

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing

PHA Plans

5 Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2005 - 2009

Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2008

Hattiesburg Housing Authority

**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: HATTIESBURG HOUSING AUTHORITY

PHA Number: MS26P001

PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: 10/2008

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 2005 - 2009
[24 CFR Part 903.5]

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.
- The PHA's mission is: (state mission here)

B. Goals

The goals and objectives listed below are derived from HUD's strategic Goals and Objectives and those emphasized in recent legislation. PHAs may select any of these goals and objectives as their own, or identify other goals and/or objectives. Whether selecting the HUD-suggested objectives or their own, **PHAS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO IDENTIFY QUANTIFIABLE MEASURES OF SUCCESS IN REACHING THEIR OBJECTIVES OVER THE COURSE OF THE 5 YEARS.** (Quantifiable measures would include targets such as: numbers of families served or PHAS scores achieved.) PHAs should identify these measures in the spaces to the right of or below the stated objectives.

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

- 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: The PHA will participate in a Bond Issue to improve physical conditions of public housing units.
 - Acquire or build units or developments The PHA will in the future secure funding to build affordable homes and replace existing public housing units.
 - Other (list below)
- PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing
Objectives:
- Improve public housing management: (PHAS score 89.0 and MASS 26.0)
 - 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:
With the use of Capital Fund Program funds, the PHA will continue ongoing efforts to improve the livability, security, energy efficiency and preserve the physical integrity of the structures.
- 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: to comply with Asset Management Program
 - 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: It is the goal of the Hattiesburg Housing Authority to have all developments relatively free of drugs and criminal activity by the year 2010 through the enhanced partnership with The Neighborhood Enhancement Team (NET) of the Hattiesburg Police Department; maintaining a police sub-station at Robertson Place, having Housing Authority representation on Crimestoppers Board, contracting with HPD for additional security, conducting criminal background checks on all applicants and strict lease enforcement.

- 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

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

Objectives:

- Increase the number and percentage of employed persons in assisted families:
The HHA in conjunction with Miss. State Employment Services will continue to host job fairs (employability training, interviewing skills, job applications) for our residents. Additionally, the HHA will have Pearl River Jr. College, Antionelle College and the City of Hattiesburg to attend monthly residents meeting to discuss employability and job vacancies.
- 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:
The PHA will continue to undertake affirmative equal access for all applicants which is reinforced in Section 5. Paragraph A. of the Admission and Continued Occupancy Plan.
- 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:

The PHA currently has 13 units which have been modified in accordance with handicapped accessibility requirements. Currently 11 of these units are occupied with disabled residents. The PHA will monitor the waiting list status for these handicapped units to assure demands for handicapped units are satisfied. If during the five year period a determination is made that the 13 existing units are inadequate to satisfy the need, the PHA will modify additional units utilizing Capital Fund Program funds.

Other: (list below)

Other PHA Goals and Objectives: (list below)

Annual PHA Plan
PHA Fiscal Year 2008
[24 CFR Part 903.7]

i. Annual Plan Type:

Select which type of Annual Plan the PHA will submit.

Standard Plan

Streamlined Plan:

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

Troubled Agency Plan

ii. Executive Summary of the Annual PHA Plan

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

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 Housing Authority Agency Plan was prepared in accordance with Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The Housing Authority has attempted to provide all the necessary information and documentation for the five year plan. Our goals and objectives are contained in the plan along with adopted policies and procedures to comply with HUD guidelines, rules, regulations and federal laws.

The Agency Plan was made available for public review and prepared with input from local officials, board of commissioners, resident advisory council and general public. All comments were taken under consideration and addressed in this plan. Supporting documentation is attached and/or available upon request.

The Housing Authority Plan has focused on improving the quality of life for its residents, expanding the supply of assisted housing, promote self-sufficiency through education and training, ensure equal opportunity and fair housing, safe environment and physical improvements.

We will continue to use existing relationships that exist between our agency and other local organizations. These type of partnerships have enabled us to better deal with the problems confronting the residents and Housing Authority.

We do not plan to have any deviations from the five-year plan. All necessary documents are attached or will be made available upon request.

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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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.

Required Attachments:

- Admissions Policy for Deconcentration **Attachment "A"**
- FY 2008 Capital Fund Program Annual Statement **Attachment "B"**
- Most recent board-approved operating budget (Required Attachment for PHAs that are troubled or at risk of being designated troubled ONLY)

Optional Attachments:

- PHA Management Organizational Chart
- Capital Fund Program 5 Year Action Plan **Attachment "C"**
- 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)
 - CFP P&E Statements for FY 2006 and 2007 **Attachment "D"**
 - List of Resident Advisory Board Members **Attachment "E"**
 - Component 3, (6) Deconcentration and Income Mixing **Attachment "F"**
 - Certification "Initial Assessment" Voluntary Conversion of Development from Public Housing Stock **Attachment "G"**
 - Community Service Policy **Attachment "H"**
 - Pet Policy **Attachment "I"**
 - PHA Progress Statement on Mission & Goals **Attachment "J"**
 - Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Policy **Attachment "K"**

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 & On Display	Supporting Document	Applicable Plan Component
X	PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations	5 Year and Annual Plans
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
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), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP]	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Applicable Plan Component
	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
X	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 <i>Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act Initial Guidance; Notice</i> and any further HUD guidance) and 2. Documentation of the required deconcentration and income mixing analysis	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
X	Public housing rent determination policies, including the methodology for setting public housing flat rents <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
	Section 8 rent determination (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	Public housing grievance procedures <input type="checkbox"/> 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 HUD-approved Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement (HUD 52837) for the active grant year	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grant	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
X	Most recent, approved 5 Year Action Plan for the Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program, if not included as an attachment (provided at PHA option)	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
	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing	Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Applicable Plan Component
	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	Annual Plan: Conversion of Public Housing
	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans	Annual Plan: Homeownership
	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Homeownership
X	Any cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency	Annual Plan: Community 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 resident services grant) grant program reports	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	The most recent Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHEDEP) semi-annual performance report for any open grant and most recently submitted PHDEP application (PHDEP Plan)	Annual Plan: Safety and Crime Prevention
X	The most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under section 5(h)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c(h)), the results of that audit and the PHA's response to any findings	Annual Plan: Annual Audit
	Troubled PHAs: MOA/Recovery Plan	Troubled PHAs
X	Other supporting documents (optional) (list individually; use as many lines as necessary) Deconcentration/ Income Mixing, Income Analysis of Public Housing Covered Development , Substantial Deviation and Initial Assessment Voluntary Conversion of Development from Public Housing Stock.	(specify as needed)
X	Full policy on Community Services	Annual Plan: Community Services & Self-Sufficiency
X	Pet Policy	Annual Plan: Pets
X	Policy on Housing Police Officers	Annual Plan: Safety and Crime Prevention

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 Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type							
Family Type	Overall	Afford-ability	Supply	Quality	Access-ibility	Size	Loca-tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	1894	5	5	3	2	3	1
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	1032	5	5	3	2	3	1
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	777	4	4	3	2	3	1
Elderly	306	4	3	3	5	2	4
Families with Disabilities	Unknown	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	47	1	1	1	1	1	1
Race/Ethnicity							
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What sources of information did the PHA use to conduct this analysis? (Check all that apply; all materials must be made available for public inspection.)

- Consolidated Plan of the Jurisdiction/s
Indicate year:
- 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)
Waiting List

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: (select one)

- Section 8 tenant-based assistance
 Public Housing
 Combined Section 8 and Public Housing
 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	43		30%
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	36	84%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	7	16%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	0	0%	
Families with children	27	63%	
Elderly families	7	16%	
Families with Disabilities	9	21%	
White	4	9%	
Black	39	91%	
Race/ethnicity O	0	0%	
Race/ethnicity			
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)			
1BR	27	63%	
2 BR	10	23%	
3 BR	6	14%	
4 BR	0	0%	
5 BR	0	0%	
5+ BR	0	0%	

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List

Is the waiting list closed (select one)? No Yes

If yes:

How long has it been closed (# of months)?

Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? No Yes

Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? No Yes

C. Strategy for Addressing Needs

Provide a brief description of the PHA's strategy for addressing the housing needs of families in the jurisdiction and on the waiting list **IN THE UPCOMING YEAR**, and the Agency's reasons for choosing this strategy.

(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)
Meet needs that exceed 504 Requirements by modifying additional units for handicapped subject to need.

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)
Participation in local community affairs having an affect on the public housing community.

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
- 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.

Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses		
Sources	Planned \$	Planned Uses
1. Federal Grants (FY 2008 grants)		
a) Public Housing Operating Fund	946,480	PHA Operations
b) Public Housing Capital Fund	435,494	PHA Capital Improve.
c) HOPE VI Revitalization		
d) HOPE VI Demolition		
e) Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance		
f) Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (including any Technical Assistance funds)		PHA Safety/Security
g) Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants		
h) Community Development Block Grant		
i) HOME		
Other Federal Grants (list below)		

Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses		
Sources	Planned \$	Planned Uses
2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below)		
		PHA Capital Improve.
		PHA Capital Improve.
3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income	517,900	PHA Operations
4. Other income (list below)		
Interest	23,000	PHA Operations
Other	20,000	PHA Operations
5. Non-federal sources (list below)		
Total resources	1,942,874	

3. PHA Policies Governing Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 ©]

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)
- Other: (describe)

At time of application, and again at housing.

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)
- Credit Checks**

- 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 to comply with Asset Management Program
- Other (list below) **Occupancy Office: 805 Charles Street, Hattiesburg**

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?
None

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
- 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.

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 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)

- The PHA-resident lease
- The PHA's Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy policy
- PHA briefing seminars or written materials
- Other source (list)
One Strike and You're Out Policy, utility allowances, emergency contacts, lead-based paint notification.

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: Robertson Place, Briarfield Homes and Single Family Homes

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:

g. Based on the results of the required analysis, in which developments will the PHA make special efforts to assure access for lower-income families? (select all that apply)

- Not applicable: results of analysis did not indicate a need for such efforts
- List (any applicable) developments below:

B. Section 8

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

(1) Eligibility

- 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)

(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 903.7 9 (d)]

A. Public Housing

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

(1) Income Based Rent Policies

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

a. Use of discretionary policies: (select one)

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

---or---

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

b. Minimum Rent

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

- \$0
- \$1-\$25
- \$26-\$50

2. Yes No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies? **None other than the ones required by regulations.**

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 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
 No

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)
- 95th 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)

- 1. An error occurred in connection with an admission or re-examination;**
- 2. A new family member with income enters the family;**
- 3. A hardship exists due to the fact that the family is paying more of its income than is permitted by statute;**
- 4. The death or permanent disability of the lessee and/or principal income recipient occurs;**
- 5. The lessee and/or principal income recipient abandons the family.**

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

1. 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)

Schedule of Flat Rents

Developments	1 BR	2 BR	3 BR	4 BR	5 BR	Minimum Rents
Briarfield Homes	\$290.00	\$330.00	\$390.00			\$50.00
Robertson Place	\$290.00	\$330.00	\$390.00			\$50.00
Single Family Homes			\$420.00	\$480.00	\$540.00	\$50.00

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. 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. See Below
- A brief description of the management structure and organization of the PHA follows: The Board of Commissioners is the legal body over the Executive Director and establishes PHA policy. The Executive Director is responsible for the entire administrative function of the PHA. Each of the key employees is responsible for their respective departments and report to the Executive Director.

Board of Commissioners

Executive Director

AdministrativeAssistant

Occupancy Specialist

Maintenance Supervisor

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 Served at Year Beginning	Expected Turnover
Public Housing	296	10%
Section 8 Vouchers	N/A	
Section 8 Certificates	N/A	
Section 8 Mod Rehab	N/A	
Special Purpose Section 8 Certificates/Vouchers (list individually)	N/A	
Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP)		
Other Federal Programs(list individually)		
Capital Fund	296	10%

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)

Management Policies

Admissions and Continued Occupancy
 Deconcentration / Income Mixing
 Procurement

Investment
 Disposition
 Resident Initiative

Personnel
Capitalization
Drug Free Workplace
One Strike, You ' re Out
Substance Abuse
Criminal Records
Cash Management & Procedure
Community Service
Cash and Policy Procedures
Violence Against Women Act

Risk Control Manuel
Community Center
Grievance Procedures
Pe Policy
Rent Collection
Media
MBE
Dwelling Lease
Sexual Harassment

Maintenance Policy

Maintenance Policy/Plan
Schedule of Maintenance Charges

Pest Control Policy

(2) Section 8 Management: (list below)

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.

A. Public Housing

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

If yes, list additions to federal requirements below:

2. Which PHA office should residents or applicants to public housing contact to initiate the PHA grievance process? (select all that apply)

- PHA main administrative office
 PHA development management offices
 Other (list below)

B. Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance

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

If yes, list additions to federal requirements below:

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

- PHA main administrative office
 Other (list below)

7. Capital Improvement Needs

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (g)]

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

A. Capital Fund Activities

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

(1) Capital Fund Program Annual Statement

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

Select one:

- The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement is provided as an attachment to the PHA Plan at Attachment (state name) Attachment B

-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) Attachment C

-or-

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

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

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

- Yes 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
 - 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.)

No Activity

Demolition/Disposition Activity Description
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:
5. Number of units affected: 6. Coverage of action (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Part of the development <input type="checkbox"/> Total development <input type="checkbox"/> Other
7. Timeline for activity: a. Actual or projected start date of activity: b. Projected end date of activity:

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

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (i)]

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

1. Yes 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.

Designation of Public Housing Activity Description	
1a. Development name:	
1b. Development (project) number:	
2. Designation type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupancy by only the elderly <input type="checkbox"/> Occupancy by families with disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Occupancy by only elderly families and families with disabilities
3. Application status (select one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved; included in the PHA’s Designation Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted, pending approval <input type="checkbox"/> 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)	<input type="checkbox"/> New Designation Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a previously-approved Designation Plan?
6. Number of units affected:	
7. Coverage of action (select one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Part of the development <input type="checkbox"/> 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: Same as above	
2. What is the status of the required assessment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Assessment underway <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment results submitted to HUD <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment results approved by HUD (if marked, proceed to next question) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below)
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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)	<input type="checkbox"/> Conversion Plan in development <input type="checkbox"/> Conversion Plan submitted to HUD on: (DD/MM/YYYY) <input type="checkbox"/> Conversion Plan approved by HUD on: (DD/MM/YYYY) <input type="checkbox"/> 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)	<input type="checkbox"/> Units addressed in a pending or approved demolition application (date submitted or approved: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Units addressed in a pending or approved HOPE VI demolition application (date submitted or approved: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Units addressed in a pending or approved HOPE VI Revitalization Plan (date submitted or approved: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Requirements no longer applicable: vacancy rates are less than 10 percent <input type="checkbox"/> Requirements no longer applicable: site now has less than 300 units <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (describe below)

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

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

11. Homeownership Programs Administered by the PHA

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (k)]

A. Public Housing

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

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

2. Activity Description

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

Public Housing Homeownership Activity Description (Complete one for each development affected)
1a. Development name: 1b. Development (project) number:
2. Federal Program authority: <input type="checkbox"/> HOPE I <input type="checkbox"/> 5(h) <input type="checkbox"/> Turnkey III <input type="checkbox"/> Section 32 of the USHA of 1937 (effective 10/1/99)
3. Application status: (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Approved; included in the PHA’s Homeownership Plan/Program <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted, pending approval <input type="checkbox"/> Planned application
4. Date Homeownership Plan/Program approved, submitted, or planned for submission: (DD/MM/YYYY)
5. Number of units affected:

6. Coverage of action: (select one)

- Part of the development
 Total development

B. Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance

1. Yes No: Does the PHA plan to administer a Section 8 Homeownership program pursuant to Section 8(y) of the U.S.H.A. of 1937, as implemented by 24 CFR part 982 ? (If “No”, skip to component 12; if “yes”, describe each program using the table below (copy and complete questions for each program identified), unless the PHA is eligible to complete a streamlined submission due to high performer status. **High performing PHAs** may skip to component 12.)

2. Program Description:

a. Size of Program

Yes No: Will the PHA limit the number of families participating in the section 8 homeownership option?

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

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

b. PHA-established eligibility criteria

Yes No: Will the PHA’s program have eligibility criteria for participation in its Section 8 Homeownership Option program in addition to HUD criteria?

If yes, list criteria below:

12. PHA Community Service and Self-sufficiency Programs

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (l)]

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

A. PHA Coordination with the Welfare (TANF) Agency

1. Cooperative agreements:

Yes No: Has the PHA has entered into a cooperative agreement with the TANF Agency, to share information and/or target supportive

services (as contemplated by section 12(d)(7) of the Housing Act of 1937)?

If yes, what was the date that agreement was signed? 09/01/01

2. Other coordination efforts between the PHA and TANF agency (select all that apply)

- Client referrals
- Information sharing regarding mutual clients (for rent determinations and otherwise)
- Coordinate the provision of specific social and self-sufficiency services and programs to eligible families
- Jointly administer programs
- Partner to administer a HUD Welfare-to-Work voucher program
- Joint administration of other demonstration program
- Other (describe)

B. Services and programs offered to residents and participants

(1) General

a. Self-Sufficiency Policies

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

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

b. Economic and Social self-sufficiency programs

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

Services and Programs				
Program Name & Description (including location, if appropriate)	Estimated Size	Allocation Method (waiting list/random selection/specific criteria/other)	Access (development office / PHA main office / other provider name)	Eligibility (public housing or section 8 participants or both)
Computer Training	20	First Come	Site Office	Public Housing
Home Ownership	23		Community Connections, Inc.	Residents

(2) Family Self Sufficiency program/s

a. Participation Description

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

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

If no, list steps the PHA will take below:

C. Welfare Benefit Reductions

1. The PHA is complying with the statutory requirements of section 12(d) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (relating to the treatment of income changes resulting from welfare program requirements) by: (select all that apply)

- 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
- Other: (list below)

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

13. PHA Safety and Crime Prevention Measures

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (m)]

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

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

1. Describe the need for measures to ensure the safety of public housing residents

(select all that apply)

- High incidence of violent and/or drug-related crime in some or all of the PHA's developments
- High incidence of violent and/or drug-related crime in the areas surrounding or adjacent to the PHA's developments
- 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 to perceived and/or actual levels of violent and/or drug-related crime
- Other (describe below)

2. What information or data did the PHA used to determine the need for PHA actions to improve safety of residents (select all that apply).

- Safety and security survey of residents
- Analysis of crime statistics over time for crimes committed "in and around" public housing authority
- Analysis of cost trends over time for repair of vandalism and removal of graffiti
- Resident reports
- PHA employee reports
- Police reports
- Demonstrable, quantifiable success with previous or ongoing anticrime/anti drug programs
- Other (describe below)

3. Which developments are most affected? (list below)

Briarfield Homes

Robertson Place

New Development

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)

Briarfield Homes

Robertson Place

New Development

C. Coordination between PHA and the police

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

- Police involvement in development, implementation, and/or ongoing evaluation of drug-elimination plan
- 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)

Briarfield Homes

Robertson Place

New Development

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.

N/A

- 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 2004 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. It is the policy of the Housing Authority to comply with all Federal, State, and local nondiscrimination laws and with rules and regulations governing Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity in housing and employment. The Housing Authority will comply with all laws relating to Civil Rights, including: Title VI and VIII of the Civil Rights Act, Executive Order 11063, Section 504, Age Discrimination Act and American with Disabilities Act.

To further our commitment to fully comply with applicable Civil Rights laws, the Housing Authority will provide Federal/State/Local information to public housing residents regarding “discrimination” and any recourse available to them during resident orientation session, resident meetings and reexaminations.

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.

The Housing Authority Board has approved and submitted a request to HUD to opt out of Asset Management.

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)
 - Provided below:
3. 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)

B. Description of Election process for Residents on the PHA Board

Congress has exempted the State of Mississippi from having residents serve on the Board of Commissioners. Stipulation by Congress ruled that Mississippi must have six (6) members on an Advisory Board. Based on the ruling, the Hattiesburg Housing Authority has provided for the following:

The Resident Advisory Board consists of nine (9) members who are adult recipient of PHA assistance (See Attachment E). They are selected by the resident body/housing authority and serve in a dual capacity. Meetings are held quarterly.

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.)
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 sub-component C.)

3. Description of Resident Election Process

a. 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)

b. 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)

c. Eligible voters: (select all that apply)

- All adult recipients of PHA assistance (public housing and section 8 tenant-based assistance)
- Representatives of all PHA resident and assisted family organizations
- Other (list)

C. Statement of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

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

1. Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: (**City of Hattiesburg**)
2. The PHA has taken the following steps to ensure consistency of this PHA Plan with the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction: (select all that apply)
 - The PHA has based its statement of needs of families in the jurisdiction on the needs expressed in the Consolidated Plan/s.

- The PHA has participated in any consultation process organized and offered by the Consolidated Plan agency in the development of the Consolidated Plan.
- The PHA has consulted with the Consolidated Plan agency during the development of this PHA Plan.
- Activities to be undertaken by the PHA in the coming year are consistent with the initiatives contained in the Consolidated Plan. (list below)
 - 1. Modernize units with Capital Fund Program**
 - 2. Enhance resident self-sufficiency**

Other: (list below)

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

Other Information Required by HUD

Criteria for Substantial Deviation and Significant Amendments

1. Amendment and Deviation Definitions

24 CFR Part 903.7(r)

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

A. Substantial Deviation from the 5-year Plan:

The Housing Authority does recognize the need for public notification for items contained within the 5-Year and Annual Plans. This authority shall make proper notification for any Substantial Deviations from these plans as required under law. The exception to this definition is if the change has been made to meet regulatory compliance with The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requirements. Substantial deviation or Significant amendment or Modification shall mean those of the mission statement, goals and objective, capital fund program or changes in significant expenditures. And changes in statutory requirement for administration of Public Housing requiring public comment and/or public hearing.

B. Significant Amendment or Modification to the Annual Plan

A Significant Amendment or Modification to the Annual Plan shall be construed to mean the following:

- Changes to rent or admissions policies or organization of the waiting list;

- Additions of non-emergency work items not currently included in the Annual Statement or the 5-Year Action Plan or changes in use of replacement reserve funds under the Capitol Fund;
- Any changes with regard to demolition or disposition, designation, homeownership programs or conversion activities.

These issues, if required, shall be raised with proper public notification. The Housing Authority acknowledges that an exception will be made by HUD to comply with the above changes that are adopted to reflect changes in HUD regulatory requirements: such changes will not be considered significant amendments by HUD.

REAC FOLLOW-UP PLAN

Neighborhood Appearance

The Housing Authority recently received its Resident Assessment from REAC. The assessment indicated follow-up action to increase the average score in the area of neighborhood appearance. While the Housing Authority is making every effort to meet the requirements, we have developed an action plan to improve the above ratings as follows:

- Establish systems to monitor neighborhood appearance on a daily basis;
- Conduct monthly meetings with resident on issues regarding the above and the receiving of suggestions and recommendations;
- Daily inspection of grounds and buildings;
- Planning sessions for improvements;
- Removing trash from grounds;
- Installing trash containers in common areas;
- Clean-up day throughout the year; and
- Contracted grass cutting service.

The PHA has instituted a program, which involves all vacant and/or abandoned units to be boarded with painted board color coordination to match building to improve the overall appearance of such buildings.

The Follow-Up Plan activities has been implemented and certified.

Maintenance Plan

The Housing Authority has an adopted Maintenance Plan that contains rules, standards and policies governing maintenance and management of its public housing developments. The plan also includes a policy for the prevention and eradication of pest infestation, including cockroach. The Maintenance Plan is posted on the bulletin board and available for public review.

Summary of Policy or Program Changes for the Upcoming Year

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

The Housing Authority Board approved and submitted a request to HUD to "opt out" of the Asset Management Program.

The Hattiesburg Housing Authority goal is to adopt a Strategic Plan for the Redevelopment of 120 apartment units at Briarfield Homes and 120 apartment units at Robertson Place. These 240 units are more than 66 years old and are not competitive with private market rentals. The Strategic Plan which will serve as a blueprint in terms of methodology, financing, and time lines will be developed by September 30, 2008. A contract with a Strategic Planner was signed on April 21, 2008

The Hattiesburg Housing Authority plans to procure the services of a strategic planning consultant to:

Identify developments and replacement housing options

Identify/select buildings PHA wide that are no longer viable or feasible to retain in inventory and develop demolition strategy

Prepare financial strategy to work in conjunction with the strategic plan

Prepare strategy for renovation to designated building determined to have long term viability

Explore and make recommendations as to the feasibility of conversion of public housing units to Section 8 vouchers

Explore and make recommendations as to the feasibility of conversion of public housing units to homeownership

Explore possibility of working with the State Department of Agriculture to secure a grant for replacement housing

Attachments

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

Admissions Policy for Deconcentration **Attachment "A"**

FY 2008 Capital Fund Program Annual Statement **Attachment "B"**

Capital Fund Program 5 Year Action Plan **Attachment "C"**

CFP P&E Reports for FY 2006 and 2007 **Attachment "D"**

List of Resident Advisory Board Members **Attachment "E"**

Component 3, (6) Deconcentration and Income Mixing **Attachment "F"**

Certification "Initial Assessment" Voluntary Conversion of Development from Public Housing Stock **Attachment "G"**

Community Service Policy **Attachment "H"**

Pet Policy **Attachment "I"**

PHA Progress Statement on Mission & Goals **Attachment "J"**

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Policy **Attachment "K"**

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

ATTACHMENT A

DECONCENTRATION POLICY

In an ongoing effort for the Hattiesburg Housing Authority to meet or exceed the laws and regulations regarding public housing, a comprehensive Deconcentration Policy has been developed in order to comply with the Housing Quality and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 Section 513, as it applies to the Hattiesburg Housing Authority.

INCOME MIX TARGETING:

This housing authority must ensure that within a given fiscal year, not less than forty percent (40%) of the public housing dwelling units shall be occupied by families whose incomes at the time of commencement of occupancy does not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the area median income.

PROHIBITION OF CONCENTRATION OF LOW-INCOME FAMILIES:

This housing authority may not concentration very low-income families, or those with relatively low incomes, in public housing units in certain projects or certain buildings within projects. There must, however remain at least forty percent (40%) of the families who are at or below thirty percent (30%) of the median area income. The Hattiesburg Housing Authority must review the income and occupancy characteristics of the housing projects and the buildings of each project to ensure that a low-income concentration does not occur.

DECONCENTRATION:

It shall be the sole and exclusive right of the Hattiesburg Housing Authority to move families from one dwelling unit to another as necessary or as vacancies warrant to reduce a concentration of a particular income level of families into any one building or complex. In contrast, the Hattiesburg Housing Authority will also make every effort and attempt to maintain a consistent dwelling unit for every family and will only make moves necessary if there is no other alternative as determined by the Hattiesburg Housing Authority.

This policy becomes effective immediately upon adoption by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

ATTACHMENT “B”

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

PHA Name: HATTIESBURG HOUSING AUTHORITY	Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program Grant No: MS26P001501-08 Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:	Federal FY of Grant: 2008
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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	80,000			
3	1408 Management Improvements	80,000			
4	1410 Administration	40,000			
5	1411 Audit				
6	1415 Liquidated Damages				
7	1430 Fees and Costs	66,694			
8	1440 Site Acquisition				
9	1450 Site Improvement	45,000			
10	1460 Dwelling Structures	100,800			
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment—Nonexpendable	9,000			
12	1470 Nondwelling Structures				
13	1475 Nondwelling Equipment	14,000			
14	1485 Demolition				
15	1490 Replacement Reserve				
16	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration				
17	1495.1 Relocation Costs				
18	1499 Development Activities				
19	1501 Collateralization or Debt Service				
20	1502 Contingency				
21	Amount of Annual Grant: (sum of lines 2 – 20)	435,494			
22	Amount of line 21 Related to LBP Activities				
23	Amount of line 21 Related to Section 504 compliance				
24	Amount of line 21 Related to Security – Soft Costs	80,000			
25	Amount of Line 21 Related to Security – Hard Costs				
26	Amount of line 21 Related to Energy Conservation Measures				

ATTACHMENT “C”

Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

Part I: Summary

PHA Name Hattiesburg Housing Authority		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original 5-Year Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Revision No:			
Development Number/Name/HA-Wide	Year 1	Work Statement for Year 2 FFY Grant: 2009 PHA FY: 2009	Work Statement for Year 3 FFY Grant: 2010 PHA FY: 2010	Work Statement for Year 4 FFY Grant: 2011 PHA FY: 2011	Work Statement for Year 5 FFY Grant: 2012 PHA FY: 2012
	Annual Statement				
HA Wide		435,494	435,494	435,494	435,494
CFP Funds Listed for 5-year planning		435,494	435,494	435,494	435,494
Replacement Housing Factor Funds					

**Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan
Part II: Supporting Pages—Work Activities**

Activities for Year: <u>04</u> FFY Grant: 2011 PHA FY: 2011			Activities for Year: <u>05</u> FFY Grant: 2012 PHA FY: 2012		
Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost	Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost
PHA Wide	Operations	80,000	PHA Wide	Operations	80,000
	Security	80,000		Security	80,000
	Administration	40,000		Administration	40,000
	Legal Fees	29,694		Legal Fees	29,694
	A/E Fees	12,000		A/E Fees	12,000
	Mod Coordinator	25,000		Mod Coordinator	25,000
	Site Improvements	45,000		Site Improvements	45,000
	Erosion, Trees, Weeds, Grass Cut			Erosion, Trees, Weeds, Grass Cut	
	Non Routine Vacancy Preparations	22,000		Non Routine Vacancy Preparations	22,000
	Painting Interiors			Painting Interiors	
	Pest Control	10,800		Pest Control	10,800
	Heaters	2,000		Heaters	2,000
	Stoves	3,000		Stoves	3,000
	Refrigerators	6,000		Refrigerators	6,000
	Office Equipment	6,000		Office Equipment	6,000
	Maintenance Equipment	8,000		Maintenance Equipment	8,000
	Demolition	50,000		Demolition	50,000
	Development Activities	16,000		Development Activities	16,000
otal CFP Estimated Cost		\$435,494			\$435,494

ATTACHMENT “D”

Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report					
Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part I: Summary					
PHA Name: HATTIESBURG HOUSING AUTHORITY		Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program Grant No: MS26P001501-06 Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:			Federal FY of Grant: 2006
<input type="checkbox"/> Original Annual Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Reserve for Disasters/ Emergencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revised Annual Statement (revision no: 03) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending: 3/31/2008 <input type="checkbox"/> 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	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
3	1408 Management Improvements	80,000	10,000	10,000	5,240.50
4	1410 Administration	43,456	43,456	43,456	43,456
5	1411 Audit				
6	1415 Liquidated Damages				
7	1430 Fees and Costs	34,544	50,000	50,000	7,638
8	1440 Site Acquisition				
9	1450 Site Improvement	25,000	100,000	100,000	47,974.33
10	1460 Dwelling Structures	183,110	115,931.91	115,931.91	62,581.70
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment—Nonexpendable	10,450	15,600	15,600	8,574
12	1470 Nondwelling Structures	0	28,328.09	28,328.09	28,328.09
13	1475 Nondwelling Equipment	8,000	21,244	21,244	1,244
14	1485 Demolition				
15	1490 Replacement Reserve				
16	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration				
17	1495.1 Relocation Costs				
18	1499 Development Activities				
19	1501 Collateralization or Debt Service				
20	1502 Contingency				
21	Amount of Annual Grant: (sum of lines 2 – 20)	434,560	434,560	434,560	255,036.62
22	Amount of line 21 Related to LBP Activities				
23	Amount of line 21 Related to Section 504 compliance				
24	Amount of line 21 Related to Security – Soft Costs				
25	Amount of Line 21 Related to Security – Hard Costs				
26	Amount of line 21 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: HATTIESBURG HOUSING AUTHORITY		Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program Grant No: MS26P001501-06 Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:			Federal FY of Grant: 2006			
Development Number Name/HA-Wide Activities	General Description of Major Work Categories	Dev. Acct No.	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost		Status of Work
				Original	Revised	Funds Obligated	Funds Expended	
PHA Wide	Operations	1406		50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	
	Security	1408		80,000	10,000	10,000	5,240.50	
	Admin Salaries	1410		43,456	43,456	43,456	43,456	
	Strategic Planning Consultant	1430		5,000	5,000	5,000	0	
	Surveys, Test, Inspections	1430		4,544	4,000	4,000	2,738	
	Modernization Coordinator	1430		25,000	41,000	41,000	4,900	
	Control & Correction of UPCS Deficiencies, Sidewalks, Curbs, Gutters, Tree Trimming, Erosion	1450		25,000	100,000	100,000	47,974.33	
	Correct UPCS Deficiencies: Non-Routine Renovations, Electrical, Plumbing, Flooring \$4,500 per unit	1460	22	103,110	103,110	103,110	62,581.70	
	Stoves (275 ea)	1465.1	18	3,950	7,600	7,600	6,138	
	Refrigerators (375 ea)	1465.1	14	5,500	5,500	5,500	0	
	Water Heaters	1465.1		1,000	2,500	2,500	2,436	
	Office Renovations	1470		0	28,328.09	28,328.09	28,328.09	
	Computer Equipment	1475		2,000	20,000	20,000	0	
	Maintenance Equipment	1475		6,000	1,244	1,244	1,244	
	Debt Service – Capital Loan	1501	N/A	0	0	0	0	
MS 1-001	Exterior Porch Replacement - fungibility	1460	30	30,000	5,411	5,411	0	
	Water Cut-Offs	1460		10,000	1,000	1,000	0	
MS 1-002	Exterior Porch Replacement - fungibility	1460	30	30,000	5,410.91	5,410.91	0	
	Water Cut-Offs	1460		10,000	1,000	1,000	0	
	TOTAL			434,560	434,560	434,560	255,036.62	

Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report
Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF)
Part III: Implementation Schedule

PHA Name: HATTIESBURG HOUSNG AUTHORITY		Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program No: MS26P001501-06 Replacement Housing Factor No:					Federal FY of Grant: 2006
Development Number Name/HA-Wide Activities	All Fund Obligated (Quarter Ending Date)			All Funds Expended (Quarter Ending Date)			Reasons for Revised Target Dates
	Original	Revised	Actual	Original	Revised	Actual	
PHA Wide	9/1/07			9/1/09			

Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report

Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part I: Summary

PHA Name: HATTIESBURG HOUSING AUTHORITY		Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program Grant No: MS26P001501-07 Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:			Federal FY of Grant: 2007
<input type="checkbox"/> Original Annual Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Reserve for Disasters/ Emergencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revised Annual Statement (revision no: 01) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending: 3/31/2008 <input type="checkbox"/> 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	80,000	80,000	80,000	
3	1408 Management Improvements	62,000	80,000		
4	1410 Administration	40,000	40,000	40,000	
5	1411 Audit				
6	1415 Liquidated Damages				
7	1430 Fees and Costs	50,000	49,000	0	
8	1440 Site Acquisition				
9	1450 Site Improvement	40,000	55,258	0	
10	1460 Dwelling Structures	59,000	117,560	0	
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment—Nonexpendable	15,300	9,000	0	
12	1470 Nondwelling Structures				
13	1475 Nondwelling Equipment	16,000	14,000	0	
14	1485 Demolition				
15	1490 Replacement Reserve	82,518	0	0	
16	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration				
17	1495.1 Relocation Costs				
18	1499 Development Activities				
19	1501 Collaterization or Debt Service				
20	1502 Contingency				
21	Amount of Annual Grant: (sum of lines 2 – 20)	444,818	444,818	120,000	0
22	Amount of line 21 Related to LBP Activities				
23	Amount of line 21 Related to Section 504 compliance				
24	Amount of line 21 Related to Security – Soft Costs				
25	Amount of Line 21 Related to Security – Hard Costs				
26	Amount of line 21 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: HATTIESBURG HOUSING AUTHORITY		Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program Grant No: MS26P001501-07 Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:				Federal FY of Grant: 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 Work
				Original	Revised	Funds Obligated	Funds Expended	
HA Wide	Operations	1406		80,000	80,000	80,000		
	Security – Contract for PHA Wide	1408		62,000	80,000			
	Administration	1410		40,000	40,000	40,000		
	Legal Services – Strategic Planner	1430		36,000	12,000			
	Inspections, Surveys, Test	1430		14,000	12,000			
	Modernization Coordinator	1430		0	25,000			
	Control Erosion, Brush & Shrub Removal, Cut & Trim Trees, Sod, Fertilize, Weed Control	1450		40,000	55,258			
	Indefinite Quantity Contract: Address Non Routine Vacancies, Repairs, Paint, Cleaning	1460	120	20,000	74,380			
			120	20,000	30,380			
	Pest Control – Chronic Infestation	1460	240	19,000	10,800			
	Replace Heaters	1460	4	3,600	2,000			
	Stoves (375 ea)	1465.1	10	4,950	3,000			
	Refrigerators (475 ea)	1465.1	16	6,750	6,000			
	Office Equipment	1475		8,000	6,000			
	Maintenance Equipment	1475		8,000	8,000			
	Replacement Reserve	1490		82,518	0			
	TOTAL			444,818	444,818	120,000	0	

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

PHA Name: HATTIESBURG HOUSNG AUTHORITY		Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program No: MS26P001501-07 Replacement Housing Factor No:				Federal FY of Grant: 2007	
Development Number Name/HA-Wide Activities	All Fund Obligated (Quarter Ending Date)			All Funds Expended (Quarter Ending Date)			Reasons for Revised Target Dates
	Original	Revised	Actual	Original	Revised	Actual	
COCC	9/1/09			9/1/11			
Amp #1	9/1/09			9/1/11			
Amp #2	9/1/09			9/1/11			

Required Attachment _E_: Membership of the Resident Advisory Board or Boards

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

**HATTIESBURG HOUSING AUTHORITY
2008 RESIDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
(AS OF JANUARY 24, 2008)**

Hope Drive

(1st Thursday each month, 6 p.m.)

101 Hope Drive-Hattiesburg, MS-office phone (601) 296-7956

#	Position	Name	Site	Mailing Address	Phone
	President	Marie Hibbler	Hope Drive	109 Hope Drive	(601) 268-0980
	Vice President	Lillian Jackson	Hope Drive	127 Hope Drive	
	Secretary	Carolyn Draughn	Hope Drive	108 Hope Drive	

Briarfield Homes

(2nd Thursday each month, 6 p.m.)

208 Gordon Street-Hattiesburg, MS 39401-office phone (601) 583-1881

#	Position	Name	Site	Mailing Address	Phone
	President	Benjamin Bass	Briarfield	I-53 Briarfield Homes	(601) 602-4603
	Vice President	Evelyn Jordan	Briarfield	C-15 Briarfield Homes	(601) 620-8814
	Secretary	Velma Alexander	Briarfield	K-65 Briarfield Homes	

Robertson Place

(3rd Thursday each month, 5 p.m.)

805 Charles Street-Hattiesburg, MS 39401-office phone (601) 582-9955

#	Position	Name	Site	Mailing Address	Phone #
	President	Rose Smith	Robertson Place.	810 Woodland Court	(601) 545-9819
	Vice President	Mary Blakely	Robertson Place	813 Charles Street	(601) 544-1089

Secretary	Shirley Mikel	Robertson Place	811 Woodland Court	
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RESIDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Position Phone #	Name	Site	Mailing Address	
President	Rose Smith	Robertson Place	810 Woodland Court	(601) 545-9819
Vice President	Benjamin Bass	Briarfield Homes	I-53 Briarfield Homes	(601) 582-5679
Secretary	Velma Alexander	Briarfield Homes	K-65 Briarfield Homes	

ATTACHMENT “F”

Component 3, (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 as follows:

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)]

ATTACHMENT G

CERTIFICATION
“INITIAL ASSESSMENT”
VOLUNTARY CONVERSION OF DEVELOPMENT FROM PUBLIC
HOUSING STOCK

Component 10 (B) Voluntary Conversion Initial Assessments

- a. How many of the PHA’s developments are subject to the Required Initial Assessments? **3**
- b. How many of the PHA’s developments are not subject to the Required Initial Assessments based on exemptions (e.g., elderly and/or disabled developments not general occupancy projects) **0**
- c. How many Assessments were conducted for the PHA’s covered developments? **1**
- d. Identify PHA developments that may be appropriate for conversion based on the Required Initial Assessments:

Development Name	Number of Units
NONE	

- e. If the PHA has not completed the Required Initial Assessments, describe the status of these assessments. **Completed**

This is to certify that The Housing Authority of the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi has reviewed each development operating as public housing; considered the implications of converting the public housing to tenant-based assistance ; and concluded that conversion may be inappropriate because removal of the developments would not meet the necessary conditions for voluntary conversion.

That the initial assessment indicated that 1) cost would be a factor; 2) the ability to occupy the developments; 3) cost and/ or workability of vouchers in the community and 4) other relevant factors that voluntary conversion may be inappropriate.

THEREFORE, the Housing Authority has determined that our developments are not appropriate for conversion based on the following reasons:

1. Conversion **would be** more expensive than continuing to operate the developments (or a portion of it) as public housing;
2. Conversion **would not** principally benefit residents of the public housing development to be converted and the community; and
3. Conversion **would** adversely affect the availability of affordable housing in the community.

ATTACHMENT "H"

IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

The Housing Authority of the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi will administer the community service requirement as follows:

1. Locate potential work sites for those residents required performing voluntary work and maintaining a listing of those sites. Information concerning the work sites will be furnished to residents for advice and counseling only. The resident is ultimately responsible for locating a work site and performing the required hours in compliance with Federal Law.
2. Screen resident records for those who are required to perform community service and provide notification of the requirements. New residents will be informed of the requirements prior to move-in.
3. Prepare and furnish to affected residents a form for third party certification of the community work or self-sufficiency requirement. The completed form will be returned to the Housing Authority and placed in the resident's file.
4. Review or obtain the resident's certification ninety days prior to annual reexamination. If the resident has failed to fulfill the community work or family self-sufficiency requirement, the resident will be notified not less than thirty days prior to lease expiration of the noncompliance. The resident will also be advised that the determination of noncompliance is subject to the Housing Authority grievance procedure; and that unless the resident and the Housing Authority enter into a suitable agreement for the resident to cure the noncompliance, the resident's lease will not be renewed and the Housing Authority will take eviction action. If an agreement is reached the resident will be required to make up lost hours.

Each adult resident must contribute eight (8) hours per month of community service, or participate in an economic self-sufficiency program for eight (8) hours per month, unless exempt from this requirement for one of the following reasons:

- Is 62 years or older;
- Is blind or disable as defined by the Social Security Act, and who is unable to comply with this requirement, or is a primary caretaker of such individual;
- Is engaged in a work activity as defined by Social Security Act;
- Meets the requirements for being exempted from having to engage in a work activity under the State program funded by the Social Security Act, or under any other Mississippi welfare program, including a State administered welfare to work program; and has not been found by the State or other administering entity to be in noncompliance with such program. and
- Is in a family receiving assistance under a State program funded by the Social Security Act, or under any other Mississippi welfare program, including a State administered welfare to work program, and has not been found by the State or other administering entity to be in noncompliance with such program.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI
ATTACHMENT I
PET POLICY

The Pet Policy set forth herein is reasonably related to the following legitimate interests of the Hattiesburg Housing Authority (PHA), including, but not limited to:

- (a) The PHA's interest in providing a decent, safe and sanitary living environment for existing and prospective Residents;
- (b) Protection and preserving the physical condition of the property of the PHA and the housing located thereon; and
- (c) The PHA's financial interests in the property administered by this Housing Authority. Residents occupying units administered by the Hattiesburg Housing Authority shall be allowed to house pets on either a temporary or permanent basis, provided by this provision. The Applicant and any Resident must also provide certification from a licensed medical reference. Only after such certification has been received by this Housing Authority, **in writing**, will a Resident be permitted to keep and maintain a pet. The rules set forth herein specify the procedure for obtaining the necessary approval to keep and maintain a pet on this Housing Authority premises and set forth the rules which govern the keeping of such pets. Residents requesting permission to have a pet will be permitted a limit of one (1) pet per household (Dwelling Unit).

(1) SELECTION CRITERIA:

- (a) Management Approval. Prior to a pet being accepted for keeping in a Dwelling Unit the proposed owner must prepare and submit an "*Application to Keep a Pet*". The Resident and this Housing Authority must enter into a "*Pet Agreement*".

In addition to executing the "*Pet Agreement*", the Resident must submit to this Housing Authority documented proof of the proposed pet's health, suitability and acceptability in accordance with provisions outlined in "Standards" below. Pets must be registered with this Housing Authority before the pet is brought onto the premises and annually thereafter.

Registration includes:

1. Certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian or designated State or local authority or agent, stating that the pet has received all inoculations required by State or local law;
2. Statement signed by a licensed veterinarian that the animal is in good health, has no communicable diseases or pests, and, in the case of dogs and cats, is spayed or neutered. Cats must also be declawed;
3. Name, address, and phone number of one or more responsible parties to care for the pet if the owner dies, is incapacitated or unable to care for the pet;
4. Execution of a "*Pet Agreement*" stating that the Resident accepts complete responsibility for the care and cleaning of the pet and acknowledges the applicable rules;
5. Pet must be licensed in accordance with applicable State and local laws and regulations.

Registration will be coordinated with the annual reexamination date. Approval for the keeping of pet shall not be extended until the requirements specified above have been met, and in no event will approval of other than the common household pets be extended.

ATTACHMENT “J”

PROGRESS STATEMENT HATTIESBURG HOUSING AUTHORITY GOALS

1. The Hattiesburg Housing Authority’s goal is to improve the PHA score from a “standard” to “high performer” within two years. Our current score is 89 (standard performer) and our goal is to score 90 or above (high performer).
2. The Hattiesburg Housing Authority goal is to adopt a Strategic Plan for the Redevelopment of 120 apartment units at Briarfield Homes and 120 apartment units at Robertson Place. These 240 units are more than 66 years old and are not competitive with private market rentals. The Strategic Plan which will serve as a blueprint in terms of methodology, financing, and time lines will be developed by September 30, 2008.
3. The Hattiesburg Housing Authority goal is to establish and maintain a security program which will result in all developments relatively free of drugs and criminal activity by the year 2010. This critical goal will be accomplished through the enhanced partnership with the Neighborhood Enhancement Team of the Hattiesburg Police Department. The NET Team, operating out of a sub-station located at one of our sites, is currently staffed with 7 sworn police officers, however will be increased to 16 sworn police officers. Additionally, the Hattiesburg Housing Authority will be represented on Crimestoppers Board of Directors which will increase the reporting of crimes; will contract with HPD for additional coverage during peak times and to dilute “hot spots”; will conduct criminal background checks on all applicants and committed to strict enforcement of our lease.
4. The Hattiesburg PHA provides supportive service to improve residents employability by arranging for on site daycare for young children. Additionally, the PHA arranged for a bus stop on site to assist residents in transportation to employment sites. Eighty-two percent of our residents are female heads of households. Our residents population includes 316 children (under the age of 18) with an average age of 7. The result is, female heads of household with young children experience numerous barriers to employment. The HHA sponsors onsite registration with PACE Headstart, referrals to South Mississippi Planning and Development District for subsidized child care services, contributes to an after school program (Aldergate Mission) for the youth at Briarfield Homes, contributes to an after school program (Family Network Partnership) at Robertson Place, supports KIDS ON THE GO at all sites, supports Bridges after school tutoring program at the Hope Drive location, coordinates with the City of Hattiesburg for public transportation and have representatives of Hattiesburg Public Schools attend our residents meetings to update residents of services available to families with children attending public schools. The PHA is meeting this goal to continue these services through the year 2009.
5. The PHA established the goal to continue the policy to assure affirmative equal access for all applicants. The PHA is meeting this goal.

6. The PHA established the goal to modify additional apartments for the handicapped if the existing 13 handicapped apartments do not satisfy the need. Currently 12 of these units are occupied with handicapped residents; therefore, the need is being met. The PHA will monitor this situation closely or future changes.

7. The PHA continues to inspect all housing units annually.

8. The PHA continues to counsel with residents on homeownership and pledged our support if they choose to pursue homeownership.

ATTACHMENT “k”

Hattiesburg Housing Authority (HHA)

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Policy

Adopted Date:

Effective Date:

I. Purpose and Applicability

The purpose of this Policy is to implement the applicable provisions of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-162) and more generally to set forth HHA’s policies and procedures regarding domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, as hereinafter defined.

This Policy shall be applicable to the administration by HHA of all federally subsidized public housing. Notwithstanding its title, this Policy is gender-neutral, and its protections are available to males who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking as well as female victims of such violence.

II. Goals and Objectives

This Policy has the following principal goals and objectives:

- A. Maintaining compliance with all applicable legal requirements imposed by VAWA;
- B. Ensuring the physical safety of victims of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking who are assisted by HHA;
- C. Providing and maintaining housing opportunities for victims of domestic violence dating violence, or stalking;
- D. Creating and maintaining collaborative arrangements between HHA, law enforcement authorities, victim service providers, and others to promote the safety and well-being of victims of actual and threatened domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, who are assisted by HHA; and
- E. Taking appropriate action in response to an incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, affecting individuals assisted by HHA.

III. Other HHA Policies and Procedures

This Policy shall be referenced in and attached to HHA’s Five-Year Public Housing Agency Plan and shall be incorporated in and made a part of HHA’s Admissions and

Continued Occupancy Policy. HHA's annual public housing agency plan shall also contain information concerning HHA's activities, services or programs relating to domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

To the extent any provision of this policy shall vary or contradict any previously adopted policy or procedure of HHA, the provisions of this Policy shall prevail.

IV. Definitions

As used in this Policy:

A. *Domestic Violence* – The term 'domestic violence' includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabiting with or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

B. *Dating Violence* – means violence committed by a person—

(A) who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and

(B) where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:

(i) The length of the relationship.

(ii) The type of relationship.

(iii) The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

C. *Stalking* – means –

(A) (i) to follow, pursue, or repeatedly commit acts with the intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate another person; and (ii) to place under surveillance with the intent to kill, injure, harass or intimidate another person; and

(B) in the course of, or as a result of, such following, pursuit, surveillance or repeatedly committed acts, to place a person in reasonable fear of the death of, or serious bodily injury to, or to cause substantial emotional harm to –

(i) that person;

(ii) a member of the immediate family of that person; or

(iii) the spouse or intimate partner of that person;

D. *Immediate Family Member* - means, with respect to a person –

- (A) a spouse, parent, brother, sister, or child of that person, or an individual to whom that person stands in loco parentis; or
- (B) any other person living in the household of that person and related to that person by blood or marriage.

E. *Perpetrator* – means person who commits an act of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking against a victim.

V. Admissions and Screening

A. *Non-Denial of Assistance*. HHA will not deny admission to public housing to any person because that person is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, provided that such person is otherwise qualified for such admission.

VI. Termination of Tenancy or Assistance

A. *VAWA Protections*. Under VAWA, public housing residents have the following specific protections, which will be observed by HHA:

1. An incident or incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking will not be considered to be a “serious or repeated” violation of the lease by the victim or threatened victim of that violence and will not be good cause for terminating the tenancy or occupancy rights of or assistance to the victim of that violence.
2. In addition to the foregoing, tenancy or assistance will not be terminated by HHA as a result of criminal activity, if that criminal activity is directly related to domestic violence, dating violence or stalking engaged in by a member of the assisted household, a guest or another person under the tenant’s control, and the tenant or an immediate family member is the victim or threatened victim of this criminal activity. However, the protection against termination of tenancy or assistance described in this paragraph is subject to the following limitations:
 - (a) Nothing contained in this paragraph shall limit any otherwise available authority of HHA to terminate tenancy, evict, or to terminate assistance, as the case may be, for any violation of a lease or program requirement not premised on the act or acts of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking in question against the tenant or a member of the tenant’s household. However, in taking any such action, HHA may apply a more demanding standard to the victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking than that applied to other tenants.
 - (b) Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to limit the authority

of HHA to evict or terminate from assistance any tenant or lawful applicant if the owner, manager or HHA, as the case may be, can demonstrate an actual and imminent threat to other tenants or to those employed at or providing service to the property, if the tenant is not evicted or terminated from assistance.

B. *Removal of Perpetrator.* Further, notwithstanding anything in paragraph VI.A.2. or Federal, State or local law to the contrary, HHA as the case may be, may bifurcate a lease, or remove a household member from a lease, without regard to whether a household member is a signatory to a lease, in order to evict, remove, terminate occupancy rights, or terminate assistance to any individual who is a resident or lawful occupant and who engages in acts of physical violence against family members or others. Such action against the perpetrator of such physical violence may be taken without evicting, removing, terminating assistance to, or otherwise penalizing the victim of such violence who is also the resident or a lawful occupant. Such eviction, removal, termination of occupancy rights, or termination of assistance shall be effected in accordance with the procedures prescribed by law applicable to terminations of tenancy and evictions by HHA. Leases used for all public housing operated by HHA, shall contain provisions setting forth the substance of this paragraph.

VII. Verification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence or Stalking

A. *Requirement for Verification.* The law allows, but does not require, HHA to verify that an incident or incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking claimed by a tenant or other lawful occupant is bona fide and meets the requirements of the applicable definitions set forth in this policy. Subject only to waiver as provided in paragraph VII. C., HHA shall require verification in all cases where an individual claims protection against an action involving such individual proposed to be taken by HHA.

Verification of a claimed incident or incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence or stalking may be accomplished in one of the following three ways:

1. *HUD-approved form* - by providing to HHA a written certification, on a form approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), that the individual is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking that the incident or incidents in question are bona fide incidents of actual or threatened abuse meeting the requirements of the applicable definition(s) set forth in this policy. The incident or incidents in question must be described in reasonable detail as required in the HUD-approved form, and the completed certification must include the name of the perpetrator.
2. *Other documentation* - by providing to HHA documentation signed by an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney, or a medical professional, from whom the victim has sought assistance in addressing the domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, or the effects of the abuse,

described in such documentation. The professional providing the documentation must sign and attest under penalty of perjury (28 U.S.C. 1746) to the professional's belief that the incident or incidents in question are bona fide incidents of abuse meeting the requirements of the applicable definition(s) set forth in this policy. The victim of the incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking described in the documentation must also sign and attest to the documentation under penalty of perjury.

3. *Police or court record* – by providing to HHA a Federal, State, tribal, territorial, or local police or court record describing the incident or incidents in question.

B. *Time allowed to provide verification/ failure to provide.* An individual who claims protection against adverse action based on an incident or incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, and who is requested by HHA, to provide verification, must provide such verification within 14 business days (*i.e.*, 14 calendar days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and federally-recognized holidays) after receipt of the request for verification. Failure to provide verification, in proper form within such time will result in loss of protection under VAWA and this policy against a proposed adverse action.

C. *Waiver of verification requirement.* The Executive Director of HHA, may, with respect to any specific case, waive the above-stated requirements for verification and provide the benefits of this policy based on the victim's statement or other corroborating evidence. Such waiver may be granted in the sole discretion of the Executive Director. Any such waiver must be in writing. Waiver in a particular instance or instances shall not operate as precedent for, or create any right to, waiver in any other case or cases, regardless of similarity in circumstances.

VIII. Confidentiality

A. *Right of confidentiality.* All information (including the fact that an individual is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking) provided to HHA in connection with a verification required under section VII of this policy or provided in lieu of such verification where a waiver of verification is granted, shall be retained by the receiving party in confidence and shall neither be entered in any shared database nor provided to any related entity, except where disclosure is:

1. requested or consented to by the individual in writing, or
2. required for use in a public housing eviction proceeding as permitted in VAWA, or
3. otherwise required by applicable law.

B. *Notification of rights.* All residents of public housing administered by HHA shall be notified in writing concerning their right to confidentiality and the limits on such rights to confidentiality.

IX. Court Orders/Family Break-up

A. *Court orders.* It is HHA's policy to honor orders entered by courts of competent jurisdiction affecting individuals assisted by HHA. This includes cooperating with law enforcement authorities to enforce civil protection orders issued for the protection of victims and addressing the distribution of personal property among household members in cases where a family breaks up.

B. *Family break-up.* Other HHA policies regarding family break-up are contained in HHA's Public Housing Admissions and Continuing Occupancy Plan (ACOP).

X. Relationships with Service Providers

It is the policy of HHA to cooperate with organizations and entities, both private and governmental, that provide shelter and/or services to victims of domestic violence. If HHA staff become aware that an individual assisted by HHA is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, HHA will refer the victim to such providers of shelter or services as appropriate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Policy does not create any legal obligation requiring HHA either to maintain a relationship with any particular provider of shelter or services to victims or domestic violence or to make a referral in any particular case. HHA's annual public housing agency plan shall describe providers of shelter or services to victims of domestic violence with which HHA has referral or other cooperative relationships.

XI. Notification

HHA shall provide written notification to applicants, tenants, concerning the rights and obligations created under VAWA relating to confidentiality, denial of assistance and, termination of tenancy or assistance.

XII. Relationship with Other Applicable Laws

Neither VAWA nor this Policy implementing it shall preempt or supersede any provision of Federal, State or local law that provides greater protection than that provided under VAWA for victims of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking.

XIII. Amendment

This policy may be amended from time to time by HHA as approved by the HHA Board of Commissioners.