

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

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# PHA Plans

5 Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2001 - 2005

Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2001

**NOTE: THIS PHA PLANS TEMPLATE (HUD 50075) IS TO BE COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
INSTRUCTIONS LOCATED IN APPLICABLE PIH NOTICES**

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**PHA Plan  
Agency Identification**

**PHA Name:** Larimer County Housing Authority

**PHA Number:** CO 103

**PHA Fiscal Year Beginning:** 01/2001

**Public Access to Information**

**Information regarding any activities outlined in this plan can be obtained by contacting:**

Main administrative office of the PHA

**Display Locations For PHA Plans and Supporting Documents**

The PHA Plans (including attachments) are available for public inspection at:

Main administrative office of the PHA

Main administrative office of the local government

PHA Plan Supporting Documents are available for inspection at:

Main business office of the PHA

**5-YEAR PLAN**  
**PHA FISCAL YEARS 2001 - 2005**

[24 CFR Part 903.5]

**A. Mission**

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.

**B. Goals**

**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:
- Acquire or build units or developments.

PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing

Objectives:

- HUD shall recognize the LARIMER COUNTY Housing Authority as a high performer under the Section 8 Existing Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) by December 31, 2004.
- Improve voucher management:
- Increase customer satisfaction:
- Concentrate on efforts to improve specific management functions.

PHA Goal: Increase assisted housing choices

Objectives:

- Provide voucher mobility counseling:
- Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords:
- Implement voucher homeownership program:
- Implement public housing or other homeownership programs.

## **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.

## **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:
- 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:
- Continue administering the Family Self Sufficiency and Project Self Sufficiency Programs.

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

PHA Goal: Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing

Objectives:

- Undertake affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability:
- Undertake affirmative measures to provide a suitable living environment for families living in assisted housing, regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability:
- Undertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all varieties of disabilities regardless of unit size required.

## **Other PHA Goals and Objectives: (list below)**

**PHA Goal: Work as a partner and resource with other community groups to develop and meet common goals by:**

- Building rapport with other civic agencies:
- Taking a leadership role in coordination efforts:
- Identifying voids in the availability of facilities or programs in our community:
- Providing resources to the community regarding housing issues:
- Linking residents to public and private resources:
- Active involvement and understanding of local and national housing issues and trends:
- Development of relationship between the Larimer County, the City of Fort Collins and other governmental entities.

**PHA Goal: Hire and retain knowledgeable, skilled staff by:**

- Providing competitive wages:
- Conducting training and development activities which reflect the Mission for staff and the Board of Commissioners:
- Attending local, State, and national meetings and training programs:
- Encouraging active staff participation in policy development:
- Utilizing staff skills to the maximum capacity:
- Providing cross-training opportunities.

**PHA Goal: Develop a positive public image and promote community awareness of Housing Authority Programs by:**

- Educating the public in a politically sensitive manner:
- Developing presentations to the public regarding goals attained, impact of services provided, and demonstration of accountability of public funds:
- Active involvement of the Board of Commissioners in public relations.



**Annual PHA Plan**  
**PHA Fiscal Year 2001**

[24 CFR Part 903.7]

**i. Annual Plan Type:**

**Standard Plan**

**ii. Executive Summary of the Annual PHA Plan**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

The LARIMER COUNTY Housing Authority has prepared this Agency Plan in compliance with Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 and the ensuing HUD requirements. We have adopted the mission statement to guide the activities of the LARIMER COUNTY Housing Authority. We have also adopted goals and objectives for the next five years. Our Annual Plan is based on the premise that if we accomplish our goals and objectives we will be working towards the achievement of our mission.

The plans, statements, budget summary, policies, etc. set forth in the Annual Plan all lead towards the accomplishment of our goals and objectives. Taken as a whole, they outline a comprehensive approach towards our goals and objectives and are consistent with the Consolidated Plan.

Highlights of this plan include:

- Housing Needs
- Financial Resources
- Programmatic Policies and Procedures which have been newly adopted or revised
- Asset Management
- Safety and Crime Prevention

In addition to the Plan, which follows, you will find the required HUD form, summarizing this plan, which will be submitted electronically on an annual basis.

In summary, we are on course to improve the condition of affordable housing in Fort Collins and Larimer County Colorado.

### **iii. Annual Plan Table of Contents**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

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##### **Attachments**

Required Attachments:

- X Admissions Policy for Deconcentration

Optional Attachments:

- PHA Management Organizational Chart
- Comments of Resident Advisory Board or Boards (must be attached if not included in PHA Plan text)



## Supporting Documents Available for Review

<b>List of Supporting Documents Available for Review</b>		
<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>Supporting Document</b>	<b>Applicable Plan Component</b>
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;
	Public Housing Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy Policy (A&O), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP]	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
X	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
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
	Public housing rent determination policies, including the methodology for setting public housing flat rents X check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
	Schedule of flat rents offered at each public housing development X check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
X	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies X check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Rent Determination

<b>List of Supporting Documents Available for Review</b>		
<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>Supporting Document</b>	<b>Applicable Plan Component</b>
	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
	Public housing grievance procedures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
X	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures <input checked="" 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
	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
	Any cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
X	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 (PHDEP) 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

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	Other supporting documents (optional) (list individually; use as many lines as necessary)	(specify as needed)

## **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 State of Colorado Consolidated Plan 2000**

The Statewide Consolidated Plan was written in 2000 and is a five-year strategic plan to identify and address community planning and housing needs. Based on the analysis of data, a number of needs were identified:

1. The community needs affordable rental and ownership housing units for very low, low and moderate income households,
2. The community needs to provide households the opportunity to purchase a home,
3. The community needs to expand homeless services in the community,
4. The community needs to provide additional transitional housing units, permanent supportive housing units and emergency shelter beds,
5. The community needs to provide housing for special needs households and,
6. The community needs to improve and increase services for seniors, disabled, indigent children, those affected by substance abuse and those needing employment training. Funding to meet these needs is provided, in part, by the State of Colorado HOME Investment Partnership programs along with Federal, State and other local funding.

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: 2000
- U.S. Census data: the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (“CHAS”) dataset
- American Housing Survey data  
Indicate year:
- Other housing market study  
Indicate year:
- Other sources: (list and indicate year of information)

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

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

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Waiting list type: (select one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 8 tenant-based assistance			
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing			
Combined Section 8 and Public Housing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing Site-Based or sub-jurisdictional waiting list (optional)			
If used, identify which development/subjurisdiction:			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	514		
Families with children	unknown		
Elderly families	unknown		
Families with Disabilities	137	26.65	
Race/ethnicity W.	461	89.68	
Race/ethnicity B.	20	3.89	
Race/ethnicity I/A	32	6.22	
Race/ethnicity A	1	0.19	
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)			
1BR	192	37.35	5%
2 BR	206	40.07	5%
3 BR	98	19.06	5%
4 BR	18	3.50	5%
5 BR	N/A		
5+ BR	N/A		

Is the waiting list closed (select one)? X 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? X 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

- X Employ effective maintenance and management policies to minimize the number of public housing units off-line
- X Reduce turnover time for vacated public housing units
- X Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by establishing payment standards that will enable families to rent throughout the jurisdiction
- X Undertake measures to ensure access to affordable housing among families assisted by the PHA, regardless of unit size required
- X Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by marketing the program to owners, particularly those outside of areas of minority and poverty concentration
- X Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by effectively screening Section 8 applicants to increase owner acceptance of program
- X Participate in the Consolidated Plan development process to ensure coordination with broader community strategies

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

Select all that apply

- X Apply for additional section 8 units should they become available
- X Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed - finance housing
- X Pursue housing resources other than public housing or Section 8 tenant-based assistance.

**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

- X Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work

**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

- X Employ admissions preferences aimed at families who are working
- X Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work

**Need: Specific Family Types: The Elderly**

**Strategy 1: Target available assistance to the elderly:**

Select all that apply

- X Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to the elderly, should they become available

**Need: Specific Family Types: Families with Disabilities**

**Strategy 1: Target available assistance to Families with Disabilities:**

Select all that apply

- X Seek designation of public housing for families with disabilities
- X Carry out the modifications needed in public housing based on the section 504 Needs Assessment for Public Housing
- X Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to families with disabilities, should they become available
- X Affirmatively market to local non-profit agencies that assist families with disabilities

**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

- X Affirmatively market to races/ethnicities shown to have disproportionate housing needs

**Strategy 2: Conduct activities to affirmatively further fair housing**

Select all that apply

- X Counsel section 8 tenants as to location of units outside of areas of poverty or minority concentration and assist them to locate those units
- X Market the section 8 program to owners outside of areas of poverty /minority concentrations

**(2) Reasons for Selecting Strategies**

Of the factors listed below, select all that influenced the PHA's selection of the strategies it will pursue:

- X Funding constraints
- X Staffing constraints
- X Extent to which particular housing needs are met by other organizations in the community
- X Evidence of housing needs as demonstrated in the Consolidated Plan and other information available to the PHA
- X Influence of the housing market on PHA programs
- X Community priorities regarding housing assistance
- X Results of consultation with local or state government
- X Results of consultation with residents and the Resident Advisory Board
- X Results of consultation with advocacy groups

## **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.

<b>Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses</b>		
<b>Sources</b>	<b>Planned \$</b>	<b>Planned Uses</b>
<b>1. Federal Grants (FY 2001 grants)</b>	\$236,899	
a) Public Housing Operating Fund		
b) Public Housing Capital Fund		
c) HOPE VI Revitalization		
d) HOPE VI Demolition		
e) Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance	236,899	
f) Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (including any Technical Assistance funds)		
g) Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants		
h) Community Development Block Grant		
i) HOME		
Other Federal Grants (list below)		
<b>2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below)</b>		
<b>3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income</b>		
<b>4. Other income (list below)</b>		
Interest		
Tenant Charges		
<b>4. Non-federal sources (list below)</b>		
<b>Total resources</b>	236,899	

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

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (c)]



## **A. Public Housing**

Larimer County Housing Authority consists of Section 8 units, however, residents of Larimer County may also reside in Fort Collins Public Housing Units as follows:

### **(1) Eligibility**

a. When does the PHA verify eligibility for admission to public housing? (select all that apply)

X When families are within a certain time of being offered a unit: (3 months)

b. Which non-income (screening) factors does the PHA use to establish eligibility for admission to public housing (select all that apply)?

X Criminal or Drug-related activity

X Rental history

X Housekeeping

Other (describe)

c. X Yes  No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?

d. X Yes  No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?

e.  Yes X 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)

X Community-wide list

b. Where may interested persons apply for admission to public housing?

X PHA main administrative office

### **(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)

X Two

b. X Yes  No: Is this policy consistent across all waiting list types?

c. If answer to b is no, list variations for any other than the primary public housing waiting list/s for the PHA:

**(4) Admissions Preferences**

a. Income targeting:

X 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)

- X Emergencies
- X Overhoused
- X Underhoused
- X Medical justification
- X Administrative reasons determined by the PHA (e.g., to permit modernization work)
- X Resident choice: (After all others.)

c. Preferences

1. X 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:

1. Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)

Other preferences: (select below)

2. Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
1. Residents who live and/or work in the jurisdiction
2. Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
2. Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
2. Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
3. Individuals who have lived in a FCHA SRO Mod Rehab unit for at least six continuous months, OR Families required to relocate from an FCHA public housing unit for occupancy or disability reasons.

All applications are processed in order of Date and Time.

4. Relationship of preferences to income targeting requirements:

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

**(5) Occupancy**

a. What reference materials can applicants and residents use to obtain information about the rules of occupancy of public housing (select all that apply)

- X The PHA-resident lease  
X The PHA's Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy policy  
X PHA briefing seminars or written materials  
X Other source (Tenant Handbook)

b. How often must residents notify the PHA of changes in family composition? (select all that apply)

- X Any time family composition changes

**(6) Deconcentration and Income Mixing**

a.  Yes X 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. X 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)

- X Employing waiting list "skipping" to achieve deconcentration of poverty or income mixing goals at targeted developments

If selected, list targeted developments below:

ALL

d.  Yes X 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?

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)

X Not applicable: results of analysis did not indicate a need for such efforts

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)

X Not applicable: results of analysis did not indicate a need for such efforts

## **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)

X Criminal or drug-related activity only to the extent required by law or regulation

X Criminal and drug-related activity, more extensively than required by law or regulation

b.X Yes  No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?

c. X Yes  No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?

d.  Yes X 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)

X Criminal or drug-related activity

### **(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)

X Federal public housing

X Federal moderate rehabilitation

X Federal project-based certificate program

b. Where may interested persons apply for admission to section 8 tenant-based assistance? (select all that apply)

X PHA main administrative office

**(3) Search Time**

a. X Yes  No: Does the PHA give extensions on standard 60-day period to search for a unit?

If yes, state circumstances below:

Severe hardship, disabilities/special accommodations, other issues approved by Director of Housing Programs.

**(4) Admissions Preferences**

a. Income targeting

Yes X 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. X 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

1. Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)

Other preferences (select all that apply)

2. Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability

2. Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction

2. Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs

X Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)

3. Individuals who have lived in a FCHA SRO Mod Rehab unit for at least six continuous months, OR Families required to relocate from an FCHA public housing unit for occupancy or disability reasons.

4. Among applicants on the waiting list with equal preference status, how are applicants selected? (select one)

X Date and time of application

5. If the PHA plans to employ preferences for “residents who live and/or work in the jurisdiction” (select one)

X The PHA requests approval for this preference through this PHA Plan

6. Relationship of preferences to income targeting requirements: (select one)

X 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)

X The Section 8 Administrative Plan

X Briefing sessions and written materials

b. How does the PHA announce the availability of any special-purpose section 8 programs to the public?

X Through published notices

### **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. Larimer County Housing Authority does not own public housing units, however, Larimer County residents live in Fort Collins Housing Authority public housing units as follows:

##### **(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)

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

b. Minimum Rent

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

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

2. X Yes  No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies?

3. If yes to question 2, list these policies below:  
Contained in the Admissions and Occupancy Policy

c. Rents set at less than 30% than adjusted income

1. X 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:  
Flat rents, Ceiling rents.

e. Ceiling rents

1. Do you have ceiling rents? (rents set at a level lower than 30% of adjusted income) (select one)

X Yes for all developments

2. For which kinds of developments are ceiling rents in place? (select all that apply)

X For all developments

3. Select the space or spaces that best describe how you arrive at ceiling rents (select all that apply)

X Fair market rents (FMR)

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)

X At family option for income, anytime for composition.

g.  Yes X 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.)

X Survey of rents listed in local newspaper

X Fair Market Rent

## **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)

X 100% of FMR

b. If the payment standard is lower than FMR, why has the PHA selected this standard? (select all that apply)

c. If the payment standard is higher than FMR, why has the PHA chosen this level? (select all that apply)

d. How often are payment standards reevaluated for adequacy? (select one)

X Annually



e. What factors will the PHA consider in its assessment of the adequacy of its payment standard? (select all that apply)

- X Success rates of assisted families
- X Rent burdens of assisted families

**(2) Minimum Rent**

a. What amount best reflects the PHA’s minimum rent? (select one)

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

b. X Yes  No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies? (if yes, list below)  
 Found in the Administrative Plan

**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)

- X An organization chart showing the PHA’s management structure and organization is attached.

**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.)

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Units or Families Served at Year Beginning</b>	<b>Expected Turnover</b>
Public Housing		
Section 8 Vouchers	52	5
Section 8 Certificates		
Section 8 Mod Rehab		

Special Purpose Section 8 Certificates/Vouchers (list individually)		
Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP)		

### **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)

- Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy
- FIC Program Policies
- Grievance Procedures
- Tenant Handbooks
- Security and Crime Prevention
- Pest Control
- Move-out Procedures
- Preventative Maintenance and Routine Maintenance Schedules
- Annual Systems Inspections
- Annual Unit Inspections
- Schedule of Resident Charges
- Companion/Service Animal Policy

(2) Section 8 Management: (list below)

- Administrative Plan
- FSS Program Action Plan
- Grievance Procedures
- Fraud Control Procedures

(3) Agency-wide

- Personnel Policy
- Disposition of Property
- Capitalization Policy
- Investment Policy
- Drug-Free Workplace
- Procurement Policy

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

### **B. Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance**

1.  Yes X 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:

**LCHA will determine over the next year how to implement a Section 8 Homeownership program for the following year.**

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 (1)]

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

### **A. PHA Coordination with the Welfare (TANF) Agency**

1. Cooperative agreements:

X 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? 11/2000

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

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

### **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)

- X Public housing rent determination policies
- X Public housing admissions policies
- X Section 8 admissions policies
- X Preference in admission to section 8 for certain public housing families
- X Preferences for families working or engaging in training or education programs for non-housing programs operated or coordinated by the PHA

b. Economic and Social self-sufficiency programs

X 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. )

<b>Services and Programs</b>				
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)
Family Investment Center	56 families	General application	PHA Main Office	Public Housing and Section 8
Family Self Sufficiency	36	General application/Wait List	PHA Main Office	Section 8
Welfare to Work Voucher Program Application	Pending 274	Wait List	PHA Main Office	Section 8

**(2) Family Self Sufficiency program/s**

a. Participation Description

<b>Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Participation</b>		
Program	Required Number of Participants (start of FY 2000 Estimate)	Actual Number of Participants (As of: DD/MM/YY)
Public Housing	0	0
Section 8 Fort Collins/Larimer Combined	33 Families	30 Families 10/02/2000

### **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)
- X Adopting appropriate changes to the PHA's public housing rent determination policies and train staff to carry out those policies
  - X Informing residents of new policy on admission and reexamination
  - X Actively notifying residents of new policy at times in addition to admission and reexamination.
  - X Establishing or pursuing a cooperative agreement with all appropriate TANF agencies regarding the exchange of information and coordination of services (Completed in 2000)
  - X Establishing a protocol for exchange of information with all appropriate TANF agencies (Completed in 2000)

<b>D. Reserved for Community Service Requirement pursuant to section 12(c) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937</b>
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### **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.

<b><u>14. PET POLICY</u></b>
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[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (n)]

N/A Section 8 Only PHA.

### **15. Civil Rights Certifications**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (o)]

Civil rights certifications are included in the PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations.

### **16. Fiscal Audit**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (p)]

1. X 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. X 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.

## **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)
- x Attached at Attachment (File name)  
Provided below:
3. In what manner did the PHA address those comments? (select all that apply)
- X Considered comments, but determined that no changes to the PHA Plan were necessary.

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

1.  Yes  No: Does the PHA meet the exemption criteria provided section 2(b)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937? (If no, continue to question 2; if yes, skip to sub-component C.)
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
- x Self-nomination: Candidates registered with the PHA and requested a place on ballot
- x Other: (describe) Suggested by E.D.

b. Eligible candidates: (select one)

- x 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: State of Colorado Consolidated Plan
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)
  - X The PHA has consulted with the Consolidated Plan agency during the development of this PHA Plan.
  - X Activities to be undertaken by the PHA in the coming year are consistent with the initiatives contained in the Consolidated Plan. (list below)

**D. Other Information Required by HUD**

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

**Attachments**

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

Resident Advisory Committee Comments



**Resident Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
November 14, 2000**

The Resident Advisory Committee met to review the Agency Plans prior to submittal to HUD.

Present:           Stephanie Tupper, Section 8  
                  Monica Clark, Resident Commissioner FCHA  
                  Paula Cardona, Resident Commissioner WHA  
                  Julie Love, Executive Director

Introductions were made. Several residents who had expressed interest did not attend. The committee suggested that reminder calls be made the day prior to the next meeting.

Ms. Love gave an overview of how housing authorities interact with HUD, Congress, and local government. She then gave a presentation on the programs operated by the Fort Collins Housing Authority.

Ms. Love explained the history of the Agency Plan and the HUD requirements for resident involvement. She also talked about ways in which the resident committee can have input on other agency operations such as PHDEP plans, capital five-year plans, and administrative plans. She provided a copy of the new lease that is being submitted for 30-day resident review.

The Committee had several suggestions, which FCHA will try to incorporate into day to day operations, however no change to the Agency Plan is necessary:

Residents may be good Hearing Officers for the grievance process.

Continue having staff set up neighborhood mediation and encourage resident leadership.

Garbage disposals would decrease the amount of garbage left out for pick up.

Air conditioning for seniors is important.

Review the role and effectiveness of resident managers.

Web-site development.

Post information such as the availability of the new lease for review in the newsletter.

Distribute newsletter to all FCHA managed properties.

Work on ways to help families transition to no assistance and have Housing Coordinators disseminate information at recertification. (Information such as Neighbor to Neighbor's First Time Homebuyers programs.)

The Committee would like to get a core group of approximately five members to meet on a quarterly basis. Ms. Love will establish a schedule for 2001 now.

11/15/2000