			
Characteristics by				
Bedroom Size				
(Public Housing				
Only)				
1BR				
2 BR				
3 BR				
4 BR				

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	He	ousing Needs of Fam	illies on the Waiti	ng Lis	st
5 BR					
5+ BR					
Is the	waiting list clos	ed (select one)?	lo X Yes		
If yes:	- C	`	<u> </u>		
		t been closed (# of me	onths)? 33		
	Does the PHA	expect to reopen the l	ist in the PHA Pla	n year	?⊠ No ☐ Yes
		permit specific catego	ories of families on	to the	waiting list, even if
	generally close	d? No Yes			
Provide jurisdic		essing Needs of the PHA's strategy for ing list IN THE UPCOM			
_	<u>rategies</u> Shortage of af	fordable housing for	· all eligible popul	lation	s
Strategy 1. Maximize the number of affordable units available to the PHA within its current resources by:					
Select a	all that apply				
	T 1 00				
		ve maintenance and n	•	es to n	imimize the
	-	ic housing units off-l			
H		er time for vacated pu renovate public hous	•		
H		ent of public housing	_	zentor	y through mived
Ш	finance develop	-	units lost to the my	CIITOI	y unough mixeu
	-	ent of public housing	units lost to the inv	ventor	v through section
	_	nousing resources		, 011001	y un ough sourch
\bowtie	-	rease section 8 lease-	up rates by establis	shing 1	payment standards
_		families to rent throu	•		•
\boxtimes		sures to ensure access	•		mong families
	assisted by the	PHA, regardless of un	nit size required	_	
\boxtimes	Maintain or inc	rease section 8 lease-	up rates by market	ing th	e program to
	owners, particu	larly those outside of	areas of minority a	and po	overty
	concentration				
\boxtimes	Maintain or inc	rease section 8 lease-	up rates by effective	vely so	creening Section 8
_		crease owner accepta			
		ne Consolidated Plan		ess to	ensure
		ith broader communit	y strategies		
	Other (list belo	w)			

	gy 2: Increase the number of affordable housing units by:			
Select al	ll that apply			
	Apply for additional section 8 units should they become available Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed - finance housing Pursue housing resources other than public housing or Section 8 tenant-based assistance. Other: (list below)			
	Specific Family Types: Families at or below 30% of median gy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 30 % of AMI			
Select al	ll that apply			
	Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in public housing Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in tenant-based section 8 assistance 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				
	gy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 50% of AMI l that apply			
	Employ admissions preferences aimed at families who are working Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work Other: (list below)			
Need:	Specific Family Types: The Elderly			
	gy 1: Target available assistance to the elderly:			
	Seek designation of public housing for the elderly			

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 Carry out the modifications needed in public housing based on the section 504 Needs Assessment for Public Housing \boxtimes 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 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 \boxtimes Counsel section 8 tenants as to location of units outside of areas of poverty or minority concentration and assist them to locate those units \bowtie 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: Funding constraints Staffing constraints Limited availability of sites for assisted housing Extent to which particular housing needs are met by other organizations in the community

\boxtimes	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
	Community priorities regarding housing assistance
	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.

Fina	Financial Resources:				
Planned	Planned Sources and Uses				
Sources	Planned \$	Planned Uses			
1. Federal Grants (FY 2000 grants)					
a) Public Housing Operating Fund					
b) Public Housing Capital Fund					
c) HOPE VI Revitalization					
d) HOPE VI Demolition					
e) Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance	\$3,500,000				
f) Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (including any Technical Assistance funds)					
g) Resident Opportunity and Self- Sufficiency Grants					
h) Community Development Block Grant	\$2,408,000	Miscellaneous			
i) HOME	\$2,113,118	Very low income rental housing			
Other Federal Grants (list below)					
2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below)					

ncial Resources:	
Planned \$	Planned Uses
\$1,000,000	Senior housing
\$9,021,118	
	\$1,000,000

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.			

3A.
(1) Eligibility
a. When does the PHA verify eligibility for admission to public housing? (select all
that apply)
When families are within a certain number of being offered a unit: (state
number)
When families are within a certain time of being offered a unit: (state time)
U Other: (describe)
b. Which non-income (screening) factors does the PHA use to establish eligibility for
admission to public housing (select all that apply)?
Criminal or Drug-related activity
Rental history
Housekeeping
Other (describe)
c. Yes No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law
enforcement agencies for screening purposes?
d. Yes No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law
enforcement agencies for screening purposes?
e. Wes 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)
Community-wide list
Sub-jurisdictional lists
Site-based waiting lists
Other (describe)
b. Where may interested persons apply for admission to public housing?
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 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. Yes No: May families be on more than one list simultaneously
If yes, how many lists? 4. Where can interested persons obtain more information about and sign up to be on
the site-based waiting lists (select all that apply)?
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
Two
Three or More
b. 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:
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)
Emergencies
Overhoused
Underhoused
Medical justification
Administrative reasons determined by the PHA (e.g., to permit modernization
work)
Resident choice: (state circumstances below)
Other: (list below)
c. Preferences
1. 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:
Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing
Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition) Victims of domestic violence
VICTIMS OF GOTHERIC VIOLENCE

	Substandard housing
	Homelessness
	High rent burden (rent is > 50 percent of income)
Other p	preferences: (select below)
	Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
	Veterans 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)
3. If the	e PHA will employ admissions preferences, please prioritize by placing a "1" in
the spa	ce 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	n 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.
Da	te 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 p	preferences (select all that apply)
	Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
	Veterans 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. Rela	ationship of preferences to income targeting requirements:
	The PHA applies preferences within income tiers
	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)
The PHA-resident lease
The PHA's Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy policy
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)
At an annual reexamination and lease renewal
Any time family composition changes
At family request for revision
Other (list)
(6) Deconcentration and Income Mixing
a. Yes 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 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:
Other (list policies and developments targeted below)
d. Yes No: Did the PHA adopt any changes to other policies based on the
results of the required analysis of the need for deconcentration
of poverty and income mixing?
e. If the 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)
f. Based on the results of the required analysis, in which developments will the PHA
make special 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:

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
a. What is the extent of screening conducted by the PHA? (select all that apply) Criminal or drug-related activity only to the extent required by law or regulation
Criminal and drug-related activity, more extensively than required by law or regulation
More general screening than criminal and drug-related activity (list factors below)
Other (list below)
b. Yes No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?
c. Yes No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?
d. Yes 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 apply)
Criminal or drug-related activity
Other (describe below)
Name of present landlord, present address, family composition

(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)
✓ 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)
PHA main administrative office (waiting list will not be open in 2004)
Other (list below)
Mail, when list is open
(3) Search Time
a. X Yes No: Does the PHA give extensions on standard 60-day period to search for a unit?
If yes, state circumstances below:
The PHA always allows 120 days because of the tight and very expensive rental market in Middlesex County. Extensions beyond that are not normally allowed.
(4) Admissions Preferences
a. Income targeting
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. 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)

	r Federal preferences	
	Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing	
	Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)	
	Victims of domestic violence	
	Substandard housing	
\Box	Homelessness	
	High rent burden (rent is > 50 percent of income)	
Other 1	preferences (select all that apply)	
	Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability	
	Veterans and veterans' families	
\boxtimes	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)	
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pro Vi	nose previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility ograms ctims of reprisals or hate crimes ther preference(s) (list below)
applica Da	g applicants on the waiting list with equal preference status, how are ants selected? (select one) ate and time of application rawing (lottery) or other random choice technique
jurisdic Th	PHA plans to employ preferences for "residents who live and/or work in the ction" (select one) his preference has previously been reviewed and approved by HUD he PHA requests approval for this preference through this PHA Plan
∑ Th	onship of preferences to income targeting requirements: (select one) he PHA applies preferences within income tiers of applicable: the pool of applicant families ensures that the PHA will meet come targeting requirements
(5) Spec	ial Purpose Section 8 Assistance Programs
eligibil admini Th	ch documents or other reference materials are the policies governing ity, selection, and admissions to any special-purpose section 8 program stered by the PHA contained? (select all that apply) he Section 8 Administrative Plan itefing sessions and written materials ther (list below)
progra	loes the PHA announce the availability of any special-purpose section 8 ams to the public? arough published notices ther (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.

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)
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 minimm 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)
\$0
\$1-\$25
\$26-\$50
2. Yes 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 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 th
PHA plan to employ (select all that apply)
For the earned income of a previously unemployed household member
For increases in earned income
Fixed amount (other than general rent-setting policy)
If yes, state amount/s and circumstances below:
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. (Leiling rents
1.	Do you have ceiling rents? (rents set at a level lower than 30% of adjusted income)
	(select one)
	Yes for all developments
	Yes but only for some developments
	No
2.	For which kinds of developments are ceiling rents in place? (select all that apply)
Щ	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)
3.	Select the space or spaces that best describe how you arrive at ceiling rents (select
	all that apply)
	Market comparability study
	Fair market rents (FMR)
	95 th percentile rents
	75 percent of operating costs
	100 percent of operating costs for general occupancy (family) developments
	Operating costs plus debt service
Ш	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)
Щ	Never
Щ	At family option
Щ	Any time the family experiences an income increase
	Any time a family experiences an income increase above a threshold amount or
\Box	percentage: (if selected, specify threshold)
-	Other (list below)
g. I	Yes 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)	
<u>(2)</u>	In setting the market-based flat rents, what sources of information did the PHA use
1.	to establish comparability? (select all that apply.)
	The section 8 rent reasonableness study of comparable housing
H	Survey of rents listed in local newspaper
H	Survey of similar unassisted units in the neighborhood
H	Other (list/describe below)
ш	Care (not deserve seron)

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 100% of FMR Above 100% but at or below 110% of FMR Above 110% of FMR (if HUD approved; describe circumstances below) 		
 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) Annually Other (list below) As needed 		
e. What factors will the PHA consider in its assessment of the adequacy of its payment standard? (select all that apply)		

	Success rates of assisted families Rent burdens of assisted families Other (list below)
(2) Mi	<u>inimum Rent</u>
	at amount best reflects the PHA's minimum rent? (select one) \$0 \$1-\$25 \$26-\$50
b. 🗌	Yes No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies? (if yes, list below)

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)
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:
Management Structure and Organization of the Middlesex County Public
Housing Agency

The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County's elected legislative and executive body, governs the Public Housing Agency.

The Public Housing Agency provides Section 8 Rental Assistance but does not own or operate any public housing.

For adminstrative purposes, the Public Housing Agency is located within the County Department of Housing and Community Development, which also operates the Urban County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the County consortium's HOME Investment Partnerships program, both of which are funded by HUD. The Department also prepares the County's Consolidated Plan and the PHA's plans, insuring coordination between all plans and programs.

The Executive Director of the Public Housing Agency, a certified Public Housing Manager (PHM) and a licensed Professional Planner (PP) in the State of New Jersey, is also the department head.

The Public Housing Agency has three Housing Assistance Technicians who work directly with Section 8 tenants and landlords, supervised by a Housing Supervisor who also oversees the County's Housing Preservation Program.

Two licensed Residential Building Inspectors carry out Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspections of Section 8 housing units. A shared secretary provides clerical support as needed.

A fee accountant prepares required Section 8 budgets and reports, assisted by the Department's Management Specialist, who is shared by all programs.

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		
Section 8 Vouchers	400	7.5%
Section 8 Certificates		
Section 8 Mod Rehab		
Special Purpose Section		
8 Certificates/Vouchers		
(list individually)		
Public Housing Drug		
Elimination Program		
(PHDEP)		
Other Federal		
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.

- (1) Public Housing Maintenance and Management: (list below)
- (2) Section 8 Management: (list below)

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6. PHA Grievance Procedures

[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.

ad	the PHA established any written grievance procedures in dition to federal requirements found at 24 CFR Part 966, abpart B, for residents of public housing?
If yes, list addition	ns to federal requirements below:
initiate the PHA grie PHA main admir	nt management offices
to he ba	the PHA established informal review procedures for applicants the Section 8 tenant-based assistance program and informal aring procedures for families assisted by the Section 8 tenant-sed assistance program in addition to federal requirements and at 24 CFR 982?
If yes, list addition	ns to federal requirements 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

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:
The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement is provided as an attachment to
the PHA Plan at Attachment (state name)
-or-
The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement is provided below: (if selected,
copy 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 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
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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 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
Revitanzation I fail under development

Revitalization Plan submitted, pending approval Revitalization Plan approved Activities pursuant to an approved Revitalization Plan underway			
Yes 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 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 No: e) Will the PHA be conducting any other public housing development 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 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)]				
	nent 9; Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this section.			
1. Yes 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, or by elderly families			
	and 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.			
Des	signation of Public Housing Activity Description			
1a. Development nan				
1b. Development (project) number:				
2. Designation type:				
	y 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 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

Units addressed in a pending or approved HOPE VI Revitalization Plan

(date submitted or approved:

(date submitted or approved:

Requiren	nents no longer applicable: vacancy rates are less than 10 percent nents no longer applicable: site now has less than 300 units escribe 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 11. Homeowners	ship Programs Administered by the PHA	
[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (k)		
A. Public Housing		
Exemptions from Compo	nent 11A: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete 11A.	
 Yes No: Activity Descripti 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.)	
	lic Housing Homeownership Activity Description	
	(Complete one for each development affected)	
1a. Development nar		
1b. Development (pr		
2. Federal Program a HOPE I 5(h) Turnkey Section 3		
3. Application status:		
Approved Submitte	d; included in the PHA's Homeownership Plan/Program d, pending approval application	
	hip Plan/Program approved, submitted, or planned for submission:	
(DD/MM/YYYY)		
5 Number of units	offootod:	

6. Coverage of action: (select one)		
Part of the development		
Total development	<u> </u>	
B. Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance		
	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	on:	
	Will the PHA limit the number of families participating in the section 8 homeownership option?	
number of part 25 or fe 26 - 50 51 to 10	o the question above was yes, which statement best describes the icipants? (select one) ewer participants participants 00 participants and 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.

Preference/eligibility for section 8 homeownership option participation

participation

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b. Economic and Soci	al self-suff	iciency programs		
pro su: tab Su	ograms to enficiency of ole; if "no" of fficiency Profiles	nhance the econo residents? (If "ye skip to sub-comp	mote or provide any mic and social self- es", complete the follo onent 2, Family Self sition of the table may	
	Serv	ices and Program	ms	
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)
(2) Family Self Sufficiency participation Description		ciency (FSS) Partici	ipation	,
Program	Required Nu	imber of Participants FY 2004Estimate)		_
Public Housing	(start or	1 2004Estimate)	(As of, DD/Min	1/11)
Section 8	0		0	
		_	inimum program size ent FSS Action Plan	

Other policies (list below)

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

 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) Adopting appropriate changes to the PHA's public housing rent determination policies and train staff to carry out those policies Informing residents of new policy on admission and reexamination 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 Establishing a protocol for exchange of information with all appropriate TANF agencies 		
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 subcomponent D.

component B:	
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 of	r
adjacent to the PHA's developments	
Residents fearful for their safety and/or the safety of their children	
Observed lower-level crime, vandalism and/or graffiti	
People on waiting list unwilling to move into one or more developments due t	0.
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	S
to improve safety of residents (select all that apply).	
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 graff	it
Resident reports	
PHA employee reports Police reports Demonstrable, quantifiable success with previous or ongoing anticrime/anti	
Police reports	
Demonstrable, quantifiable success with previous or ongoing anticrime/anti	
drug programs	
Other (describe below)	
3. Which developments are most affected? (list below)	
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	
crime- and/or drug-prevention activities	
Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design	
Activities targeted to at-risk youth, adults, or seniors	
Volunteer Resident Patrol/Block Watchers Program	
Other (describe below)	
2. Which developments are most affected? (list below)	
C. Coordination between PHA and the police	
1. Describe the coordination between the PHA and the appropriate police precincts for	or
carrying out crime prevention measures and activities: (select all that apply)	

Police involvement in development, implementation, and/or ongoing
evaluation of drug-elimination plan
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)
Police regularly testify in and otherwise support eviction cases
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)
2. Which developments are most affected? (list below)
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.
Yes No: Is the PHA eligible to participate in the PHDEP in the fiscal year
covered by this PHA Plan?
Yes No: Has the PHA included the PHDEP Plan for FY 2000 in this PHA
Plan?
Yes No: This PHDEP Plan is an Attachment. (Attachment Filename:)
14. RESERVED FOR PET POLICY

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (n)]

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. 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))?		
(If no, skip to component 17.)		
 2. Yes No: Was the most recent fiscal audit submitted to HUD? 3. Yes No: Were there any findings as the result of that audit? 		
4. Yes 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 No: Is the PHA engaging in any activities that will contribute to the long-term 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)		
Not applicable		
Private management		
Development-based accounting		
Comprehensive stock assessment Other: (list below)		
3. Yes 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. Yes No: Did the PHA receive any comments on the PHA Plan from the Resident Advisory Board/s?
2. If yes, the comments are: (if comments were received, the PHA MUST select one) Attached at Attachment (File name)
Attached at Attachment (File name) Provided below:

Summary of Resident Advisory Board Meeting of 7 October 2003, 6:30 PM

RAB Members: Jennifer Giles, Gabriel Kovacs, Shelley Samocki, Rhonda Taylor

PHA Staff: John Sully, Jack Balog, Eleanor Kukulya, Evelyn Rivera, Jean Settle

Executive Director John Sully opened the meeting with introductions, noting that everyone had been sent the summary of members' comments from the last Resident Advisory Board meeting. He welcomed two new members, Jennifer Giles and Rhonda Taylor. There were no corrections or amendments to the summary. He noted that each Board member present is enrolled in college courses, in most cases while holding down a job. Ms. Giles attends Raritan Valley College; Mr. Kovacs is completing the last of his work at Rutgers University; Ms. Samocki attends the DeVry Institute; and Ms. Taylor is a student at Middlesex County College.

Mr. Sully then asked for any comments on the draft 2004 PHA Plan which had been mailed to all members, noting that the Plan was substantially the same as last year's. Board members asked for no changes to the Plan.

Mr. Sully then reviewed the status of the Section 8 Homeownership program, noting that Middlesex County is waiting until the NJ Department of Community Affairs' program is well underway in order to use it as a model, if successful. The NJDCA program has started in Mercer County, but there are plans to expand it county by county once DCA is confident they have developed a reliable process. Once DCA has refined the program, the County intends to use it as a model. It is not clear whether this will be able to start in 2004. Mr. Sully noted that without additional PHA staff, it will be very difficult to implement such a program, because everyone is already working overtime to keep up with new certifications, recertifications and a flood of portable clients coming in from other nearby jurisdictions, mostly New Brunswick and Plainfield.

Ms. Taylor asked what the criteria would be for being allowed to enroll in the homeownership program, noting that the qualities the person has displayed as a tenant

should be an important consideration. Clients with a good record should be given preference, while those with repeated problems should be scrutinized very carefully if they ask to enter the program. Mr. Sully stated that client performance would certainly be part of the criteria, as would holding a stable job and being willing to undergo homeownership training offered by the Housing Coalition of Central Jersey.

Mr. Kovacs asked whether disabled people would be considered for homeownership, and wondered how many would qualify. He noted that with regard to tenants' relationships with landlords, the fact that there are some bad landlords should be taken into account. He cited an instance where his former landlord wanted to get him out of an apartment, seeking to rent it out at a higher price, taking advantage of the fact that his mother had recently died.

In response to a question from Ms. Taylor, Mr, Sully said he had no specific timetable for starting the homeownership program, but that several things were happening which might make such a program more successful than it formerly might have been. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is coming out with a homeownership block grant to HOME participating jurisdictions, of which the County is one. This could potentially provide funds to help with down payments and closing costs, or for soft-second mortgages which would only have to be repaid out of the proceeds when the property was sold, meaning that they would not add to but reduce the monthly payment burden. The amount of the new HUD grant still is unknown.

He also noted that commercial banks and their mortgage subsidiaries are starting to develop lending programs targeted as first-time low income homebuyers. These programs take into account prior credit problems which have been resolved, and charge favorable interest rates, unlike some lenders' prior practice of charging lower income clients much higher rates than those given to middle and upper income homebuyers. He said these new programs are being offered at least in part because banks are coming to understand that lower income people constitute a largely-untapped market and can be good homeowners, and also because Fannie Mae and similar entities are supporting these programs, providing a backup for the retail lending institutions making the initial loans.

Ms. Giles said she believed that some landlords unfavorably stereotype Section 8 tenants as people who maintain units poorly and cause other problems. There are a lot of rental agents, and landlords go to them to find tenants instead of taking Section 8 voucher holders who apply. She suggested that the PHA provide more information on the Section 8 program to rental agents and landlords.

Ms. Giles also noted that landlords sometimes reject prospective Section 8 tenants because of their credit report, but noted that a friend of hers with poor credit but not on Section 8 got into a property that rejected her (Ms. Giles) who has Section 8 but good credit. Mr. Sully said that landlords are allowed to use the same legitimate criteria for Section 8 clients as for other tenants, but cannot discriminate against any prospective

tenants, including Section 8 tenants, because of their *source* of income. This NJ Supreme Court ruling applies to all rental complexes of over four units; landlords of smaller properties have greater leeway. Ms. Giles believes that landlords should place less weight on credit checks and more on references.

Mr. Sully noted that the PHA staff encourages prospective landlords to check clients' references.

Ms. Taylor said it would be helpful to Section 8 clients to know what a landlord's criteria are, and their process for choosing tenants. However, she said that she personally did not feel she had experienced discrimination by any landlord.

Ms. Samocki asked what happens when a family member goes from full time student status, where only a small part of their income is counted, to part time student status, when their full income is counted. If the family income then is too high, will they be thrown off the Secton 8 program? The staff answered that even if a family's income went so high that Section 8 paid none of the rent, they could still come back on the program within six months. After six months they go off the program.

Ms. Giles said that her landlord was pretty good, and was a private owner of the condominium who then rented it out.

Mr. Kovacs said he had experienced an instance where the landlord turned hostile as soon as Section 8 was mentioned.

Staff member Jean Settle said that a couple of clients had called her to say that one apartment complex – Royal Oaks – had instituted a household income threshold of \$40,000, and had asked he to verify this with the complex.

3.	In what manner did the PHA address those comments? (select all that apply)
\boxtimes	Considered comments, but determined that no changes to the PHA Plan were
	necessary. The PHA changed portions of the PHA Plan in response to comments List changes below:
	Other: (list below)

B. De	scription of Ele	ction process for Residents on the PHA Board
1.	Yes 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.)
		This question presently is under review by County Counsel.
2.	Yes No:	Was the resident who serves on the PHA Board elected by the residents? (If yes, continue to question 3; if no, skip to subcomponent C.)
3. Des	scription of Resi	dent Election Process
a. Non	Candidates wer Candidates cou	dates for place on the ballot: (select all that apply) re nominated by resident and assisted family organizations ld be nominated by any adult recipient of PHA assistance n: Candidates registered with the PHA and requested a place on e)
b. Eliş	Any head of ho Any adult recip	(select one) of PHA assistance usehold receiving PHA assistance ient of PHA assistance ber of a resident or assisted family organization
c. Eliş	All adult recipi based assistanc	ect all that apply) ents of PHA assistance (public housing and section 8 tenant- e) s of all PHA resident and assisted family organizations

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

1. Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: (provide name here)	
2. The PHA has taken the following steps to ensure consistency of this PHA Plan wit the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction: (select all that apply)	th
 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) 	у
Other: (list below)	
 The Consolidated Plan of the jurisdiction supports the PHA Plan with the followin actions and commitments: (describe below) 	ıg
The Middlesex County 2000 5-year Consolidated Plan and 2003 Annual Plan (1 July 2003-30 June 2004) incudes the County PHA among its strategies and activities for serving very low income renters, and also targets the HOME program exclusively toward increasing the supply of rental housing for this population.	
D. Other Information Required by HUD	
Use this section to provide any additional information requested by HUD.	

Attachments

Use this section to provide any additional attachments referenced in the Plans.

- 1. Progress in meeting 5-Year Plan Mission and Goals
- 2. Resident Membership of the PHA Governing Board
- 3. Membership of the Resident Advisory Board
- 4. Certifications (separately supplied)
- 5. Public Notices (separately supplied)
- 6. Board of Chosen Freeholders resolutions (separately supplied)

PHA Plan - Attachment 1: Progress in meeting 5-Year Plan Mission and Goals

During 2003 the PHA pursued its mission of promoting adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination.

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

The PHA has improved consistency of voucher utilization in 2003. Because of a very tight rental market, the PHA has found it difficult to meet HUD's utilization target through issuance of new vouchers alone, so has absorbed portable clients as needed to keep utilization high. Many new vouchers have been issued to clients on the waiting list, but many clients have not been able to find suitable housing within the permitted 120 days. The PHA will continue to issue new vouchers and to absorb existing portable clients as necessary in 2004 to attempt to gain a 98% or better utilization rate.

PHA staff worked in conjunction with the County's HOME Investment Partnerships program to create new affordable housing in Middlesex County. During 2003 construction was completed on Maple Tree Manor, an 88 unit very low income senior housing project in Woodbridge Township. Construction began on National Church Residences at South River II, a new 75 unit very low income senior development in South River, which also received HUD Section 202 funds, allowing it to serve extremely low income persons. Recently a HOME Agreement was signed with Maher Manor, a forthcoming 100 unit very low income senior housing development in Old Bridge.

In 2003 construction also began on a new 16 unit transitional housing project for homeless families with HIV/AIDS, which also received HUD Supportive Housing funding as well as HOME funds.

In 2003 the Board of Chosen Freeholders allocated \$1,000,000 in County funds for new affordable senior housing, and expects to allocate the same amount in each of the next four years. \$380,000 of this fund has been awarded to the Old Bridge senior housing, with \$450,000 more set aside for a proposed senior project in South Brunswick.

The County's HOME program funds only projects which produce very low income housing units, and seeks to get a longer guaranteed period of affordability than HUD regulations require, if possible. The HOME funds allocated to these projects leverage very substantial amounts of other public (federal, state, local) funds as well as private funds.

Middlesex County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds continue to be allocated for housing rehabilitation loans to low income homeowners, and some CDBG funds are beng used to create low income units in the southern part of the county.

Client satisfaction with Section 8 housing has been very high because of caring staff work with clients and thorough enforcement of HUD's HQS standards. PHA inspectors respond quickly to complaints from tenants or landlords.

The PHA increased housing choices by providing voucher mobility counseling and materials, and by promptly processing clients coming in from other jurisdictions. The PHA has not yet implemented a voucher homeownership program, but will continue to evaluate its feasibility based on the experience of the NJ Department of Community Affairs' program, which began in adjacent Mercer County in 2003.

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

By working carefully with their clients, PHA staff encouraged assisted families to be stable and responsible tenants. There has been a very low incidence of tenant/landlord problems, with landlord complaints on fewer than 2% of clients. There has been only one Section 8 eviction to date in 2003.

HUD Strategic Goal: Ensure equal opportunity in housing for all Americans

As recommended (in general) by the PHA, \$88,399 in CDBG funds was allocated in 2003 to help support the Housing Coalition of Central Jersey, the County's designated Fair Housing organization, which handles fair

housing cases and takes other actions to insure equal access to assisted and other housing regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status and disability. The PHA is not aware of any fair housing cases in 2003 involving its clients. However, it is frequently alleged that landlords use credit checks and prior landlord references, both legal means of screening clients, as means of discrimination against Section 8 voucher holders.

The Housing Coalition also provides landlord-tenant counseling and other services which promote housing opportunities for low income persons and families.

PHA Plan – Attachment 2: Resident Membership of the PHA Governing Board

In conjunction with the requirement to appoint a Resident Member to the PHA governing body, County Counsel has researched the PHA's enabling legislation and determined that the PHA was established under a New Jersey law, N.J.S.A. 40:32A-1, which subsequently was repealed and replaced by N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. The present State enabling legislaton appears to require a differently-structured governing body ("authority") than the PHA now has.

Since its creation under the earlier law in the late 1970s, solely for the purpose of administering Section 8 Rental Assistance, and owning no public housing or other property, the PHA's governing body has been the County's elected governing body, the Board of Chosen Freeholders. All PHA matters requiring governing body action, such as paying rents, approving applications, plans and reports, etc. are handled via the regular agenda of the bi-weekly Freeholder meetings. Present State law may require that this procedure be revised, though the body of law appears to contemplate traditional housing authorities which own and manage property instead of solely providing rental assistance to clients living in private-market housing.

Consequently, County Counsel and the Board of Chosen Freeholders are reviewing the current enabling legislation to determine if a change in the PHA structure is needed.

PHA Plan – Attachment 3: Membership in the Resident Advisory Board

Members of the Resident Advisory Board:

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