

**PHA Plans**  
**Streamlined 5-Year/Annual**  
**Version**

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This information collection is authorized by Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act, which added a new section 5A to the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 that introduced 5-year and annual PHA Plans. The full PHA plan provides a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the PHA's operations, programs, and services, and informs HUD, families served by the PHA, and members of the public of the PHA's mission and strategies for serving the needs of low-income and very low-income families. This form allows eligible PHAs to make a streamlined annual Plan submission to HUD consistent with HUD's efforts to provide regulatory relief to certain PHAs. Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 11.7 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. HUD may not collect this information and respondents are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

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**Streamlined 5-Year Plan for Fiscal Years**  
**2007 – 2011**  
**Streamlined Annual Plan for Fiscal Year**  
**2007**

**FOR**

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE**  
**CITY OF VIDALIA**

**NOTE: This PHA Plan template (HUD-50075-SA) is to be completed in accordance with instructions contained in previous Notices PIH 99-33 (HA), 99-51 (HA), 2000-22 (HA), 2000-36 (HA), 2000-43 (HA), 2001-4 (HA), 2001-26 (HA), 2003-7 (HA), and any related notices HUD may subsequently issue. Full reporting for each component listed in the streamlined Annual Plan submitted with the 5-year plan is required.**

## Streamlined Five -Year PHA Plan Agency Identification

**PHA Name:** The Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia **PHA Number:**  
 GA145

**PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: October 1, 2007**

**PHA Programs Administered:**

**Public Housing and Section 8**     **Section 8 Only**     **Public Housing Only**

Number of public housing units:    **110**    Number of S8 units:       Number of public housing units:  
 Number of S8 units:

**PHA Consortia: (check box if submitting a joint PHA Plan and complete table)**

Participating PHAs	PHA Code	Program(s) Included in the Consortium	Programs Not in the Consortium	# of Units Each Program
Participating PHA 1:				
Participating PHA 2:				
Participating PHA 3:				

**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 and attachments (if any) 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)

## Streamlined Five-Year PHA Plan PHA FISCAL YEARS 2006 - 2010

[24 CFR Part 903.12]

### A. Mission

State the PHA's mission for serving the needs of low-income, very low income, and extremely low-income families in the PHA's jurisdiction. (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.

X The PHA's mission is: The mission of the Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia is to be the area's affordable housing of choice. The authority will provide and maintain safe, quality housing in a cost-effective manner. By working with others, we offer rental assistance and other related services, to include pursuing development, to our community in a non-discriminatory manner.

### B. Goals

**Goal One:** Manage the Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia's existing public housing program in an efficient and effective manner thereby qualifying as at least a standard performer.

#### **Objectives:**

1. HUD will recognize the Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia as a high standard performer by December 31, 2010.
2. The Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia will promote a motivating work environment with a capable and efficient team of employees to operate as a customer-friendly and fiscally prudent leader in the affordable housing industry.

**Goal Two:** Provide a safe and secure environment in the Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia's public housing developments.

#### **Objectives:**

1. The Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia will continue to apply for Public Housing Drug Elimination Grants to ensure continued law enforcement presence for our developments.
2. The Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia will communicate with community leaders and survey residents in an effort to gauge the level of safety perceived by the community and residents.

**Goal Three:** Upgrade the marketability of the Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia's developments in order to attract working families.

#### **Objectives:**

1. The Board of Commissioners, in concert with HUD and State regulations and statutes, will establish priorities for the Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia in establishing preferences that will best suit the residents of the City by October 1, 2007.
2. The Board of Commissioners working with the Executive Director, as funds become available, will rehabilitate all housing stock to be decent, safe, sanitary, and energy efficient by September 30, 2010.
3. The Board of Commissioners working with the Executive Director, as funds become available, will develop a landscaping plan that will enhance the attractiveness and marketability of the housing units by September 30, 2010.

**Goal Four:** The Authority will work with officials of State, Federal, and local governments to provide or help provide affordable housing in our area.

**Objectives:**

1. Work with local governments to provide or help provide affordable housing in their jurisdictions. The Board of Commissioners will evaluate all needs and development prospects.
2. The Board of Commissioners working with the Executive Director, as programs are developed, to ensure that these development programs meet a need for communities.
3. The Board of Commissioners encourages the Executive Director to attend meetings to search out potential funding sources for development programs and submit applications approved by the Board for funding. The Board of Commissioners will authorize expenditure of Capital Fund Grant funds for development purposes as allowed by HUD regulations.

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

X 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
- X Other See above Goals

X PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing

Objectives:

- X 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)
- X Renovate or modernize public housing units:
- Demolish or dispose of obsolete public housing:
- Provide replacement public housing:

- Provide replacement vouchers:
- Other: (list below)
  
- PHA Goal: Increase assisted housing choices  
Objectives:
  - Provide voucher mobility counseling:
  - 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**

- PHA Goal: Provide an improved living environment  
Objectives:
  - 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)
  - 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:
  - 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**

- PHA Goal: Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing  
Objectives:

- Undertake affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability:
- 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)**

## Streamlined Annual PHA Plan

### PHA Fiscal Year 2007

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b)]

#### Table of Contents

Provide the following table of contents for the streamlined Annual Plan submitted with the Five-Year Plan, including all streamlined plan components, and additional requirements, together with the list of supporting documents available for public inspection.

#### **A. ANNUAL STREAMLINED PHA PLAN COMPONENTS**

- X 1. Housing Needs
- X 2. Financial Resources
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- X 4. Rent Determination Policies
- X 5. Capital Improvements Needs
- X 6. Demolition and Disposition
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- X 8. Civil Rights Certifications (included with PHA Certifications of Compliance)
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    - ii. Resident Membership on the PHA Governing Board
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    - iv. (Reserved)
- 10. Project-Based Voucher Program
- X 11. Supporting Documents Available for Review
- X 12. FY 2007 Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor, Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report
- X 13. Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan
- 14. Other (List below, providing name for each item)

#### **B. SEPARATE HARD COPY SUBMISSIONS TO LOCAL HUD FIELD OFFICE**

**Form HUD-50077, PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations: Board Resolution to Accompany the Standard Annual, Standard Five-Year, and Streamlined Five-Year/Annual Plans;**

**Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plan Consistency with Consolidated Plan.**

For PHAs APPLYING FOR CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM (CFP) GRANTS:

**Form HUD-50070, Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace;**

**Form HUD-50071, Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions;**

**Form SF-LLL & SF-LLLa, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities.**

## **Executive Summary (optional)**

[903.7(r)]. If desired, provide a brief overview of the contents of the streamlined 5-Year/Annual Plan.

### **1. Statement of Housing Needs** [24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7(a)]

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

The Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia has a total of 110 apartment units in three developments (001,002 & 005) contained on two sites. Sixty (60) of these units were built in 1957 and the remaining fifty (50) units were built in 1967. Development 001 which contains 30 units and was built in 1957 has been completely renovated on the interior with major work needed to the exterior grounds and installation of parking pads. Other items that need work in this development are install fencing to provide for more security, landscaping, and removal of trees. As additional CFG funds become available, all work items will be completed.

Development 002 which contains 30 units built in 1957 was partially renovated in the late 1980's. These units are now completely remodeled except for windows and doors. Other items that need work in this development are install fencing to provide for more security, landscaping, and removal of trees. As additional CFG funds become available, all work items will be completed.

Development 005 contains 50 units built in 1967 has received an Emergency CIAP Grant and three regular CFG Grant. This development needs to have all interior doors replaced. All bathrooms need to be renovated to include showers. The elderly units need to be made handicap visitable and four made handicap accessible. CFG funds for Fiscal Year 2007 will be directed to this Development to renovate bathrooms, sheetrock and install reroof 8 buildings. Other items that need work in this development is to replace all metal columns, install fencing to provide for more security, landscaping, and removal of trees. As additional CFG funds become available, all work items will be completed.

This Authority presently houses 108 families and a total of 270 people. Ninety four percent of these families are Very Low Income or Extremely Low Income people. Thirty four percent of these families are elderly/disabled people. At the present time this Authority has 21 applications for housing assistance with 52% looking for one bedroom, 33% for two bedroom, 10% for three bedroom, and 5% for four bedroom apartments. All applicants fall within the very low and extremely low income classification. These applications only reflect the people who are willing to be on the waiting list for housing for over three months. This Authority constantly is receiving phone calls and people walking in asking about vacancies, and that they need immediate housing. This Authority explains the process of obtaining housing with this Authority and make recommendations of where to find subsidized housing such as the Lyons Housing Authority only six miles away with these people and most do not come back. It has been this Authorities experience that if housing is not immediately available most applicants and walk in's will find what ever housing they can which is normally not in good shape and a cost burden.

The Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia has a need for existing and additional subsidized housing in this authority's jurisdiction. This is evidenced by our PHA's and occupancy reports submitted over the last several years. The Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia does not experience continued vacancy problems due to the demand. As stated in the "Joint Comprehensive Plan for Toombs County", adopted by the City of Vidalia the city's dilapidated housing stock represents 3.1% of its housing units. This equates to 122 dilapidated units in the City of Vidalia alone which the Department of Community Affairs would consider the residents homeless. The City of Vidalia has initiated and aggressive plan to eliminate dilapidated houses inside the City. As stated in this plan and the "State of Georgia Consolidated Plan for 1998", there is a growing need for elderly and disabled as well as low and moderate income housing in this city. More housing is needed for the elderly and disabled and families of low and moderate income.

This Authority feels that our needs are consistent with the "State of Georgia Consolidated Plan for 1998" and the "Joint Comprehensive Plan for Toombs County".



If a significant deviation of this plan is anticipated, the PHA will be required to have this deviation approved by HUD. A significant deviation is when the PHA's housing needs or strategies for meeting these needs changes substantially, or the PHA anticipates substantial changes to its planned use of financial resources. Altering the needs or strategies for meeting these needs, but keeping the basic intent of each will not be considered a significant deviation. A substantial financial resources deviation would be a change of twenty percent (20%) of the total budget amount of each Capital Fund Grant program or each Operating Budget. The reason the percentage is set at twenty percent is the fact that the PHA has to prepare estimated budgets a year in advance in order to have the Annual and Five Year Plan processed in accordance with the Federal Regulations.

Housing Needs of Families on the PHA's Waiting Lists			
Waiting list type: (select one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Section 8 tenant-based assistance			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Housing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Combined Section 8 and Public Housing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing Site-Based or sub-jurisdictional waiting list (optional)			
If used, identify which development/subjurisdiction:			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	20		45
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	15	75.0	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	5	25.0	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	0	0	
Families with children	16	80.0	
Elderly families	1	5.0	
Families with Disabilities	1	5.0	
Race/ethnicity Black	18	90.0	
Race/ethnicity	2	10.0	
Race/ethnicity	0		
Race/ethnicity	0		
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)			
1BR	4	20.0	9
2 BR	9	45.0	25
3 BR	5	25.0	10
4 BR	2	10.0	1
5 BR			
5+ BR			
Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
If yes:			
How long has it been closed (# of months)? 1 -1 B/R units only			
Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed?			
<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			

**B. Strategy for Addressing Needs**

The Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia will continue to make apartment units available as quickly as possible after they are vacated.

**(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

- Employ effective maintenance and management policies to minimize the number of public housing units off-line
- Reduce turnover time for vacated public housing units
- 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
- 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
- Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by marketing the program to owners, particularly those outside of areas of minority and poverty concentration
- Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by effectively screening Section 8 applicants to increase owner acceptance of program
- Participate in the Consolidated Plan development process to ensure coordination with broader community strategies
- Other (list below)

**Strategy 2: Increase the number of affordable housing units by:**

Select all 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)

**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

- 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**

**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
- 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
- Carry out the modifications needed in public housing based on the section 504 Needs Assessment for Public Housing
- 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

- Counsel section 8 tenants as to location of units outside of areas of poverty or minority concentration and assist them to locate those units
- 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
- X Limited availability of sites for assisted housing
- Extent to which particular housing needs are met by other organizations in the community
- X 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 903.12 (b), 903.7 (c)]

List on the following table 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.

<b>Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses</b>		
<b>Sources</b>	<b>Planned \$</b>	<b>Planned Uses</b>
<b>1. Federal Grants (FY 2008 grants)</b>		
a) Public Housing Operating Fund	231,667	
b) Public Housing Capital Fund	149,125	
c) HOPE VI Revitalization		
d) HOPE VI Demolition		
e) Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance		

<b>Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses</b>		
<b>Sources</b>	<b>Planned \$</b>	<b>Planned Uses</b>
f) Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants		
g) Community Development Block Grant		
h) HOME		
Other Federal Grants (list below)		
<b>2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below)</b>		
<b>3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income</b>	135,000	
<b>4. Other income (list below)</b>		
<b>4. Non-federal sources (list below)</b>		
<b>Intrest</b>	5,000	
Charges	4,000	
<b>Total resources</b>	524,792	

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

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (b)]

#### **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)

- 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)
- X Other: When vacancies occur.

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.  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.  Yes  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. Site-Based Waiting Lists-Previous Year

- 1. Has the PHA operated one or more site-based waiting lists in the previous year? No If yes, complete the following table; if not skip to d.

Site-Based Waiting Lists				
Development Information: (Name, number, location)	Date Initiated	Initial mix of Racial, Ethnic or Disability Demographics	Current mix of Racial, Ethnic or Disability Demographics since Initiation of SBWL	Percent change between initial and current mix of Racial, Ethnic, or Disability demographics

- 2. What is the number of site based waiting list developments to which families may apply at one time?

3. How many unit offers may an applicant turn down before being removed from the site-based waiting list?

4.  Yes  No: Is the PHA the subject of any pending fair housing complaint by HUD or any court order or settlement agreement? If yes, describe the order, agreement or complaint and describe how use of a site-based waiting list will not violate or be inconsistent with the order, agreement or complaint below:

d. Site-Based Waiting Lists – Coming Year

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
- 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:

- 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
- Over-housed
- Under-housed
- 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
- 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
- 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.

## 2 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)

- 1 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. Relationship 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)

- X The PHA-resident lease
- X 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)

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

**(6) Deconcentration and Income Mixing**

a.  Yes  No: Does the PHA have any general occupancy (family) public housing developments covered by the deconcentration rule? If no, this section is complete. If yes, continue to the next question.

b.  Yes  No: Do any of these covered developments have average incomes above or below 85% to 115% of the average incomes of all such developments? If no, this section is complete. If yes, list these developments on the following table:

Deconcentration Policy for Covered Developments			
Development Name	Number of Units	Explanation (if any) [see step 4 at §903.2(c)(1)(iv)]	Deconcentration policy (if no explanation) [see step 5 at §903.2(c)(1)(v)]

**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):
  - 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)

## **(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
- Other (list below)

## **(3) Search Time**

a.  Yes  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

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)

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 (rent is > 50 percent of income)

Other 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 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)

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.

- 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 disability
- Veterans and veterans' families
- 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)

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

**(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)

- The Section 8 Administrative Plan
- 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?

- Through published notices
- Other (list below)

**4. PHA Rent Determination Policies**

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7(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 of the following two)

- 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))
- 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:

The Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia will set from time to time a minimum rent. However if the family requests a hardship exemption, the Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia will immediately suspend the minimum rent for the family until the Housing Authority can determine whether the hardship exists and whether the hardship is of a temporary or long-term nature.

- A. A hardship exists in the following circumstances:
  - 1. When the family has lost eligibility for or is waiting an eligibility determination for a Federal, State, or local assistance program;
  - 2. When the family would be evicted as a result of the imposition of the minimum rent requirement;
  - 3. When the income of the family has decreased because of changed circumstances, including loss of employment;
  - 4. When the family has an increase in expenses because of changed circumstances, for medical costs, childcare, transportation, education, or similar items;
  - 5. When a death has occurred in the family.
- B. 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 for the time of suspension.
- C. Temporary hardship. If the Housing Authority reasonably 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 repayment agreement in accordance with the Section 19 of this policy for any rent not paid during the period of suspension. During the suspension period the Housing Authority will not evict the family for nonpayment of the amount of tenant rent owed for the suspension period.
- D. 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.
- E. Appeals. The family may use the grievance procedure to appeal the Housing Authority's determination regarding the hardship. No escrow deposit will be required in order to access the grievance procedure.

c. Rents set at less than 30% of 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 the 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. Ceiling 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

Other (describe below)

2. For 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)

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<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)

- Never
- At family option
- 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  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**

a. In setting the market-based flat rents, what sources of information did the PHA use to establish comparability? (select all that apply.)

- The section 8 rent reasonableness study of comparable housing
- Survey of rents listed in local newspaper
- Survey of similar unassisted units in the neighborhood
- Other (list/describe below) Survey of apartment complexes in this jurisdiction

**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 below 100% 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)

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) Minimum Rent**

a. What 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. Capital Improvement Needs**

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7 (g)]

Exemptions from Component 5: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this component and may skip to Component 6.

## A. Capital Fund Activities

Exemptions from sub-component 5A: PHAs that will not participate in the Capital Fund Program may skip to component 5B. All other PHAs must complete 5A as instructed.

### (1) Capital Fund Program

- a.  Yes  No Does the PHA plan to participate in the Capital Fund Program in the upcoming year? If yes, complete items 12 and 13 of this template (Capital Fund Program tables). If no, skip to B.
- b.  Yes  No: Does the PHA propose to use any portion of its CFP funds to repay debt incurred to finance capital improvements? If so, the PHA must identify in its annual and 5-year capital plans the development(s) where such improvements will be made and show both how the proceeds of the financing will be used and the amount of the annual payments required to service the debt. (Note that separate HUD approval is required for such financing activities.).

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

Applicability of sub-component 5B: 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.

### (1) Hope VI Revitalization

- a.  Yes  No: Has the PHA received a HOPE VI revitalization grant? (if no, skip to next component; if yes, provide responses to questions on chart below 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)  
Development name:  
Development (project) number:  
Status of grant: (select the statement that best describes the current status)  
 Revitalization Plan under development  
 Revitalization Plan submitted, pending approval  
 Revitalization Plan approved  
 Activities pursuant to an approved Revitalization Plan underway
- c.  Yes  No: Does the PHA plan to apply for a HOPE VI Revitalization grant in the Plan year? If yes, list development name/s below:
- d.  Yes  No: 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:

- e.  Yes  No: 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:

**6. Demolition and Disposition**

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7 (h)]

Applicability of component 6: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this section.

- a.  Yes  No: Does the PHA plan to conduct any demolition or disposition activities (pursuant to section 18 or 24 (Hope VI) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437p) or Section 202/Section 33 (Mandatory Conversion) in the plan Fiscal Year? (If “No”, skip to component 7; if “yes”, complete one activity description for each development on the following chart.)

<b>Demolition/Disposition Activity Description</b>
1a. Development name: 1b. Development (project) number:
2. Activity type: Demolition <input type="checkbox"/> Disposition <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Application status (select one) Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted, pending approval <input type="checkbox"/> Planned application <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Date application approved, submitted, or planned for submission: (DD/MM/YY)
5. Number of units affected: 6. Coverage of action (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Part of the development <input type="checkbox"/> Total development
7. Timeline for activity: a. Actual or projected start date of activity: b. Projected end date of activity:

**7. Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance--Section 8(y) Homeownership Program**

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7(k)(1)(i)]

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

## (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, what is the maximum number of participants this fiscal year?

### 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:

c. What actions will the PHA undertake to implement the program this year (list)?

## (3) Capacity of the PHA to Administer a Section 8 Homeownership Program

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

- a.  Establishing a minimum homeowner down payment requirement of at least 3 percent of purchase price and requiring that at least 1 percent of the purchase price comes from the family's resources.
- b.  Requiring that financing for purchase of a home under its Section 8 homeownership will be provided, insured or guaranteed by the state or Federal government; comply with secondary mortgage market underwriting requirements; or comply with generally accepted private sector underwriting standards.
- c.  Partnering with a qualified agency or agencies to administer the program (list name(s) and years of experience below).
- d.  Demonstrating that it has other relevant experience (list experience below).

## **8. Civil Rights Certifications**

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (o)]

Civil rights certifications are included in the *PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations: Board Resolution to Accompany the Standard Annual, Standard Five-Year, and Streamlined Five-Year/Annual Plans*, which is submitted to the Field Office in hard copy—see Table of Contents.

## **9. Additional Information**

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (r)]

### **A. PHA Progress in Meeting the Mission and Goals Described in the 5-Year Plan**

One goal of the Housing Authority was to manage our existing public housing program in an efficient and effective manner and qualifying as at least a standard performer. The Vidalia Housing Authority received PHAS scores as follows: 1999 (93), 2000 (89), 2001 (91), 2002 (89), 2003 (89), 2004 (89), 2005 (89), 2006 (98). The Authority has met the goal of achieving a high standard performer. Another element of achieving this goal was to upgrade our maintenance positions for more qualified maintenance personnel. This was accomplished in September 2001, which has resulted in having better trained maintenance staff. This Authority has sent all staff to training opportunities throughout this period of time. The training of Authority staff has enabled this organization to operate with increased efficiency and economy.

Another goal was to provide a safe and secure environment in our housing developments. The Authority was successful in obtaining Drug Elimination Grants for 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002. The grant programs were successful in keeping crime down in our developments which were reflected in our yearly surveys for these grant years. This Authority has constantly communicated with community leaders and residents to determine the level of safety perceived in our developments.

Another goal was to upgrade the marketability of our developments to attract working families. This Authority established a preference for working families and established a flat rent schedule which has made a significant change in our tenant makeup. This Authority has also continually upgraded our apartment units to make them more compatible to the private market for apartment units. This Authority's developments have all been made totally electric with central heat and air conditioning, have new kitchens, new flooring, new stoves and new refrigerators. All of our apartment units have had some sheetrocking installed with 55% completely sheetrocked. All apartment units have had substantial work completed that has made them more energy efficient with 55% being completely rebuilt inside and the remaining will be completed as soon as funds are made available.

Another goal was to work with local, state, and federal governments to provide or help provide affordable housing in our area. This Authority was called on two occasions to assist the City Council or Zoning Board to explain the impact and need of affordable housing needed in our City and area. This Authority also helped informally mediate between private developers and local officials proposed projects wishing to be located in the City. As a result the City has had an increase in affordable housing in our area. This Authority applied for and was awarded a State DCA grant to build up to 10 units of affordable housing in our area. However, due to the requirements and logistics this project would not cash flow and proper assurances could not be given to the Authority which in turn could not continue with the program. Authority representatives continue to attend meetings and workshops to try and locate sources of funding for much needed affordable housing. This Authority has met this goal.

## **B. Criteria for Substantial Deviations and Significant Amendments**

### **a. Substantial Deviation from the 5-Year Plan**

If a significant deviation of this plan is anticipated, the PHA will be required to have this deviation approved by HUD. A significant deviation is significant a change that would be made in the PHA's mission, goals and objectives. Altering the mission, goals and objectives but keeping the basic intent of each will not be considered a significant deviation. This Authority anticipates pursuing housing development in our community. Capital Fund money may be used for predevelopment cost as stated in the Capital Improvement Plan section. This does not represent a significant change or deviation for our goals and objectives.

### **b. Significant Amendment or Modification to the Annual Plan**

If a significant Amendment or Modification of this plan is anticipated, the PHA will be required to have this deviation approved by HUD. A significant Amendment or Modification is when the PHA's housing needs or strategies for meeting these needs changes substantially, or the PHA anticipates substantial changes to its planned use of financial resources. Altering the needs or strategies for meeting these needs, but keeping the basic intent of each will not be considered a significant Amendment or Modification. A substantial financial resources Amendment or Modification would be a change of twenty percent (20%) of the total budget amount of each Capital Fund Grant program or each Operating Budget. The reason the percentage is set at twenty percent is the fact that the PHA has to prepare estimated budgets a year in advance in order to have the Annual and Five Year Plan processed in accordance with the Federal Regulations.

## **RESPONSE TO RESIDENT SURVEY**

The Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia has 110 apartment units. At the time the survey was sent to the residents of this authority, there were 104 occupied units.

### **COMMUNICATION**

This Authority was erroneously scored, as described below, in the Communication section at 73.7% which was 6.5 percentage points above our last survey. Communication has consistently been the lowest average score Authorities receive. The National Average on Communication is 75%, and has been the lowest national average score in the Resident Survey for years. Do you think there is a problem with the Survey Questions?

**The first question** “Do you think management provides you information about: maintenance and repair (for example, water shut-off, boiler shut-down, modernization activities)?” . We have not had any water shut-offs this last year nor any other system shut down. We send affected tenants well in advance information about modernization activities. **How can we score 72.5 % on this question and receive 90.5% on the Maintenance and Repair portion of this survey? This does not make any sense.**

**The second question** “Do you think management provides you information about: the rules of your lease?”. We scored 81.8% on this question and the national average was 79.2%.

**The third question** “do you think management provides you information about: meetings and events?”. We scored 72.5% on this question and the national average was 77.3%. This authority notifies tenants of any meetings we have, but very seldom does anyone attend. We did not have any events last year. **So how did we score 72.5% when we scored 97.1% on our Services section of this survey? This also does not make sense.**

**The fourth question** “Do you think management is: responsive to your questions and concerns?”. We scored 77.5% on this question and the national average was 73.3%. We scored 4.2 percentage points above the national average. If the national average on this question is 73.3%, do you not feel there is something wrong here? **Do you think that possibly there is something wrong with this question?** This Authority always responds to our tenants that have questions or concerns. The response may not be what the tenant wants to hear, but is the response given to the enforcement of the lease and other rules of the Authority.

**The fifth question:** “Do you think management is: courteous and professional with you?”. We scored 74.1% to this question and the national average was 77.5%. With the above mentioned pre-question –“courteous and professional with you?” This Authority always treats tenants courteously and professionally. However, when a tenant violates their lease, the Authority’s administrative personnel inform the tenant that the tenant has violated their lease in a firm but professional manner, as we are required to do by regulations.

**The sixth question:** “Do you think management is: supportive of your resident/tenant organization?”. We scored 75% to this question and the national average was 75.3%.

The questions this survey asks need to be reviewed for content and a determination made if the questions influence the outcome. Also this Authority questions if:

1. The tenant understands the question being asked?,
2. The tenant does not like the regulations and rules they have to live with being in Public Housing?, or
3. Just wants to give the Authority a low score.

This Authority believes that item (2.) above is more than likely true **due to the fact that the national average reflects the same result from the questions being asked nation wide year after year after year.** If this is the case there is nothing any Authority can do to change the regulations. We are Congressionally mandated to enforce

the regulations. Therefore, all Housing Authorities will continue to receive low scores in this section as evidenced by the past years.

**This Authority should not have to respond to this Section. This Authority's average score is 75.6% not 73.7%. There was a Not Scored on the seventh question and the weights were transferred to the other six questions. When these percentages are summed and averaged, this Authority scored 75.6%. Why are we having to respond to this Section?**

**CERTIFICATION OF FOLLOW UP PLAN**

This Authority still does not understand why or how the 75% scoring benchmark was set by someone administratively when the **Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act** states 60% or lower should have a follow up plan. The Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia plans to continue our efforts to maintain and improve our properties as funding becomes available. The Authority properties are well maintained which are reflected in our REAC inspection scores this year of 98 out of 100 points. The Authority will continue to communicate with our tenants in an effective manner at lease up, recertification, and during any meetings that they are invited to attend but rarely do.

**C. Other Information**

[24 CFR Part 903.13, 903.15]

**(1) Resident Advisory Board Recommendations**

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

If yes, provide the comments below:

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

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)

**(2) Resident Membership on PHA Governing Board**

The governing board of each PHA is required to have at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA, unless the PHA meets certain exemption criteria. Regulations governing the resident board member are found at 24 CFR Part 964, Subpart E.

a. Does the PHA governing board include at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA this year?

Yes  No:

If yes, complete the following:

Name of Resident Member of the PHA Governing Board:

Method of Selection:

Appointment

**The term of appointment is (include the date term expires):**

Election by Residents (if checked, complete next section--Description of Resident Election Process)

**Description of Resident Election Process**

Nomination of candidates for place on the ballot: (select all that apply)

Candidates were nominated by resident and assisted family organizations

Candidates could be nominated by any adult recipient of PHA assistance

Self-nomination: Candidates registered with the PHA and requested a place on ballot

Other: (describe)

Eligible candidates: (select one)

Any recipient of PHA assistance

Any head of household receiving PHA assistance

Any adult recipient of PHA assistance

Any adult member of a resident or assisted family organization

Other (list)

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

Other (list)

b. If the PHA governing board does not have at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA, why not?

The PHA is located in a State that requires the members of a governing board to be salaried and serve on a full time basis

X The PHA has less than 300 public housing units, has provided reasonable notice to the resident advisory board of the opportunity to serve on the governing board, and has not been notified by any resident of their interest to participate in the Board.

Other (explain):

Date of next term expiration of a governing board member: August 1, 2007

Name and title of appointing official(s) for governing board (indicate appointing official for the next available position): Honorable Ronnie Dixon, Mayor



**(3) PHA Statement of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan**

[24 CFR Part 903.15]

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

**Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: (provide name here)**

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

- The PHA has based its statement of needs of families on its waiting list 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)

b. The Consolidated Plan of the jurisdiction supports the PHA Plan with the following actions and commitments: the State of Georgia

**(4) (Reserved)**

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

**10. Project-Based Voucher Program**

a.  Yes  No: Does the PHA plan to “project-base” any tenant-based Section 8 vouchers in the coming year? If yes, answer the following questions.

b.  Yes  No: Are there circumstances indicating that the project basing of the units, rather than tenant-basing of the same amount of assistance is an appropriate option?

If yes, check which circumstances apply:

- Low utilization rate for vouchers due to lack of suitable rental units
- Access to neighborhoods outside of high poverty areas
- Other (describe below:)

c. Indicate the number of units and general location of units (e.g. eligible census tracts or smaller areas within eligible census tracts):

## 11. List of Supporting Documents Available for Review for Streamlined Five-Year/ Annual PHA Plans

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

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
X	<i>PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations and Board Resolution to Accompany the Standard Annual, Standard Five-Year, and Streamlined Five-Year/Annual Plans.</i>	Standard 5 Year and Annual Plans; streamlined 5 Year Plans
X	State/Local Government Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan.	5 Year Plans
X	Fair Housing Documentation Supporting Fair Housing Certifications: Records reflecting that the PHA has examined its programs or proposed programs, identified any impediments to fair housing choice in those programs, addressed or is addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available, and worked or is working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdictions’ initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA’s involvement.	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	Housing Needs Statement of the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction(s) in which the PHA is located and any additional backup data to support statement of housing needs for families on the PHA’s public housing and Section 8 tenant-based waiting lists.	Annual Plan: Housing Needs
X	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources
X	Public Housing Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy Policy (A&O/ACOP), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP] and the Site-Based Waiting List Procedure.	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
X	Any policy governing occupancy of Police Officers and Over-Income Tenants in Public Housing. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A&O Policy.	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
X	Public housing rent determination policies, including the method 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. X Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies (if included in plan, not necessary as a supporting document) and written analysis of Section 8 payment standard policies. <input type="checkbox"/> 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
X	Results of latest Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Assessment (or other applicable assessment).	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
X	Follow-up Plan to Results of the PHAS Resident Satisfaction Survey (if necessary)	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance and Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Results of latest Section 8 Management Assessment System (SEMAP)	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
	Any policies governing any Section 8 special housing types <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance

<b>List of Supporting Documents Available for Review</b>		
<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>Supporting Document</b>	<b>Related Plan Component</b>
	Consortium agreement(s).	Annual Plan: Agency Identification and Operations/ Management
X	Public housing grievance procedures X Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan.	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
X	The Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement /Performance and Evaluation Report for any active grant year.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grants.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Approved HOPE VI applications or, if more recent, approved or submitted HOPE VI Revitalization Plans, or any other approved proposal for development of public housing.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
X	Self-evaluation, Needs Assessment and Transition Plan required by regulations implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. See PIH Notice 99-52 (HA).	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing.	Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition
	Approved or submitted applications for designation of public housing (Designated Housing Plans).	Annual Plan: Designation of Public Housing
	Approved or submitted assessments of reasonable revitalization of public housing and approved or submitted conversion plans prepared pursuant to section 202 of the 1996 HUD Appropriations Act, Section 22 of the US Housing Act of 1937, or Section 33 of the US Housing Act of 1937.	Annual Plan: Conversion of Public Housing
	Documentation for required Initial Assessment and any additional information required by HUD for Voluntary Conversion.	Annual Plan: Voluntary Conversion of Public Housing
	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans.	Annual Plan: Homeownership
	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program (Section _____ of the Section 8 Administrative Plan)	Annual Plan: Homeownership
X	Public Housing Community Service Policy/Programs X Check here if included in Public Housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
X	Cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency and between the PHA and local employment and training service agencies.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
X	FSS Action Plan(s) for public housing and/or Section 8.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
X	Section 3 documentation required by 24 CFR Part 135, Subpart E for public housing.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Most recent self-sufficiency (ED/SS, TOP or ROSS or other resident services grant) grant program reports for public housing.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
X	Policy on Ownership of Pets in Public Housing Family Developments (as required by regulation at 24 CFR Part 960, Subpart G). X Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Pet Policy
X	The results of the most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under the Single Audit Act as implemented by OMB Circular A-133, the results of that audit and the PHA's response to any findings.	Annual Plan: Annual Audit
	Consortium agreement(s), if a consortium administers PHA programs.	Joint PHA Plan for Consortia
	Consortia Joint PHA Plans ONLY: Certification that consortium agreement is in compliance with 24 CFR Part 943 pursuant to an opinion of counsel on file and available for inspection	Joint PHA Plan for Consortia
	Other supporting documents (optional). List individually.	(Specify as needed)

**Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report**  
**Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part 1: Summary**

<b>PHA Name: Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia</b>	<b>Grant Type and Number</b> Capital Fund Program: GA06P145501-07 Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:	<b>Federal FY of Grant:</b> FY 2007
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**Original Annual Statement**       **Reserve for Disasters/ Emergencies**     **Revised Annual Statement (revision no:    )**  
 **Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending:**       **Final Performance and Evaluation Report**

Line No.	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost	
		Original	Revised	Obligated	Expended
1	Total non-CFP Funds				
2	1406 Operations				
3	1408 Management Improvements				
4	1410 Administration	280			
5	1411 Audit				
6	1415 liquidated Damages				
7	1430 Fees and Costs	36,840			
8	1440 Site Acquisition				
9	1450 Site Improvement				
10	1460 Dwelling Structures	112,005			
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment—Nonexpendable				
12	1470 Nondwelling Structures				
13	1475 Nondwelling Equipment				
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)	\$149,125			
21	Amount of line 20 Related to LBP Activities				
22	Amount of line 20 Related to Section 504 Compliance				
23	Amount of line 20 Related to Security				
24	Amount of line 20 Related to Energy Conservation Measures				

**Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report**  
**Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF)**  
**Part II: Supporting Pages**

PHA Name: Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia		Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program #: GA06P145501-7 Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor #:			Federal FY of Grant: FY 2007			
Development Number Name/HA-Wide Activities	General Description of Major Work Categories	Dev. Acct No.	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost		Status of Proposed Work
				Original	Revised	Funds Obligated	Funds Expended	
HA - Wide	Operations	1406						
HA - Wide	Administration	1410		280				
	Fees and Costs	1430		36,840				
GA145-005	Architectural Fees	1430		28,000				
GA145-005	Clerk of the Works	1430		8,840				
	Dwelling Structures			112,005				
GA145-005	General demolition	1460	10	2,645				
GA145-005	Install sheetrock walls in all apartments. Finish all walls and paint.	1460	10	48,485				
GA145-005	Replace all bathroom fixtures, sinks, tubs, toilets, and accessories. Install showers and replace all ceramic tile.	1460	10	24,242				
GA145-005	Replace shingles, felt, and eave drip on 8 duplex buildings. Replace fascia and overhang with alum. Facias and alum. Overhang. Replace all deteriorated wood.	1460	16	36,633				

<b>Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report</b> <b>Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF)</b> <b>Part III: Implementation Schedule</b>							
PHA Name: Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia			<b>Grant Type and Number</b> Capital Fund Program #: GA06P145501-07 Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor #:				<b>Federal FY of Grant:</b> FY 2007
Development Number Name/HA-Wide Activities	All Fund Obligated (Quart Ending Date)			All Funds Expended (Quarter Ending Date)			Reasons for Revised Target Dates
	Original	Revised	Actual	Original	Revised	Actual	
GA145-005	12-31-2008			6-30-2009			

### Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

#### Part I: Summary

PHA Name Housing Authority of the City of Vidalia		<b>Original 5-Year Plan</b> <b>X Revision No: 1</b>			
Development Number/Name/HA-Wide	Year 1	Work Statement for Year 2 FFY Grant: 2008 PHA FY: 2009	Work Statement for Year 3 FFY Grant: 2009 PHA FY: 2010	Work Statement for Year 4 FFY Grant: 2010 PHA FY: 2011	Work Statement for Year 5 FFY Grant: 2011 PHA FY: 2012
	Annual Statement				
<b>Development 005</b>					
<b>Development 005</b>		\$149,125	\$149,125	\$149,125	\$90,000
<b>Development 001</b>					
<b>Development 002</b>					
<b>H/A Wide</b>					59,125
CFP Funds Listed for 5-year planning		\$149,125	\$149,125	\$149,125	\$149,125
Replacement Housing Factor Funds					

#### Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

#### Part II: Supporting Pages—Work Activities

Activities for Year 1	Activities for Year : 2 FFY Grant: 2008 PHA FY: 2009	Activities for Year: 3 FFY Grant: 2009 PHA FY: 2010

	Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost 12 units	Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost 8 units
<b>See</b>	Development 005	Demolition	\$4,000	Development 005	Demolition	\$4,200
<b>Annual</b>		Sheetrock Walls and paint	67,000		Sheetrock Walls and paint	55,000
<b>Statement</b>		Plumbing/Bath	32,000		Plumbing/Bath	27,500
		Relocation	5,000		Relocation	3,000
		Fees and Cost	37,000		Replace interior doors 30 units	45,000
		Operation	4,125		Fees and Cost	14,425
<b>Total CFP Estimated Cost</b>			\$149,125			\$149,125

Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

**Part II: Supporting Pages—Work Activities**

Activities for Year : 4 FFY Grant: 2010 PHA FY: 2011			Activities for Year: 5 FFY Grant: 2011 PHA FY: 2012		
Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost 10 units	Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost 25 units +
Development 005	Demolition	\$4,200	Development 005	Demolition	1,500



	Sheetrock Walls and Paint	55,000	Development 005	Sheetrock Walls and Paint 5 units	27,000
	Plumbing/Bath	27,500	Development 005	Plumbing/Bath 5 units	14,000
			Development 005	Relocation	2,500
	Relocation	3,000			
			Development 005	Convert 1 B/R apt to handicapped accessible	30,000
	Replace interior doors	27,500			
			H/A Wide	Land Scape and tree removal	10,000
	Fees and Cost	26,500	H/A Wide	Fencing	20,000
	Operation	5,425	Development 005	LBP abatement post	15,000
			H/A Wide	Fees and Cost	16,100
				Operation	13,025
<b>Total CFP Estimated Cost</b>		<b>\$149,125</b>			<b>\$149,125</b>