

PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing	OMB No. 2577-0226 Expires 4/30/2011
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1.0	PHA Information PHA Name: Lafourche Parish Housing Authority PHA Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> High Performing <input type="checkbox"/> Standard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HCV (Section 8) PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (MM/YYYY): 10/2010 PHA Code: LA 253				
2.0	Inventory (based on ACC units at time of FY beginning in 1.0 above) Number of PH units: 0 Number of HCV units: 271				
3.0	Submission Type <input type="checkbox"/> 5-Year and Annual Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Plan Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5-Year Plan Only				
4.0	PHA Consortia <input type="checkbox"/> PHA Consortia: (Check box if submitting a joint Plan and complete table below.)				
	Participating PHAs	PHA Code	Program(s) Included in the Consortia	Programs Not in the Consortia	No. of Units in Each Program
	PHA 1:				PH HCV
	PHA 2:				
	PHA 3:				
5.0	5-Year Plan. Complete items 5.1 and 5.2 only at 5-Year Plan update.				
5.1	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 for the next five years: The mission of the LPHA 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.				
5.2	Goals and Objectives. Identify the PHA's quantifiable goals and objectives that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of low-income and very low-income, and extremely low-income families for the next five years. Include a report on the progress the PHA has made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5-Year Plan. See Attached Goals and Objectives				
6.0	PHA Plan Update (a) Identify all PHA Plan elements that have been revised by the PHA since its last Annual Plan submission: No changes (b) Identify the specific location(s) where the public may obtain copies of the 5-Year and Annual PHA Plan. For a complete list of PHA Plan elements, see Section 6.0 of the instructions. Plan is available at Administrative Office located at 3920 Peggy St., Raceland, LA.				
7.0	Hope VI, Mixed Finance Modernization or Development, Demolition and/or Disposition, Conversion of Public Housing, Homeownership Programs, and Project-based Vouchers. Include statements related to these programs as applicable.				
8.0	Capital Improvements. Please complete Parts 8.1 through 8.3, as applicable.				
8.1	Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report. As part of the PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan, annually complete and submit the <i>Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report</i> , form HUD-50075.1, for each current and open CFP grant and CFFP financing. N/A				
8.2	Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan. As part of the submission of the Annual Plan, PHAs must complete and submit the <i>Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan</i> , form HUD-50075.2, and subsequent annual updates (on a rolling basis, e.g., drop current year, and add latest year for a five year period). Large capital items must be included in the Five-Year Action Plan. N/A				
8.3	Capital Fund Financing Program (CFFP). <input type="checkbox"/> Check if the PHA proposes to use any portion of its Capital Fund Program (CFP)/Replacement Housing Factor (RHF) to repay debt incurred to finance capital improvements. N/A				
9.0	Housing Needs. Based on information provided by the applicable Consolidated Plan, information provided by HUD, and other generally available data, make a reasonable effort to identify the housing needs of the low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families who reside in the jurisdiction served by the PHA, including elderly families, families with disabilities, and households of various races and ethnic groups, and other families who are on the public housing and Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting lists. The identification of housing needs must address issues of affordability, supply, quality, accessibility, size of units, and location. N/A for Qualified PHA's				

9.1	<p>Strategy for Addressing Housing 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. Note: Small, Section 8 only, and High Performing PHAs complete only for Annual Plan submission with the 5-Year Plan. N/A for Qualified PHA's</p>
10.0	<p>Additional Information. Describe the following, as well as any additional information HUD has requested.</p> <p>(a) Progress in Meeting Mission and Goals. Provide a brief statement of the PHA's progress in meeting the mission and goals described in the 5-Year Plan. The LPHA has been able to maintain its mission to promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination through the utilization of efforts to recruit landlords and document information regarding LPHA's Housing Choice Voucher Program. We are continuing to improve the quality of assisted housing through improved SEMAP scores and increasing customer satisfaction. To increase assisted housing choices the LPHA has conducted several efforts to attract new landlords and through a rent reasonableness study to increase voucher payment standards. The LPHA has amended the section on verifications of income in their Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Administration Plan to include the EIV process and how the LPHA will use it. We are confident that the PHA will be able to continue to meet and accommodate all our goals and objectives for FY 2010</p> <p>(b) Significant Amendment and Substantial Deviation/Modification. Provide the PHA's definition of "significant amendment" and "substantial deviation/modification"</p> <p>a. Substantial Deviation from the 5-Year Plan The Lafourche Parish Housing Authority's Definition of Substantial Deviation and Significant Amendment or Modification is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Changes to rent or admissions policies or organization of the waiting list; •Any change with regard to homeownership programs or conversion activities. <p>b. Significant Amendment or Modification to the Annual Plan The Lafourche Parish Housing Authority's Definition of Substantial Deviation and Significant Amendment or Modification is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Changes to rent or admissions policies or organization of the waiting list; •Any change with regard to homeownership programs or conversion activities.
11.0	<p>Required Submission for HUD Field Office Review. In addition to the PHA Plan template (HUD-50075), PHAs must submit the following documents. Items (a) through (g) may be submitted with signature by mail or electronically with scanned signatures, but electronic submission is encouraged. Items (h) through (i) must be attached electronically with the PHA Plan. Note: Faxed copies of these documents will not be accepted by the Field Office.</p> <p>(a) Form HUD-50077, <i>PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations</i> (which includes all certifications relating to Civil Rights)</p> <p>(b) Form HUD-50070, <i>Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)</p> <p>(c) Form HUD-50071, <i>Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)</p> <p>(d) Form SF-LLL, <i>Disclosure of Lobbying Activities</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)</p> <p>(e) Form SF-LLL-A, <i>Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Continuation Sheet</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)</p> <p>(f) Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments. Comments received from the RAB must be submitted by the PHA as an attachment to the PHA Plan. PHAs must also include a narrative describing their analysis of the recommendations and the decisions made on these recommendations.</p> <p>(g) Challenged Elements</p> <p>(h) Form HUD-50075.1, <i>Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)</p> <p>(i) Form HUD-50075.2, <i>Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)</p>

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- (f) No comments
- (g) No challenged elements.

5.2 Goals and Objectives

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

LPHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing

Objectives:

- Increase customer satisfaction:

LPHA Goal: Increase assisted housing choices

Objectives:

- Provide voucher mobility counseling;
- Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords
- Increase voucher payment standards

HUD Strategic Goal: Ensure Equal Opportunity in Housing for all Americans

LPHA Goal: Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing

Objectives:

- Undertake affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability;
- Undertake affirmative measures to provide a suitable living environment for families living in assisted housing, regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability;

Progress the LPHA has made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5-Year Plan.

The LPHA has been able to maintain its mission to promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination through the utilization of efforts to recruit landlords and document information regarding LPHA's Housing Choice Voucher Program.

We are continuing to improve the quality of assisted housing through improved SEMAP scores and increasing customer satisfaction.

To increase assisted housing choices the LPHA has conducted several efforts to attract new landlords and through a rent reasonableness study to increase voucher payment standards.

We are confident that the PHA will be able to continue to meet and accommodate all our goals and objectives for FY 2010

The VAWA Policy has the following principal goals and objectives:

- A. Maintaining compliance with all applicable legal requirements imposed by VAWA;
- B. Insuring the physical safety of victims of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking who are assisted by the LPHA;
- C. Providing and maintaining housing opportunities for victims of domestic violence dating violence, or stalking;
- D. Creating and maintaining collaborative arrangements between the LPHA, 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 the LPHA; and
- E. Taking appropriate action in response to an incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, affecting individuals assisted by the LPHA.

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Policy

Title VI of the VAWA adds a new housing provision that establishes several categories of protected individuals. Under the law victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking are granted protections and cannot be denied or terminated from housing or housing assistance because of activity that is directly related to domestic violence. 2005 VAWA Pub. L. 109-162; Stat. 2960 signed into law on January 5, 2006 and codified at 42 U.S.C. §1437d(l) and 1435f(d), (0) & 1 and (u)

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to reduce domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and to prevent homelessness by:

- (a) protecting the safety of victims;
- (b) creating long-term housing solutions for victims;
- (c) building collaborations among victim service providers; and
- (d) assisting LPHA to respond appropriately to the violence while maintaining a safe environment for LPHA, employees, tenants, applicants, Section 8 participants, program participants and others.

The policy will assist the Lafourche Parish Housing Authority (LPHA) in providing rights under the Violence Against Women Act to its applicants, public housing residents, Section 8 participants and other program participants.

This Policy is incorporated into LPHA's "Admission and Continued Occupancy Policy" and "Section 8 Administration Plan" and applies to all LPHA housing programs.

2.0 Definitions

The definitions in this Section apply only to this Policy.

- 2.1 **Confidentiality:** Means that LPHA will not enter information provided to LPHA by a victim alleging domestic violence into a shared database or provide this information to any related entity except as stated in 3.4
- 2.2 **Dating Violence:** 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 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. 42 U.S.C. §1437d (u)(3)(A), § 13925.

- 2.3 Domestic Violence:** Felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse of the victim, committed by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, committed by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse, committed by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of Louisiana, or committed 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 Louisiana. 42 U.S.C. §1437d(u)(3)(B), § 13925.
- 2.4 Immediate Family Member:** A spouse, parent, brother or sister, or child of a victim or an individual to whom the victim stands *in loco parentis*; or any other person living in the household of the victim and related to the victim by blood or marriage. 42 U.S.C. § 1437d(u)(3)(D), § 13925.
- 2.5 Perpetrator:** A person who commits an act of domestic violence, dating domestic violence or stalking against a victim.
- 2.6 Stalking:** (a) to follow, pursue or repeatedly commit acts with the intent to kill, injure, harass or intimidate the victim; (b) to place under surveillance with the intent to kill, injure, harass or intimidate the victim; (c) in the course of, or as a result of such following, pursuit, surveillance, or repeatedly committed acts, to place the victim in reasonable fear of the death of, or serious bodily injury to the victim; or (d) to cause substantial emotional harm to the victim, a member of the immediate family of the victim or the spouse or intimate partner of the victim. 42 U.S.C. §1437d(u)(3)(C), § 13925.
- 2.7 Bona Fide Claim:** A *bonafide* claim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking must include incidents that meet the terms and conditions in the above definitions.
- 2.8 Victim:** Is a person who is the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking under this Policy and who has timely and completely completed the certification under 3.2 and 3.3 or as requested by LPHA.

3.0 Certification and Confidentiality

3.1 Failure to Provide Certification Under 3.2 and 3.3

The person claiming protection under VAWA shall provide complete and accurate certifications to LPHA, owner or manager within 14 business days after the party requests in writing that the person completes the certifications. If the person does not provide a complete and accurate certification within the 14 business days, LPHA, owner or manager may take action to deny or terminate participation or tenancy. 42 U.S.C. §14371 (5) & (6); 42 U.S.C. § 1437F(c)(9); 42 U.S.C. §1437f(d)(l)(B)(ii)&(iii); 42 U.S.C. §1437f(o)(7)(C)&(D); or 42 U.S.C. §1437f(o)(20) or for other good cause.

3.2 HUD Approved Certification

For each incident that a person is claiming as abuse, the person shall certify to LPHA, owner or manager their victim status by completing a HUD approved certification form. The person shall certify the date, time and description of the incidents, that the incidents are *bonafide* incidents of actual or threatened abuses and meet the requirements of VAWA and this Policy. The person shall provide information to identify the perpetrator including but not limited to the name and, if known, all alias names, date of birth, address, contact information such as postal, e-mail or internet address, telephone or facsimile number or other identification.

3.3 Confirmation of Certification

A person who is claiming victim status shall provide to LPHA, an owner or manager: (a) documentation signed by the victim and 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 domestic violence, dating violence or stalking or the effects of the abuse, in which the professional attests under penalty of perjury (28 U.S.C. §1746) the professional's belief that the incident(s) in question are *bonafide* incidents of abuse; or (b) a federal, state, tribal, territorial, local police or court record.

3.4 Confidentiality

LPHA, the owner and managers shall keep all information provided to LPHA under this Section confidential. LPHA, owner and manager shall not enter the information into a shared database or provide to any related entity except to the extent that:

- (a) the victim request or consents to the disclosure in writing;
- (b) the disclosure is required for:
 - (i) eviction from public housing under 42 U.S.C. §1437 l(5)&(6)(See Section 4 in this Policy)
 - (ii) termination of Section 8 assistance under 42 U.S.C. §1437f(c)(9); 42 U.S.C. §1437f(d)(l)(B)(ii)&(iii); 42 U.S.C. §1437f (o)(7)(C)&(D); or 42 U.S.C. §1437f(o)(20)(See Section 4 in this Policy); or (c) the disclosure is required by applicable law.

4.0 Appropriate Basis for Denial of Admission, Assistance or Tenancy

4.1 LPHA shall not deny participation or admission to a program on the basis of a person's abuse status, if the person otherwise qualifies for admission of assistance.

4.2 An incident or incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking will not be a serious or repeated violation of the lease by the victim and shall not be good cause for denying to a victim admission to a program, terminating Section 8 assistance or occupancy rights, or evicting a tenant.

- 4.3 Criminal activity directly related to domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking engaged in by a member of a tenant's household or any guest or other person under the tenant's control shall not be cause for termination of assistance, tenancy, or occupancy rights if the tenant or an immediate member of the tenant's family is the victim of that domestic violence, dating violence or stalking.
- 4.4 Notwithstanding Sections 4.1, 4.2, and 4.2, LPHA, an owner or manager may bifurcate a lease to evict, remove or terminate assistance to any individual who is a tenant or lawful occupant and who engages in criminal acts of physical violence against family members or others without evicting, removing, terminating assistance to or otherwise penalizing the victim of the violence who is also a tenant or lawful occupant. 42 U.S.C. §1437d(l)(6)(B)
- 4.5 Nothing in Sections 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 shall limit the authority of LPHA, an owner or manager, when notified, to honor court orders addressing rights of access to or control of the property, including civil protection orders issued to protect the victim and issued to address the distribution or possession of property among the household members when the family breaks up.
- 4.6 Nothing in Sections 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 limits LPHA, an owner or manager's authority to evict or terminate assistance to any tenant for any violation of lease not premised on the act or acts of violence against the tenant or a member of the tenant's household. However LPHA, owner or manager may not hold a victim to a more demanding standard.
- 4.7 Nothing in Sections 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 limits LPHA, an owner or manager's authority to evict or terminate assistance, or deny admission to a program if the LPHA, owner or manager can show an actual and imminent threat to other tenants, neighbors, guests, their employees, persons providing service to the property or others if the tenant family is not evicted or terminated from assistance or denied admission.
- 4.8 Nothing in Sections 4.1, 4.2, or 4.3 limits LPHA, an owner or manager's authority to deny admission, terminate assistance or evict a person who engages in criminal acts including but not limited to acts of physical violence or stalking against family members or others.
- 4.9 A Section 8 recipient who moves out of an assisted dwelling unit to protect their health or safety and who: (a) is a victim under this Policy; (b) reasonably believes he or she was imminently threatened by harm from further violence if he or she remains in the unit; and (c) has complied with all other obligations of the Section 8 program may receive a voucher and move to another Section 8 jurisdiction.

5.0 Actions Against a Perpetrator

The LPHA may evict, terminate assistance, deny admission to a program or trespass a perpetrator from its property under this Policy. The victim shall take action to control or prevent the domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. The action may include but is not limited to: (a) obtaining and enforcing a restraining or no contact order or order for protection against the perpetrator; (b) obtaining and enforcing a trespass against the perpetrator; (c) enforcing LPHA or law enforcement's trespass of the perpetrator; (d) preventing the delivery of the perpetrator's mail to the victim's unit; (e) providing identifying information listed in 3.2; and (f) other reasonable measures.

6.0 LPHA Right to Terminate Housing and Housing Assistance Under this Policy

6.1 Nothing in this Policy will restrict the LPHA, owner or manager's right to terminate tenancy for lease violations by a resident who claims VAWA as a defense if it is determined by the LPHA, owner or manager that such a claim is false.

6.2 Nothing in this Policy will restrict the LPHA right to terminate tenancy if the victim tenant (a) allows a perpetrator to violate a court order relating to the act or acts of violence; or (b) if the victim tenant allows a perpetrator who has been barred from LPHA property to come onto LPHA property including but not limited to the victim's unit or any other area under their control; or (c) if the victim tenant fails to cooperate with an established safety strategy as designed by a local victim support service provider (see 7.2).

6.3 Nothing in this Policy will restrict the LPHA right to terminate housing and housing assistance if the victim tenant who claims as a defense to an eviction or termination action relating to domestic violence has engaged in fraud and abuse against a federal housing program; especially where such fraud and abuse can be shown to have existed before the claim of domestic violence was made. Such fraud and abuse includes but is not limited to unreported income and ongoing boarders and lodgers violations, or damage to property.

7.0 Statements of Responsibility of Tenant Victim, the LPHA to the Victim, and to the Larger Community.

7.1 A tenant victim has no less duty and responsibility under the lease to meet and comply with the terms of the lease than any other tenant not making such a claim. Ultimately all tenants must be able to take personal responsibility for themselves and exercise control over their households in order to continue their housing and housing assistance. The LPHA will continue to issue lease violation notices to all residents who violate the lease including those who claim a defense of domestic violence.

7.2 LPHA recognizes the pathologic dynamic and cycle of domestic violence and a victim of domestic violence will be referred to local victim support service providers to help victims break the cycle of domestic violence through counseling, referral and development of a safety strategy.

- 7.3 A tenant victim must take personal responsibility for exercising control over their household by accepting assistance and complying with the safety strategy or plan to best of victim's ability and reason under the circumstances. Failure to do this may be seen as other good cause.
- 7.4 All damages including lock changes will be the responsibility of the tenant victim. This is in keeping with other agency policies governing tenant caused damages.

8.0 Notice to Applicants, Participants, Tenants and Section 8 Managers and Owners.

LPHA shall provide notice to applicants, participants, tenants, managers and owners of their rights and obligations under Section 3.4 Confidentiality and Section 4.0 Appropriate Basis for Denial of Admission, Assistance or Tenancy.

- 8.1 If the LPHA, owner or manager knows that an applicant to or participant in a LPHA housing program is the victim of dating violence, domestic violence or stalking, the LPHA, owner or manager shall inform that person of this Policy and the person's rights under it.

9.0 Reporting Requirements

LPHA shall include in its 5-year plan a statement of goals, objectives, policies or programs that will serve the needs of victims. LPHA shall also include a description of activities, services or programs provided or offered either directly or in partnership with other service providers to victims, to help victims obtain or maintain housing or to prevent the abuse or to enhance the safety of victims.

10.0 Conflict and Scope

This Policy does not enlarge LPHA's duty under any law, regulation or ordinance. If this Policy conflicts with the applicable law, regulation or ordinance, the law, regulation or ordinance shall control. If this Policy conflicts with another LPHA policy such as its Statement of Policies or Section 8 Administration Plan, this Policy will control.

11.0 Amendment

The Executive Director may amend this policy when it is reasonably necessary to effectuate the Policy's intent, purpose or interpretation. The proposed amendment along with the rationale for the amendment shall be submitted to the Executive Director for consideration. Where reasonably necessary, the Executive Director may approve the amendment. The amendment shall be effective and incorporated on the date that the Executive Director signs the amendment.