PHA 5-Year and	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban	OMB No. 2577-0226	
	Development	Expires 4/30/2011	
Annual Plan	Office of Public and Indian Housing		

2.0	PHA Information         PHA Name: Weatherford Housing Authority       PHA Code: TX349         PHA Type: □ Small □ High Performing       □ Standard □ HCV (Section 8)         PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (MM/YYYY): 10/2010					
2.0	Inventory (based on ACC units at time of FY beginning in 1.0 above)  Number of PH units: Number of HCV units: 518					
3.0	Submission Type  5-Year and Annual Plan	Annual I	Plan Only	5-Year Plan Only		
4.0	PHA Consortia PHA Consortia: (Check box if submitting a joint Plan and complete table below.)					
	Participating PHAs	PHA Code	Program(s) Included in the	Programs Not in the Consortia	No. of Units in Each Program	
	PHA 1:	Code	Consortia	Consortia	PH	HCV
	PHA 1:					
	PHA 3:					
5.0	<b>5-Year Plan.</b> 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:  It is the mission of the Weatherford Housing Authority to provide a variety of safe, sanitary, accessible, decent, and affordable housing to eligible citizens of the City of Weatherford and Parker County, while enhancing and promoting resident self sufficiency.					

- 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.
  - 1. To expand the supply of assisted housing by:
  - · Applying for additional rental vouchers when available
    - WHA is applying for 100 vouchers through the NOFA for Rental assistance for Non-Elderly Persons with Disabilities.
    - Will be applying for any other vouchers that will benefit our community.
  - Outreach to potential landlords through landlord informational brochures and landlord forums.
    - Landlord forums will be held every six (6) months to educate landlords about the program.
    - > WHA is continually reaching out to landlords to encourage them to join us in providing quality rental assistance to the citizen's of the City of Weatherford and Parker County by making sure they know the benefits they receive by working with the Housing Choice Voucher Programs.
    - Participating owners help the WHA's low-income families secure safe, sanitary and decent housing by offering "affordable housing". What is "affordable housing"? Housing is considered affordable when housing costs require no more than 30% of annual household income.
    - > Landlords know that the WHA voucher program is a valuable and important component of the communities" economy; it generates much revenue for our landlords in the communities each year. Must continue to make landlords aware of the benefits of the voucher program.
  - · Research and apply for additional funding opportunities.
    - Applied and received funding for the \$150 Million Dollar Set-Set-Aside funding for Portability.
    - We will seek to secure funding to expand our Family Self Sufficiency program, for both administrative fees and to make escrow accounts reality for more households.
    - We will begin preliminary research into funding available for an emergency housing shelter in Parker County, including gauging the City & community's support for such shelter, and determining which demographic (ex: displaced homemakers, households with children, expectant mothers, the disabled) would receive priority in placement.
    - > Continue to find solutions for meager public transit options.
    - > Confer with other agencies to provide for the need for affordable, readily available childcare, including an evening & nighttime facility.

#### 2. Improve customer satisfaction:

- Continue to improve software functions to enhance program efficiencies
  - Converting from "HAPPY Software" to "HAPPY PRO Software". The new version has many new features that will help the staff to run the program with greater ease and accuracy. Prints virtually every HUD form needed and many other documents and reports needed.
- Enhance staff performance by constantly reviewing process and the use of technology
  - > The agency has converted the case files to a six (6) flap file folder. This makes handling the files more efficient and productive and makes it easier to navigate through the files.
  - > WHA is constantly researching information regarding the file system. In the future WHA hopes to be able to electronically organize and manage documents that are stored in filing cabinets. Because there is a variety of software, WHA wants to make sure that the use of this technology is secure, the most reliable and best performance to take WHA to new heights of success.
- In the process of creating A Housing Assistance Website to meet customer needs.
  - It will be a useful tool for getting information to applicants, participants, and landlords. It is a great marketing tool for the program.
  - Will make the program more accessible to the homebound.
  - By allowing applicants to download applications, and answering many questions landlords and applicants might have, a website will alleviate call volume and walk-in traffic. In turn this will result in the ability of the WHA staff to expedite the application process and operate on lower administrative costs.
- Continued emphasis on providing positive customer service
  - > The staff is committed to providing family and owner/landlord with prompt, courteous, accurate and professional service. The staff strives for the "excellent" performance of their duties, so that Tenants, Owners, and our Community benefits. This is all accomplished by a well-trained staff.

## 3. Continue efforts to improve voucher management (SEMAP):

- Continued education regarding Rent Reasonable
- Perform mandatory HQS quality control inspections
- Continued on-going training of WHA Inspectors and WHA staff

# 4. Concentrate on efforts to improve specific management functions:

- Provide on-going training for WHA staff
  - Commitment to learning leads to success; it is essential that the staff build the skills and knowledge they need to help them meet HUD requirements for the daily case management and administration of all occupancy functions. This is accomplished through annual training, in-house group training, and much reading of federal regulations.
  - Train a designated staff person or persons to perform the essential functions of the Executive Director so that in the event of unforeseen circumstances, all pertinent daily business will be tended to.
  - ➤ Thoroughly train incoming Executive Director prior to the departure of the current Executive Director.
- Constantly review processes and the use of technology
- · Continue to educate staff to assure high accuracy in PIC reporting
- Review Administrative Plan continually to be consistent with Federal, State and Local laws
- Continue efforts to network with housing providers, developers, and other Parker County resources to improve housing in the City of Weatherford/Parker County area.
- 6. Violence and Women Act/See Attachment B

6.0	PHA Plan Update				
	<ul><li>(a) Identify all PHA Plan elements that have been revised by the PHA since its last Annual Plan submission:</li><li>(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.</li></ul>				
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 Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report, form HUD-50075.1, for each current and open CFP grant and CFFP financing.				
8.2	Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan. As part of the submission of the Annual Plan, PHAs must complete and submit the Capital Fundamental Program Five-Year Action Plan, 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.				
8.3	Capital Fund Financing Program (CFFP).  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.				
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.				
9.1	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.				
10.0	Additional Information. Describe the following, as well as any additional information HUD has requested.				
	<ul><li>(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.</li><li>(b) Significant Amendment and Substantial Deviation/Modification. Provide the PHA's definition of "significant amendment" and "substantial deviation/modification"</li></ul>				
11.0	<b>Required Submission for HUD Field Office Review</b> . 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. <b>Note:</b> Faxed copies of these documents will not be accepted by the Field Office.				
	<ul> <li>(a) Form HUD-50077, PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations (which includes all certifications relating to Civil Rights)</li> <li>(b) Form HUD-50070, Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)</li> <li>(c) Form HUD-50071, Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)</li> </ul>				
	(d) Form SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)  (e) Form SF-LLL-A, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Continuation Sheet (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)  (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.  (g) Challenged Elements				
	(h) Form HUD-50075.1, Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report (PHAs receiving CFP grants only) (i) Form HUD-50075.2, Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)				

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# **Instructions form HUD-50075**

**Applicability**. This form is to be used by all Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) with Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2008 for the submission of their 5-Year and Annual Plan in accordance with 24 CFR Part 903. The previous version may be used only through April 30, 2008.

#### 1.0 PHA Information

Include the full PHA name, PHA code, PHA type, and PHA Fiscal Year Beginning (MM/YYYY).

#### 2.0 Inventory

Under each program, enter the number of Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) Public Housing (PH) and Section 8 units (HCV).

## 3.0 Submission Type

Indicate whether this submission is for an Annual and Five Year Plan, Annual Plan only, or 5-Year Plan only.

#### 4.0 PHA Consortia

Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete the table.

#### 5.0 Five-Year Plan

Identify the PHA's Mission, Goals and/or Objectives (24 CFR 903.6). Complete only at 5-Year update.

- **5.1 Mission**. A statement of the mission of the public housing agency for serving the needs of low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families in the jurisdiction of the PHA during the years covered under the plan.
- **5.2** Goals and Objectives. Identify quantifiable goals and objectives that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of low income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families.
- **6.0 PHA Plan Update.** In addition to the items captured in the Plan template, PHAs must have the elements listed below readily available to the public. Additionally, a PHA must:
  - (a) Identify specifically which plan elements have been revised since the PHA's prior plan submission.
  - (b) Identify where the 5-Year and Annual Plan may be obtained by the public. At a minimum, PHAs must post PHA Plans, including updates, at each Asset Management Project (AMP) and main office or central office of the PHA. PHAs are strongly encouraged to post complete PHA Plans on its official website. PHAs are also encouraged to provide each resident council a copy of its 5-Year and Annual Plan.

PHA Plan Elements. (24 CFR 903.7)

 Eligibility, Selection and Admissions Policies, including Deconcentration and Wait List Procedures. Describe the PHA's policies that govern resident or tenant eligibility, selection and admission including admission preferences for both public housing and HCV and unit assignment policies for public housing; and procedures for maintaining waiting lists for admission to public housing and address any site-based waiting lists.

- 2. Financial Resources. A statement of financial resources, including a listing by general categories, of the PHA's anticipated resources, such as PHA Operating, Capital and other anticipated Federal resources available to the PHA, as well as tenant rents and other income available to support public housing or tenant-based assistance. The statement also should include the non-Federal sources of funds supporting each Federal program, and state the planned use for the resources.
- Rent Determination. A statement of the policies of the PHA governing rents charged for public housing and HCV dwelling units.
- 4. Operation and Management. A statement of the rules, standards, and policies of the PHA governing maintenance management of housing owned, assisted, or operated by the public housing agency (which shall include measures necessary for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation, including cockroaches), and management of the PHA and programs of the PHA.
- Grievance Procedures. A description of the grievance and informal hearing and review procedures that the PHA makes available to its residents and applicants.
- 6. Designated Housing for Elderly and Disabled Families. With respect to public housing projects owned, assisted, or operated by the PHA, describe any projects (or portions thereof), in the upcoming fiscal year, that the PHA has designated or will apply for designation for occupancy by elderly and disabled families. The description shall include the following information: 1) development name and number; 2) designation type; 3) application status; 4) date the designation was approved, submitted, or planned for submission, and; 5) the number of units affected.
- 7. Community Service and Self-Sufficiency. A description of: (1) Any programs relating to services and amenities provided or offered to assisted families; (2) Any policies or programs of the PHA for the enhancement of the economic and social self-sufficiency of assisted families, including programs under Section 3 and FSS; (3) How the PHA will comply with the requirements of community service and treatment of income changes resulting from welfare program requirements. (Note: applies to only public housing).
- 8. Safety and Crime Prevention. For public housing only, describe the PHA's plan for safety and crime prevention to ensure the safety of the public housing residents. The statement must include: (i) A description of the need for measures to ensure the safety of public housing residents; (ii) A description of any crime prevention activities conducted or to be conducted by the PHA; and (iii) A description of the coordination between the PHA and the appropriate police precincts for carrying out crime prevention measures and activities.

- Pets. A statement describing the PHAs policies and requirements pertaining to the ownership of pets in public housing.
- 10. Civil Rights Certification. A PHA will be considered in compliance with the Civil Rights and AFFH Certification if: it can document that it examines its programs and proposed programs to identify any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs; addresses those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available; works with the local jurisdiction to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing; and assures that the annual plan is consistent with any applicable Consolidated Plan for its jurisdiction.
- Fiscal Year Audit. The results of the most recent fiscal year audit for the PHA.
- 12. Asset Management. A statement of how the agency will carry out its asset management functions with respect to the public housing inventory of the agency, including how the agency will plan for the long-term operating, capital investment, rehabilitation, modernization, disposition, and other needs for such inventory.
- 13. Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). A description of: 1) Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by an agency, either directly or in partnership with other service providers, to child or adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; 2) Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by a PHA that helps child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, to obtain or maintain housing; and 3) Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by a public housing agency to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, or to enhance victim safety in assisted families.
- 7.0 Hope VI, Mixed Finance Modernization or Development, Demolition and/or Disposition, Conversion of Public Housing, Homeownership Programs, and Project-based Vouchers
  - (a) Hope VI or Mixed Finance Modernization or Development. 1) A description of any housing (including project number (if known) and unit count) for which the PHA will apply for HOPE VI or Mixed Finance Modernization or Development; and 2) A timetable for the submission of applications or proposals. The application and approval process for Hope VI, Mixed Finance Modernization or Development, is a separate process. See guidance on HUD's website at: http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/hope6/index.cfm
  - (b) Demolition and/or Disposition. With respect to public housing projects owned by the PHA and subject to ACCs under the Act: (1) A description of any housing (including project number and unit numbers [or addresses]), and the number of affected units along with their sizes and accessibility features) for which the PHA will apply or is currently pending for demolition or disposition; and (2) A timetable for the demolition or disposition. The application and approval process for demolition and/or disposition is a separate process. See guidance on HUD's website at:

http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/centers/sac/demo\_dispo/index.cfm

**Note:** This statement must be submitted to the extent **that approved and/or pending** demolition and/or disposition has changed.

(c) Conversion of Public Housing. With respect to public housing owned by a PHA: 1) A description of any building or buildings (including project number and unit count) that the PHA is required to convert to tenant-based assistance or that the public housing agency plans to voluntarily convert; 2) An analysis of the projects or buildings required to be converted; and 3) A statement of the amount of assistance received under this chapter to be used for rental assistance or other housing assistance in connection with such conversion. See guidance on HUD's website at: <a href="http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/centers/sac/conversion.cfm">http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/centers/sac/conversion.cfm</a>

- (d) Homeownership. A description of any homeownership (including project number and unit count) administered by the agency or for which the PHA has applied or will apply for approval.
- (e) Project-based Vouchers. If the PHA wishes to use the project-based voucher program, a statement of the projected number of project-based units and general locations and how project basing would be consistent with its PHA Plan.
- 8.0 Capital Improvements. This section provides information on a PHA's Capital Fund Program. With respect to public housing projects owned, assisted, or operated by the public housing agency, a plan describing the capital improvements necessary to ensure long-term physical and social viability of the projects must be completed along with the required forms. Items identified in 8.1 through 8.3, must be signed where directed and transmitted electronically along with the PHA's Annual Plan submission.
  - 8.1 Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report. PHAs must complete the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report (form HUD-50075.1), for each Capital Fund Program (CFP) to be undertaken with the current year's CFP funds or with CFFP proceeds. Additionally, the form shall be used for the following purposes:
    - (a) To submit the initial budget for a new grant or CFFP;
    - (b) To report on the Performance and Evaluation Report progress on any open grants previously funded or CFFP; and
    - (c) To record a budget revision on a previously approved open grant or CFFP, e.g., additions or deletions of work items, modification of budgeted amounts that have been undertaken since the submission of the last Annual Plan. The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report must be submitted annually.

Additionally, PHAs shall complete the Performance and Evaluation Report section (see footnote 2) of the *Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation* (form HUD-50075.1), at the following times:

- At the end of the program year; until the program is completed or all funds are expended;
- When revisions to the Annual Statement are made, which do not require prior HUD approval, (e.g., expenditures for emergency work, revisions resulting from the PHAs application of fungibility); and
- Upon completion or termination of the activities funded in a specific capital fund program year.

## 8.2 Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

PHAs must submit the *Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan* (form HUD-50075.2) for the entire PHA portfolio for the first year of participation in the CFP and annual update thereafter to eliminate the previous year and to add a new fifth year (rolling basis) so that the form always covers the present five-year period beginning with the current year.

**8.3** Capital Fund Financing Program (CFFP). Separate, written HUD approval is required if the PHA proposes to pledge any

- portion of its CFP/RHF funds to repay debt incurred to finance capital improvements. The PHA must identify in its Annual and 5-year capital plans the amount of the annual payments required to service the debt. The PHA must also submit an annual statement detailing the use of the CFFP proceeds. See guidance on HUD's website at:
- $\underline{http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/cffp.cfm}$
- 9.0 Housing Needs. Provide a statement of the housing needs of families residing in the jurisdiction served by the PHA and the means by which the PHA intends, to the maximum extent practicable, to address those needs. (Note: Standard and Troubled PHAs complete annually; Small and High Performers complete only for Annual Plan submitted with the 5-Year Plan).
  - 9.1 Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs. Provide a 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: Standard and Troubled PHAs complete annually; Small and High Performers complete only for Annual Plan submitted with the 5-Year Plan).
- **10.0** Additional Information. Describe the following, as well as any additional information requested by HUD:
  - (a) Progress in Meeting Mission and Goals. PHAs must include (i) a statement of the PHAs progress in meeting the mission and goals described in the 5-Year Plan; (ii) the basic criteria the PHA will use for determining a significant amendment from its 5-year Plan; and a significant amendment or modification to its 5-Year Plan and Annual Plan. (Note: Standard and Troubled PHAs complete annually; Small and High Performers complete only for Annual Plan submitted with the 5-Year Plan).
  - (b) Significant Amendment and Substantial Deviation/Modification. PHA must provide the definition of "significant amendment" and "substantial deviation/modification". (Note: Standard and Troubled PHAs complete annually; Small and High Performers complete only for Annual Plan submitted with the 5-Year Plan.)

- (c) PHAs must include or reference any applicable memorandum of agreement with HUD or any plan to improve performance. (Note: Standard and Troubled PHAs complete annually).
- 11.0 Required Submission for HUD Field Office Review. In order to be a complete package, PHAs must submit items (a) through (g), with signature by mail or electronically with scanned signatures. Items (h) and (i) shall be submitted electronically as an attachment to the PHA Plan.
  - (a) Form HUD-50077, PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations
  - (b) Form HUD-50070, Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)
  - (c) Form HUD-50071, Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)
  - (d) Form SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)
  - (e) Form SF-LLL-A, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Continuation Sheet (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)
  - (f) Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments.
  - (g) Challenged Elements. Include any element(s) of the PHA Plan that is challenged.
  - (h) Form HUD-50075.1, Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report (Must be attached electronically for PHAs receiving CFP grants only). See instructions in 8.1.
  - (i) Form HUD-50075.2, Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan (Must be attached electronically for PHAs receiving CFP grants only). See instructions in 8.2.

# Resident Advisory Board Membership Presentation of the 5-Year Plan

Our Resident Advisory Board (RAB) is comprised of Section 8 Residents only. A letter was sent on May 26, 2010, to all Section 8 HCV participants notifying them that WHA would be developing a "Resident Advisory Board" and offered them the opportunity to serve on the board. They were also informed that the purpose of the RAB was to assist the Agency by making recommendations regarding the Agency's PHA 5-Year Plan for 2010-2015. The following persons volunteered and were chosen to serve (all volunteers were accepted):

Marie Calixto
Barbara Johnson
Cheryl West
Vera Cluck
Idella Whitford
Shirley Randle
Charles Cunningham
Stephanie Salazar

## RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

l. One Section 8 resident asked is there any programs/classes for children that are challenged/slow learners, ages 12/16 years old, to train and help them learn skills so they can work in the community.

WHA staff explained that there are several community resources that teach people that are challenged learners. Good Will Industry and DARs are two that train in this area and she was reassured that WHA staff would research to see if there is other resources in our community.

2. One Section 8 resident ask about child-care in the evening/night stating this is keeping her from going to work. She said she is not able to found suitable and reliable child care in the evening/night.

WHA staff explained that this was a real bearer in our community for our participants as well as transportation. It was explained that we are working with one of the child care facilities in hopes they will offer night time child care.

3. One Section 8 resident ask when WHA would start a Homeownership program.

It was explained to the board that WHA would like to partner with Habitat Humanity in starting a Homeownership program.

4. One Section 8 resident ask if our community had emergency shelter.

It was explained that WHA was making an effort in making the community aware of the need for an emergency shelter.

5. One Section 8 resident ask what happens to people coming out of prison.

It was explained that WHA is collaborating with the probation agency and other agency's to see how best this population can be assisted with housing.

## CHALLENGED ELEMENTS

No elements of the PHA 5 Year 2010/2015 were challenged.

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) - The Weatherford Housing Authority (WHA) - Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) activities

The WHA policies and procedures incorporate and support the laws and requirements outlined in the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 (VAWA). The WHA has revised and updated the Section 8 Administrative Plan to support victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. The WHA will continue to administer its housing programs in ways that support program participants and applicants who may be victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking.

The WHA will not take any adverse action against a resident/participant or applicant solely on the basis of her or him being a victim of such criminal activity, including threats of such activity. "Adverse action" in this context includes denial or termination of housing assistance.

The WHA will continue to develop/revise policies and procedures as needed to implement the requirements of VAWA and to collaborate with other agencies to prevent and respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking, as those criminal activities may affect applicants for and participants in the WHA's housing programs.

# NOTIFICATION REGARDING APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE VIOLENCE AGAINST Women reauthorization act of 2005 (VAWA)

The Violence against Women Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA) requires PHAs to inform assisted tenants of their rights under this law, including their right to confidentiality and the limits thereof. Since VAWA provides protections for applicants as well as tenants, PHAs may elect to provide the same information to applicants. VAWA also requires PHAs to inform owners and managers of their obligations under this law.

This part describes the steps that the WHA will take to ensure that all actual and potential beneficiaries of its housing choice voucher program are notified about their rights and those owners and managers are notified of their obligations under VAWA.

# **Notification To Participants**

# **WHA Policy**

The WHA will provide all participants with notification of their protections and rights under VAWA at the time of admission and at annual reexamination.

The notice will explain the protections afforded under the law, inform the participant of WHA confidentiality requirements, and provide contact information for local victim advocacy groups or service providers.

The WHA will also include in all assistance termination notices a statement explaining assistance termination protection provided by VAWA.

# **Notification To Applicants**

# **WHA Policy**

The WHA will provide all applicants with notification of their protections and rights under VAWA at the time they request an application for housing assistance.

The notice will explain the protections afforded under the law, inform each applicant of WHA confidentiality requirements, and provide contact information for local victim advocacy groups or service providers.

The WHA will also include in all notices of denial a statement explaining the protection against denial provided by VAWA.

# **Notification To Owners and Managers**

# **WHA Policy**

Inform property owners and managers of their screening and termination responsibilities related to VAWA. The WHA may utilize any or all of the following means to notify owners of their VAWA responsibilities:

- As appropriate in day to day interactions with owners and managers.
- Inserts in HAP payments, 1099s, owner workshops, classes, orientations, and/or newsletters.
- > Signs in the WHA lobby and/or mass mailings which include model VAWA certifications forms.
- 1. Tenants are issued a copy of the mailing and the self-certification form HUD-50066 in every recertification and certification meeting.
- 2. Counsel landlords regarding their responsibilities regarding VAWA regulations.