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Small PHA Plan Update
Annual Plan for Fiscal Year: 2001

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PHA Plan Agency Identification

PHA Name: Summit Housing Authority

PHA Number: NJ017

PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (01/2000)

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Public Access to Information

**Information regarding any activities outlined in this plan can be obtained by contacting:
(select all that apply)**

- Main administrative office of the PHA
- PHA development management offices

Display Locations For PHA Plans and Supporting Documents

The PHA Plans (including attachments) are available for public inspection at: (select all that apply)

- Main administrative office of the PHA
- PHA development management offices
- Main administrative office of the local, county or State government
- Public library
- PHA website
- Other (list below)

PHA Plan Supporting Documents are available for inspection at: (select all that apply)

- Main business office of the PHA
- PHA development management offices
- Other (list below)

PHA Programs Administered:

- Public Housing and Section 8 Section 8 Only Public Housing Only

Annual PHA Plan

Fiscal Year 20

[24 CFR Part 903.7]

i. Table of Contents

Provide a table of contents for the Plan, including attachments, and a list of supporting documents available for public inspection. For Attachments, indicate which attachments are provided by selecting all that apply. Provide the attachment's name (A, B, etc.) in the space to the left of the name of the attachment. If the attachment is provided as a **SEPARATE** file submission from the PHA Plans file, provide the file name in parentheses in the space to the right of the title.

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• "Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions"	
• "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities"	

- “PHA Certification of Consistency with the PHA Plan and Related Regulations”

ii. Executive Summary

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

At PHA option, provide a brief overview of the information in the Annual Plan

1. Summary of Policy or Program Changes for the Upcoming Year

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

As part of this Annual PHA Plan the Summit Housing Authority is formally adopting HUD-mandated Community Service and Pet Policies, in accordance with HUD public and tenant notification requirements.

2. Capital Improvement Needs

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (g)]

Exemptions: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this component.

A. X Yes No: Is the PHA eligible to participate in the CFP in the fiscal year covered by this PHA Plan?

B. What is the amount of the PHA’s estimated or actual (if known) Capital Fund Program grant for the upcoming year? \$ \$303,863.

C. X Yes No Does the PHA plan to participate in the Capital Fund Program in the upcoming year? If yes, complete the rest of Component 7. If no, skip to next component.

D. Capital Fund Program Grant Submissions

(1) Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan

The Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan is provided as Attachment G

(2) Capital Fund Program Annual Statement

The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement is provided as Attachment H

3. Demolition and Disposition

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (h)]

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

1. Yes No: Does the PHA plan to conduct any demolition or disposition activities (pursuant to section 18 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437p)) in the plan Fiscal Year? (If “No”, skip to next component ; if “yes”, complete one activity description for each development.)

2. Activity Description

Demolition/Disposition Activity Description (Not including Activities Associated with HOPE VI or Conversion Activities)
1a. Development name: 1b. Development (project) number:
2. Activity type: Demolition <input type="checkbox"/> Disposition <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Application status (select one) Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted, pending approval <input type="checkbox"/> Planned application <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Date application approved, submitted, or planned for submission: <u>(DD/MM/YY)</u>
5. Number of units affected: 6. Coverage of action (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Part of the development <input type="checkbox"/> Total development
7. Relocation resources (select all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Section 8 for units <input type="checkbox"/> Public housing for units <input type="checkbox"/> Preference for admission to other public housing or section 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Other housing for units (describe below)
8. Timeline for activity: a. Actual or projected start date of activity: b. Actual or projected start date of relocation activities: c. Projected end date of activity:

4. Voucher Homeownership Program

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (k)]

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

B. Capacity of the PHA to Administer a Section 8 Homeownership Program

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

- Establishing a minimum homeowner downpayment requirement of at least 3 percent and requiring that at least 1 percent of the downpayment comes from the family’s resources
- Requiring that financing for purchase of a home under its section 8 homeownership will be provided, insured or guaranteed by the state or Federal government; comply with secondary mortgage market underwriting requirements; or comply with generally accepted private sector underwriting standards
- Demonstrating that it has or will acquire other relevant experience (list PHA experience, or any other organization to be involved and its experience, below):

5. Safety and Crime Prevention: PHDEP Plan

[24 CFR Part 903.7 (m)]

Exemptions Section 8 Only PHAs may skip to the next component PHAs eligible for PHDEP funds must provide a PHDEP Plan meeting specified requirements prior to receipt of PHDEP funds.

- A. Yes No: Is the PHA eligible to participate in the PHDEP in the fiscal year covered by this PHA Plan?
- B. What is the amount of the PHA’s estimated or actual (if known) PHDEP grant for the upcoming year? \$ _____
- C. Yes No Does the PHA plan to participate in the PHDEP in the upcoming year? If yes, answer question D. If no, skip to next component.
- D. Yes No: The PHDEP Plan is attached at Attachment _____

6. Other Information

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

A. Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Recommendations and PHA Response

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 Attached at Attachment (File name) _____

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

- The PHA changed portions of the PHA Plan in response to comments
A list of these changes is included
 Yes No: below or
 Yes No: at the end of the RAB Comments in Attachment ____.
- Considered comments, but determined that no changes to the PHA Plan were necessary. An explanation of the PHA's consideration is included at the at the end of the RAB Comments in Attachment ____.
- Other: (list below)

B. 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: (Union County, New Jersey)

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

- The PHA has based its statement of needs of families in the jurisdiction on the needs expressed in the Consolidated Plan/s.
- X The PHA has participated in any consultation process organized and offered by the Consolidated Plan agency in the development of the Consolidated Plan.
- X The PHA has consulted with the Consolidated Plan agency during the development of this PHA Plan.
- Activities to be undertaken by the PHA in the coming year are consistent with specific initiatives contained in the Consolidated Plan. (list such initiatives below)
- Other: (list below)

3. PHA Requests for support from the Consolidated Plan Agency

- Yes No: Does the PHA request financial or other support from the State or local government agency in order to meet the needs of its public housing residents or inventory? If yes, please list the 5 most important requests below:

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

CDBG grants have been made to support Social Service programs targeted to our low income and elderly tenants, as follows:

- Public Health Nursing Services
- Social Work Services to Spanish speaking Tenants
- Senior Citizen Transportation Services

C. Criteria for Substantial Deviation and Significant Amendments

1. Amendment and Deviation Definitions

24 CFR Part 903.7(r)

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

A. Substantial Deviation from the 5-year Plan: The adoption of all annual PHA Plans will be deemed to be substantial deviations from the 5-year Plan and will be subject to full public hearings and HUD review prior to implementation.

B. Significant Amendment or Modification to the Annual Plan: Any changes in the Summit Housing Authority's "Admission & Occupancy Policy" will be deemed to be a significant amendment to the Authority's 5 Year Plan and will be subject to a full public hearing and HUD review prior to implementation. In addition, any QHWRA implementations that requires a public hearing will be deemed to be substantial modification to the 5 Year Plan and will be subject to a full public hearing and HUD review.

Attachment A
Supporting Documents Available for Review

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

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
X	PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations	5 Year and Annual Plans
	State/Local Government Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (not required for this update)	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	Fair Housing Documentation Supporting Fair Housing Certifications: Records reflecting that the PHA has examined its programs or proposed programs, identified any impediments to fair housing choice in those programs, addressed or is addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available, and worked or is working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdictions’ initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA’s involvement.	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	Housing Needs Statement of the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction/s in which the PHA is located and any additional backup data to support statement of housing needs in the jurisdiction	Annual Plan: Housing Needs
X	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources
X	Public Housing Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy Policy (A&O/ACOP), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP]	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
X	Any policy governing occupancy of Police Officers in Public Housing <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A&O Policy	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
X	Public housing rent determination policies, including the method for setting public housing flat rents <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review

Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
X	Schedule of flat rents offered at each public housing development X check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
	Public housing management and maintenance policy documents, including policies for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation (including cockroach infestation)	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
X	Results of latest binding Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Assessment	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
	Follow-up Plan to Results of the PHAS Resident Satisfaction Survey (if necessary)	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance and Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Results of latest Section 8 Management Assessment System (SEMAP)	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
	Any required policies governing any Section 8 special housing types <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
X	Public housing grievance procedures X check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
X	The HUD-approved Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement (HUD 52837) for any active grant year	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
X	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grants	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Approved HOPE VI applications or, if more recent, approved or submitted HOPE VI Revitalization Plans, or any other approved proposal for development of public housing	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Self-evaluation, Needs Assessment and Transition Plan required by regulations implementing §504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. See, PIH 99-52 (HA).	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing	Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition
	Approved or submitted applications for designation of public housing (Designated Housing Plans)	Annual Plan: Designation of Public Housing

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review

Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
	Approved or submitted assessments of reasonable revitalization of public housing and approved or submitted conversion plans prepared pursuant to section 202 of the 1996 HUD Appropriations Act, Section 22 of the US Housing Act of 1937, or Section 33 of the US Housing Act of 1937	Annual Plan: Conversion of Public Housing
	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans	Annual Plan: Homeownership
	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program (section _____ of the Section 8 Administrative Plan)	Annual Plan: Homeownership
	Cooperation agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency and between the PHA and local employment and training service agencies	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	FSS Action Plan/s for public housing and/or Section 8	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Section 3 documentation required by 24 CFR Part 135, Subpart E	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	Annual Plan: Safety and Crime Prevention
	PHDEP-related documentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Baseline law enforcement services for public housing developments assisted under the PHDEP plan; · Consortium agreement/s between the PHAs participating in the consortium and a copy of the payment agreement between the consortium and HUD (applicable only to PHAs participating in a consortium as specified under 24 CFR 761.15); · Partnership agreements (indicating specific leveraged support) with agencies/organizations providing funding, services or other in-kind resources for PHDEP-funded activities; · Coordination with other law enforcement efforts; · Written agreement(s) with local law enforcement agencies (receiving any PHDEP funds); and · All crime statistics and other relevant data (including Part I and specified Part II crimes) that establish need for the public housing sites assisted under the PHDEP Plan. 	Annual Plan: Safety and Crime Prevention
X	Policy on Ownership of Pets in Public Housing Family Developments (as required by regulation at 24 CFR Part 960, Subpart G) X check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Pet Policy

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review

Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
X	The results of 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
	Other supporting documents (optional) (list individually; use as many lines as necessary)	(specify as needed)

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

PHA Name: Summit Housing Authority	Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program: NJ39PO1750100 Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:	Federal FY of Grant: 2000
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Original Annual Statement **Reserve for Disasters/ Emergencies** **Revised Annual Statement (revision no:)**
 Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending: **Final Performance and Evaluation Report**

Line No.	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost	
		Original	Revised	Obligated	Expended
1	Total non-CFP Funds				
2	1406 Operations				
3	1408 Management Improvements	\$1,000.00			
4	1410 Administration				
5	1411 Audit				
6	1415 liquidated Damages				
7	1430 Fees and Costs	\$27,300.00			
8	1440 Site Acquisition				
9	1450 Site Improvement				
10	1460 Dwelling Structures	\$275,563.00			
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment—Nonexpendable				
12	1470 Nondwelling Structures				
13	1475 Nondwelling Equipment				
14	1485 Demolition				
15	1490 Replacement Reserve				
16	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration				
17	1495.1 Relocation Costs				
18	1498 Mod Used for Development				
19	1502 Contingency				
20	Amount of Annual Grant: (sum of lines 2-19)	\$303,863.00			
21	Amount of line 20 Related to LBP Activities				
22	Amount of line 20 Related to Section 504 Compliance				
23	Amount of line 20 Related to Security				

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Original Annual Statement **Reserve for Disasters/ Emergencies** **Revised Annual Statement (revision no:)**
 Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending: **Final Performance and Evaluation Report**

Line No.	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost	
24	Amount of line 20 Related to Energy Conservation Measures				

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

PHA Name: Summit Housing Authority		Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program #: NJPO1750100 Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor #:			Federal FY of Grant: 2000			
Development Number Name/HA-Wide Activities	General Description of Major Work Categories	Dev. Acct No.	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost		Status of Proposed Work
				Original	Revised	Funds Obligated	Funds Expended	
HA-Wide Admin	Advertising for Work Items	1410		\$1,000				
HA-Wide Fees & Costs	A/E Services for Work Items	1430		\$27,300				
NJ 17-3	Masonry & Roofing/ Waterproofing	1460		\$190,000				
NJ 17-3	Bathroom Heaters	1460		\$40,625				
NJ 17-1 & 17-2	Vinyl Floor Replacements	1460		\$44,938				

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

PHA Name: Summit Housing Authority		Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program #: NJ39PO1750100 Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor #:				Federal FY of Grant: 2000	
Development Number Name/HA-Wide Activities	All Fund Obligated (Quart Ending Date)			All Funds Expended (Quarter Ending Date)			Reasons for Revised Target Dates
	Original	Revised	Actual	Original	Revised	Actual	
PHA-Wide Work Items	09/30/00			09/30/01			

Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan

Complete one table for each development in which work is planned in the next 5 PHA fiscal years. Complete a table for any PHA-wide physical or management improvements planned in the next 5 PHA fiscal year. Copy this table as many times as necessary. Note: PHAs need not include information from Year One of the 5-Year cycle, because this information is included in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement.

CFP 5-Year Action Plan		
X Original statement <input type="checkbox"/> Revised statement		
Development Number	Development Name (or indicate PHA wide)	
NJ 17-3	2 Weaver Street	
Description of Needed Physical Improvements or Management Improvements	Estimated Cost	Planned Start Date (HA Fiscal Year)
Roofing & Masonry/ Waterproofing	\$190,000.	2000
Bathroom Heaters	\$40,625	2000
Total estimated cost over next 5 years		

Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan

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CFP 5-Year Action Plan

X Original statement Revised statement

Development Number **Development Name**
(or indicate PHA wide)

NJ 17-1 Glenwood Place

Description of Needed Physical Improvements or Management Improvements

Estimated Cost

Planned Start Date (HA Fiscal Year)

Vinyl Flooring Replacement

\$44,938

2,000

Total estimated cost over next 5 years



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CFP 5-Year Action Plan		
X Original statement <input type="checkbox"/> Revised statement		
Development Number	Development Name (or indicate PHA wide)	
NJ 17-2	2 Weaver Street	
Description of Needed Physical Improvements or Management Improvements	Estimated Cost	Planned Start Date (HA Fiscal Year)
Vinyl Floor Replacement	\$44,938	2,000
Total estimated cost over next 5 years		



Required Attachment D: Resident Member on the PHA Governing Board

1. Yes X No: Does the PHA governing board include at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA this year? (if no, skip to #2)

A. Name of resident member(s) on the governing board:

B. How was the resident board member selected: (select one)?

Elected

Appointed

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

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

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

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

Other (explain):

B. Date of next term expiration of a governing board member: January 1, 2000

C. Name and title of appointing official(s) for governing board (indicate appointing official for the next position):

Walter D. Long, Mayor

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

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

1. Susan Anderson
2. Elaine James
3. Douglas MacGregor

Required Attachment G: Brief Statement of Progress in Meeting 5-Year Plan Mission and Goals

The Summit Housing Authority Board has been actively engaged in addressing unmet and emerging housing needs and community development objectives. The Authority's staff has identified a growing need for supportive services for our elderly residents; and has successfully sought state funding for supportive services. We are presently in the process of implementing this program. We have agreed to assist the City of Summit with the administration of the City's state-mandated affordable housing program; and we are working closely with the City of Summit on its Master Plan Update and on the city's Strategic Plan. Due to the availability of Capital Grant funding, there is substantial work underway to maintain the high quality of our assisted housing.

The Authority has adopted a policy to better address the needs of households on its family housing waiting list by financially assisting "over-housed" elderly residents in their transfer to our elderly housing; and thereby shortening the waiting list for our family housing units.

The Authority employed a consulting engineering firm to study the optimum replacement cycles for its mechanical equipment and building systems; and to review alternative mechanical systems for its total electric NJ17-3 elderly building. In addition, the Authority separately employed a design firm to address long-standing waterproofing and masonry problems at that senior housing building. While bids came in substantially over-budget; that project is presently in redesign and will shortly be re-bid.

In the area of resident safety, the Authority has improved the fire annunciator equipment at its elderly housing; and increased the frequency of the independent testing of its fire alarm equipment to better ensure the safety of this vulnerable population. The Authority is assisting the City of Summit and its emergency management officials in improving the city's local emergency response.

In the area of technology, the authority is presently exploring the possibility of upgrading its computer software to integrate its occupancy and rent recordkeeping; and thereby improve the administrative efficiency of its operations.