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Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy

PHA Plans

5 Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2001 - 2005

Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 4/01/2001-3/31/2002

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

PHA Plan
Agency Identification

PHA Name: Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy

PHA Number: NJ39-P006

PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (mm/yyyy)04/2001

Public Access to Information

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

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

Display Locations For PHA Plans and Supporting Documents

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

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

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

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

5-YEAR PLAN

PHA FISCAL YEARS 2001 - 2005

[24 CFR Part 903.5]

A. Mission

State the PHA's mission for serving the needs of low-income, very low income, and extremely low-income families in the PHA's jurisdiction. (select one of the choices below)

- The mission of the PHA is the same as that of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: To promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination.
- The PHA's mission is: (state mission here)

The PHA's mission is to provide decent housing, suitable living environments and viable urban communities for economically disadvantaged and disabled persons without discrimination while promoting and enhancing their selfsufficiency and economic development.

B. Goals

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

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

- PHA Goal: Expand the supply of assisted housing
Objectives:
- Apply for additional rental vouchers:
Quantifiable Measure: Not less than 150 additional vouchers will be applied for over the next five years.
 - Reduce public housing vacancies:
 - Leverage private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities:
Quantifiable Measure: In conjunction with the revitalization of Delaney Homes, HOPE VI funds, if available, will be leveraged by not less than 2 times the public housing investment by attracting private and other public investment.

Quantifiable Measure: Section 8 vouchers will be utilized to leverage conventional finance to develop an assisted living facility.

- Acquire or build units or developments
- Other (list below)

PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing

Objectives:

- Improve public housing management: (PHAS score)
- Improve voucher management: (SEMAP score)
- Increase customer satisfaction:
- Concentrate on efforts to improve specific management functions: (list; e.g., public housing finance; voucher unit inspections)
- Renovate or modernize public housing units:
- Demolish or dispose of obsolete public housing:
- Provide replacement public housing:
- Provide replacement vouchers:
- Other: (list below)

- Revitalize or redevelop obsolete public housing.

Quantifiable Measure: Delaney Homes will be revitalized or redeveloped with in the next five years, if HOPE VI funding becomes available or a mixed finance redevelopment program becomes feasible.

PHA Goal: Increase assisted housing choices

Objectives:

- Provide voucher mobility counseling:

Quantifiable Measure: 100% of new participants in the Section 8 voucher program will be counseled with regard to housing opportunities and locations available to them.

Quantifiable Measure: 100% existing residents of public housing and recipients of Section 8 assistance will be counseled annually with regard to alternative housing opportunities and locations available to them through the Section 8 voucher program.

- Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords

Quantifiable Measure: Not less than (2) two new landlord participants will be attracted annually.

- Increase voucher payment standards

- Implement voucher homeownership program:

Quantifiable Measure: Not less than three (3) new participants annually will be attracted annually.

- Implement public housing or other homeownership programs:

Quantifiable Measure: Not less than two (2) new participants will be attracted annually.

- Implement public housing site-based waiting lists:
- Convert public housing to vouchers:
- Other: (list below)
 - Create assisted living opportunities for low-income elderly residents.

Quantifiable Measure: One (1) assisted care facility with 50–100 apartments will be developed with the next five years.

HUD Strategic Goal: Improve community quality of life and economic vitality

- PHA Goal: Provide an improved living environment

Objectives:

 - Implement measures to deconcentrate poverty by bringing higher income public housing households into lower income developments:
 - Implement measures to promote income mixing in public housing by assuring access for lower income families into higher income developments:
 - Implement public housing security improvements:
 - Designate developments or buildings for particular resident groups (elderly, persons with disabilities)
 - Other: (list below)

HUD Strategic Goal: Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of families and individuals

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

Objectives:

 - Increase the number and percentage of employed persons in assisted families:

Quantifiable Measure: The number of assisted families with an employed person will be increased by 10% annually.
 - Provide or attract supportive services to improve assistance recipients' employability:

Quantifiable Measure: Twenty (20) public housing residents will be assisted annually.
 - Provide or attract supportive services to increase independence for the elderly or families with disabilities.

Quantifiable Measure: A partnership will be developed with a service provider to provide assistance and services to the proposed assisted living facility during the next five years.

- Other: (list below)
- Increase the number of public housing residents and resident owned businesses employed through Section 3 initiatives.
Quantifiable Measure: The number of residents hired under Section 3 initiatives will increase by 10% annually.

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: (list below)

Other PHA Goals and Objectives: (list below)

Reduce the isolation of low-income groups

Objectives:

- Implement measures to promote income mixing by bringing higher income public housing households into lower income developments.
Quantifiable Measure: The median income in each family development will be increased by 10% over the next five years.
- Implement measures to deconcentrate poverty by assuring housing opportunities are available to lower income public housing households in higher income neighborhoods.
Quantifiable Measure: Through the use of mobility counseling five (5) public housing residents will chose to move annually to a higher income neighborhood by participating in either the Section 8 voucher program or one of the a homeownership programs.

Annual PHA Plan PHA Fiscal Year 2001

[24 CFR Part 903.7]

i. Annual Plan Type:

Select which type of Annual Plan the PHA will submit.

Standard Plan

Streamlined Plan:

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

Troubled Agency Plan

ii. Executive Summary of the Annual PHA Plan

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

Provide a brief overview of the information in the Annual Plan, including highlights of major initiatives and discretionary policies the PHA has included in the Annual Plan.

The FY 2001 Annual PHA Plan for the Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy was developed by Housing Authority's newly formed PHA Planning Group, which includes the Resident Advisory Board. The activities and strategies planned for fiscal year 2001 have been developed to achieve the long range goals and objectives of the Authority's 5-Year Plan and to be consistent with the intent of the Consolidated Plan of the City of Perth Amboy. The Annual Plan consists of seventeen components. The intent of those components are described below.

Housing Needs: The agency has determined that the largest need for affordable housing exists among families with incomes less than 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI). There are insufficient decent affordable rental units available, particularly to families needing units with three or more bedrooms. There is also a need for apartments designed to accommodate physically disabled individuals. There is a need for assisted living facilities for elderly persons requiring supportive services to live independently. The Authority will focus its efforts to meet these needs during this year.

Financial Resources: The Authority anticipates that it will have a total of \$13,176,149 available to operate its various programs and activities during the next year. These funds will be from federal grants received during this year, unobligated funds from federal grants received in previous years, rental income and non-federal income sources.

Policies on Eligibility, Selection and Admissions: The Authority has modified its Admissions and Occupancy Policies for the public housing program and its

Administrative Plan for the section 8 program to comply with changes to federal housing statutes. As part of those changes, the Housing Authority has revised its preference system for both public housing and section 8 admissions. The federal preferences have been modified by the inclusion of a series of local preferences. Those changes will target assistance to meet the determined need, increase the number of working families in the programs, de-concentrate poverty and promote mixed income communities.

Rent Determination Policies: The Housing Authority either sets its public housing rents by at 30% of the adjusted income of the family with several deductions and income disregards to promote resident self-sufficiency or it allows residents to pay a flat rent which is set at the market value of the apartment. The Authority has established the payment standard to set the gross rents (payment to landlord plus utility allowances) for the section 8 programs at 100% of the Fair Market Rents (FMR) for the area. The Housing Authority has also established a \$50.00 minimum rent for both public housing and section 8 programs.

Operations and Management: The Authority owns, maintains and manages 575 conventional public housing units. It also manages 316 tenant based section 8 certificates and vouchers, 15 project based certificates and 160 welfare to work vouchers. The Authority operates a Drug Elimination Program, and Economic Development Program, a Family Self-Sufficiency Program and an Apprentice Training Program for Residents.

Grievance Procedures: The Authority has established written grievance procedures for its public housing program, which have been incorporated in its Admissions and Occupancy Policies. It has also established a written informal review process for its section 8 program that has been incorporated in its Administrative Plan.

Capital Improvement Needs: The Authority has established the capital needs that it intends to address during this year and in subsequent years. These needs are detailed in the Capital Fund Annual Statement and the Capital Fund 5-Year Action Plan, which are attached to this document. The Authority has \$2,463,470 of unobligated funds from previous capital grants (as of 9/30/2000) and anticipates an additional \$1,500,000 of capital funds in FY2000. The Housing Authority will use these funds for various capital improvements at the following developments:

- William A. Dunlap Homes, NJ 006-001
- John A. Delaney Homes, NJ 006-002
- Richard F. Stack Apartments, NJ006-004
- Wesley T. Hansen Apartments, NJ006-005

A portion of the funds will also be used for various resident self-sufficiency and management improvement programs.

The Housing Authority will prepare and submit a HOPE VI application to HUD for funds to completely redevelop Delaney Homes. It will also conduct preliminary planning to develop an assisted living facility.

Demolition and Disposition: The Housing Authority does not plan to demolish or dispose of any of its public housing units in FY2001.

Designation of Housing: The Housing Authority does not plan to designate any of its developments for the exclusive occupancy of elderly households. It also has no plans to designate any of its development for the exclusive occupancy of disabled households.

Conversions of Public Housing: The Housing Authority is not required by HUD or does not intend to voluntarily convert any of its conventional public housing developments to tenant based vouchers.

Homeownership: The Housing Authority presently has no homeownership programs. However, during this year it will develop an PHA-wide homeownership plan for both its public housing and section 8 programs. It will also begin preliminary planning this year to develop homes that will be made available to qualified public housing and section 8 residents.

Community Service Programs The Housing Authority operates a number of programs that are geared to providing supportive service and enhancing the self-sufficiency of its residents. It operates a Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program and an Economic Development and Supportive Service (EDSS) Program that are available to both public housing and section 8 residents and are geared to promoting economic self-sufficiency. It also operates a Painters Apprenticeship Program, which provides job training to public housing residents. In conjunction with the new Welfare to Work Vouchers, which the Authority was recently granted, there will be an extensive counseling program geared to eliminating impediments to self-sufficiency.

Crime and Safety: In conjunction with the Perth Amboy Police Department, the Housing Authority has conducted an assessment of crime and safety issues and has developed a series of activities geared to sustaining and improving the overall safety of public housing developments. In doing its modernization work, the Authority utilizes design features that have been proven to improve security and safety. The Authority also has targeted recreation and training programs to at risk youth. Most importantly, it has forged a cooperative relationship with the Perth Amboy Police Department to prevent crime in public housing. The developments that are most affected are:

- William A. Dunlap Homes
- John A. Delaney Homes
- George J. Otlowski Sr. Gardens

Asset Management: In conjunction with the preparation of the 5-Year Plan last year, the Housing Authority conducted an assessment of its entire portfolio of public housing properties and the market place. The results of that assessment form the basis for the long-term strategic planning decisions for the Authority.

iii. Annual Plan Table of Contents

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

Provide a table of contents for the Annual Plan including attachments, and a list of supporting documents available for public inspection

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Attachments

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Required Attachments:

- A. Admissions Policy for Deconcentration **Attachment A (nj006a01.doc)**
- B. FY 2001 Capital Fund Program Annual Statement **Attachment B**

Optional Attachments:

- A. FY 200` Capital Fund Program 5 Year Action Plan **Attachment C**
- B. PHA Management Organizational Chart **Attachment D**
- C. Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP) Plan **Attachment E (nj006e01.doc)**
- D. Pet Policy **Attachment F (nj006f01.doc)**
- E. Report on Progress in Meeting the Goals of the Give Year Plan **Attachment G (nj006g01.doc)**

H. Report on Comments Received During the Advisory Process **Attachment H**
(nj006h01.doc)

Supporting Documents Available for Review

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

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Applicable Component Plan
	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	5 Year and Annual Plans
	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources;
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public housing rent determination policies, including the methodology for setting public housing flat rents <input checked="" 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	Applicable Component	Plan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Schedule of flat rents offered at each public housing development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination	Rent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Rent Determination	Rent
Under Construction	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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public housing grievance procedures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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 Homeownership Plan:	
	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Homeownership Plan:	
	Any cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FSS Action Plan/s for public housing and/or Section 8	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Most recent self-sufficiency (ED/SS, TOP or ROSS or other resident services grant) grant program reports	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency	

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Applicable Component Plan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The most recent Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHEDEP) semi-annual performance report for any open grant and most recently submitted PHDEP application (PHDEP Plan)	Annual Plan: Safety and Crime Prevention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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)

1. Statement of Housing Needs

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (a)]

A. Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction/s Served by the PHA

Based upon the information contained in the Consolidated Plan/s applicable to the jurisdiction, and/or other data available to the PHA, provide a statement of the housing needs in the jurisdiction by completing the following table. In the "Overall" Needs column, provide the estimated number of renter families that have housing needs. For the remaining characteristics, rate the impact of that factor on the housing needs for each family type, from 1 to 5, with 1 being "no impact" and 5 being "severe impact." Use N/A to indicate that no information is available upon which the PHA can make this assessment.

Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type							
Family Type	Overall	Afford-ability	Supply	Quality	Access-ibility	Size	Loca-tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	2,105	5	4	3	5	5	1
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	1,240	4	3	3	5	4	1
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	418	3	3	3	5	3	1
Elderly	800	4	2	2	5	1	1
Families with Disabilities	N/A	4	5	3	5	3	1
All Minorities	N/A	4	3	3	5	4	1
Race/Ethnicity							
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What sources of information did the PHA use to conduct this analysis? (Check all that apply; all materials must be made available for public inspection.)

- Consolidated Plan of the Jurisdiction/s
Indicate year: 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 type="checkbox"/> Section 8 tenant-based assistance			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Housing			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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	400		
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	316	79%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	73	18%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	11	3%	
Families with children	147	37%	
Elderly families	131	33%	
Families with Disabilities	138	35%	
White	24	6%	
Black	36	9%	
Indian	0	0%	
Asian	0	0%	
Hispanic	340	85%	
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)			
0BR	94	23%	
1BR	144	36%	
2 BR	72	18%	
3 BR	76	19%	
4 BR	12	3%	
5 BR	2	0.5%	
5+ BR	0	0%	

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List

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

If yes:

How long has it been closed (# of months)? 1 month

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

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

- *The public housing waiting list for elderly/disabled families is open.
- *The family waiting list recently closed. We expect to add approximately 200 additional applications to the list when applications are returned by the 12/22/2000 deadline.

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List

Waiting list type: (select one)

Section 8 tenant-based assistance

Public Housing

Combined Section 8 and Public Housing

Public Housing Site-Based or sub-jurisdictional waiting list (optional)

If used, identify which development/subjurisdiction:

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List

Section 8

	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	271		
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	230	85%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	41	15%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	0	0%	
Families with children	197	73%	
Elderly families	20	7%	
Families with Disabilities	34	13%	

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
White	233	86%	
Black	38	14%	
Indian	0	0%	
Asian	0	0%	
Hispanic	220	81%	
Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes			
If yes:			
How long has it been closed (# of months)? 30			
Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes			

C. Strategy for Addressing Needs

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

(1) Strategies

Need: Shortage of affordable housing for all eligible populations

Strategy 1. Maximize the number of affordable units available to the PHA within its current resources by:

Select all that apply

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

Other (list below)

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

Select all that apply

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

Need: Specific Family Types: Families at or below 30% of median

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 30 % of AMI

Select all that apply

- Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in public housing
- Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in tenant-based section 8 assistance
- Employ admissions preferences aimed at families with economic hardships
- Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- Other: (list below)

Need: Specific Family Types: Families at or below 50% of median

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 50% of AMI

Select all that apply

- Employ admissions preferences aimed at families who are working
- Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- Other: (list below)

Need: Specific Family Types: The Elderly

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to the elderly:

Select all that apply

- Seek designation of public housing for the elderly
- Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to the elderly, should they become available
- Other: (list below)

- Converting a number of existing tenant-based vouchers to project based units and target them to leverage the development of an assisted living facility for low-income elderly residents.

Need: Specific Family Types: Families with Disabilities

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to Families with Disabilities:

Select all that apply

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

Need: Specific Family Types: Races or ethnicities with disproportionate housing needs

Strategy 1: Increase awareness of PHA resources among families of races and ethnicities with disproportionate needs:

Select if applicable

- Affirmatively market to races/ethnicities shown to have disproportionate housing needs
- Other: (list below)

Strategy 2: Conduct activities to affirmatively further fair housing

Select all that apply

- Counsel section 8 tenants as to location of units outside of areas of poverty or minority concentration and assist them to locate those units
- Market the section 8 program to owners outside of areas of poverty /minority concentrations
- Other: (list below)

Other Housing Needs & Strategies: (list needs and strategies below)

(2) Reasons for Selecting Strategies

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

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

2. Statement of Financial Resources

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (b)]

List the financial resources that are anticipated to be available to the PHA for the support of Federal public housing and tenant-based Section 8 assistance programs administered by the PHA during the Plan year. Note: the table assumes that Federal public housing or tenant based Section 8 assistance grant funds are expended on eligible purposes; therefore, uses of these funds need not be stated. For other funds, indicate the use for those funds as one of the following categories: public housing operations, public housing capital improvements, public housing safety/security, public housing supportive services, Section 8 tenant-based assistance, Section 8 supportive services or other.

Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses		
Sources	Planned \$	Planned Uses
1. Federal Grants (FY 2000 grants)		
a) Public Housing Operating Fund	2,200,000	
b) Public Housing Capital Fund	1,500,000	
c) Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance	4,642,830	
d) Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (including any Technical Assistance funds)	132,949	
e) Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants	150,000	
f) Community Development Block Grant	37,000	Recreation Programs
Other Federal Grants (list below)		
EDSS Grant	50,000	Resident Training

Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses		
Sources	Planned \$	Planned Uses
2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only)		
Public Housing Capital Funds	2,463,370	Planned Modernization and Management Improvements
Public Housing Drug Elimination Program	0	Planned Drug Prevention & Public Safety Activities
3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income	1,850,000	Public Housing Operations
4. Non-federal sources		
Section 8 Administrative Fee Reserves	100,000	Acquisition of property and establishing an Agency-wide Homeownership Program, Recreation Program and Management Information Systems Administration
State of NJ – Summer Nutrition	100,000	Summer Food Program
Total resources	13,176,149	

3. PHA Policies Governing Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (c)]

A. Public Housing

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer public housing are not required to complete subcomponent 3A.

(1) Eligibility

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

- When families are within a certain number of being offered a unit: - within 5 families.
- When families are within a certain time of being offered a unit:- 60 days
- Other: (describe)

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

- Criminal or Drug-related activity
- Rental history
- Housekeeping
- Other (describe)

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

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

e. Yes No: Does the PHA access FBI criminal records from the FBI for screening purposes? (either directly or through an NCIC-authorized source)

(2)Waiting List Organization

a. Which methods does the PHA plan to use to organize its public housing waiting list (select all that apply)

- Community-wide list
- Sub-jurisdictional lists
- Site-based waiting lists
- Other (describe)

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

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

c. If the PHA plans to operate one or more site-based waiting lists in the coming year, answer each of the following questions; if not, skip to subsection**(3) Assignment**

1. How many site-based waiting lists will the PHA operate in the coming year?

2. Yes No: Are any or all of the PHA's site-based waiting lists new for the upcoming year (that is, they are not part of a previously HUD-approved site based waiting list plan)?
If yes, how many lists?

3. Yes No: May families be on more than one list simultaneously
If yes, how many lists?

4. Where can interested persons obtain more information about and sign up to be on the site-based waiting lists (select all that apply)?

- PHA main administrative office
- All PHA development management offices
- Management offices at developments with site-based waiting lists
- At the development to which they would like to apply
- Other (list below)

(3) Assignment

a. How many vacant unit choices are applicants ordinarily given before they fall to the bottom of or are removed from the waiting list? (select one)

- One
- Two
- Three or More

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

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

(4) Admissions Preferences

a. Income targeting:

- Yes No: Does the PHA plan to exceed the federal targeting requirements by targeting more than 40% of all new admissions to public housing to families at or below 30% of median area income?

b. Transfer policies:

In what circumstances will transfers take precedence over new admissions? (list below)

- Emergencies
- Overhoused
- Underhoused
- Medical justification
- Administrative reasons determined by the PHA (e.g., to permit modernization work)
- Resident choice: (state circumstances below)
- Other: (list below)
 - Reasons of individual safety (e.g., incidences of domestic violence, victim of reprisal or hate crimes)

c. Preferences

1. Yes No: Has the PHA established preferences for admission to public housing (other than date and time of application)? (If “no” is selected, skip to subsection **(5) Occupancy**)
2. Which of the following admission preferences does the PHA plan to employ in the coming year? (select all that apply from either former Federal preferences or other preferences)

Former Federal preferences:

- Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- Victims of domestic violence
- Substandard housing
- Homelessness
- High rent burden (rent is > 50 percent of income)

Other preferences: (select below)

- Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- Veterans and veterans’ families
- Residents who live and/or work in the jurisdiction
- Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- Other preference(s) (list below)
 - Applicants on the waiting list for more than five (5) years.

3. If the PHA will employ admissions preferences, please prioritize by placing a “1” in the space that represents your first priority, a “2” in the box representing your second priority, and so on. If you give equal weight to one or more of these choices (either through an absolute hierarchy or through a point system), place the same number next to each. That means you can use “1” more than once, “2” more than once, etc.

1 Date and Time

Former Federal preferences:

- 1 Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- 3 Victims of domestic violence
- 1 Substandard housing
- Homelessness
- 1 High rent burden

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- 1 Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- 1 Veterans and veterans' families
- Residents who live and/or work in the jurisdiction
- Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- 1 Other preference(s) (list below)
 - Applicants on the waiting list for more than five (5) years

4. Relationship of preferences to income targeting requirements:

- The PHA applies preferences within income tiers
- Not applicable: the pool of applicant families ensures that the PHA will meet income targeting requirements

(5) Occupancy

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

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

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

- At an annual reexamination and lease renewal
- Any time family composition changes
- At family request for revision
- Other (list)

(6) Deconcentration and Income Mixing

a. Yes No: Did the PHA's analysis of its family (general occupancy) developments to determine concentrations of poverty indicate the

need for measures to promote deconcentration of poverty or income mixing?

b. Yes No: Did the PHA adopt any changes to its **admissions policies** based on the results of the required analysis of the need to promote deconcentration of poverty or to assure income mixing?

c. If the answer to b was yes, what changes were adopted? (select all that apply)

Adoption of site based waiting lists
If selected, list targeted developments below:

Employing waiting list “skipping” to achieve deconcentration of poverty or income mixing goals at targeted developments
If selected, list targeted developments below:
Dunlap Homes
Delaney Homes

Employing new admission preferences at targeted developments
If selected, list targeted developments below:

Other (list policies and developments targeted below)
• Establishing new admission preferences that gives preferences to working families.

d. Yes No: Did the PHA adopt any changes to **other** policies based on the results of the required analysis of the need for deconcentration of poverty and income mixing?

e. If the answer to d was yes, how would you describe these changes? (select all that apply)

- Additional affirmative marketing
- Actions to improve the marketability of certain developments
- Adoption or adjustment of ceiling rents for certain developments
- Adoption of rent incentives to encourage deconcentration of poverty and income mixing
- Other (list below)

f. Based on the results of the required analysis, in which developments will the PHA make special efforts to attract or retain higher-income families? (select all that apply)

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

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

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

B. Section 8

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer section 8 are not required to complete subcomponent 3B.

Unless otherwise specified, all questions in this section apply only to the tenant-based section 8 assistance program (vouchers, and until completely merged into the voucher program, certificates).

(1) Eligibility

a. What is the extent of screening conducted by the PHA? (select all that apply)

- Criminal or drug-related activity only to the extent required by law or regulation
 Criminal and drug-related activity, more extensively than required by law or regulation
 More general screening than criminal and drug-related activity (list factors below)
 Other (list below)
- Family's Rental History
 - Housekeeping

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

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

d. Yes No: Does the PHA access FBI criminal records from the FBI for screening purposes? (either directly or through an NCIC-authorized source)

e. Indicate what kinds of information you share with prospective landlords? (select all that apply)

- Criminal or drug-related activity
 Other (describe below)
- Name and phone number of previous landlords

(2) Waiting List Organization

a. With which of the following program waiting lists is the section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting list merged? (select all that apply)

- None
 Federal public housing

- Federal moderate rehabilitation
- Federal project-based certificate program
- Other federal or local program (list below)

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

- PHA main administrative office
- Other (list below)

(3) Search Time

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

If yes, state circumstances below:

- Cannot find suitable housing and search is documented
- Medical or health problems of family members

(4) Admissions Preferences

a. Income targeting

Yes No: Does the PHA plan to exceed the federal targeting requirements by targeting more than 75% of all new admissions to the section 8 program to families at or below 30% of median area income?

b. Preferences

1. Yes No: Has the PHA established preferences for admission to section 8 tenant-based assistance? (other than date and time of application) (if no, skip to subcomponent **(5) Special purpose section 8 assistance programs**)

2. Which of the following admission preferences does the PHA plan to employ in the coming year? (select all that apply from either former Federal preferences or other preferences)

Former Federal preferences

- Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- Victims of domestic violence
- Substandard housing

- Homelessness
- High rent burden (rent is > 50 percent of income)

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- Veterans and veterans' families
- Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction
- Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- Other preference(s) (list below)
 - Applicants on the waiting list for more than five (5) years.
 - Relocation of public housing tenant to protect health and safety of the tenant or other public housing tenants.
 - Relocation to accommodate eligible public housing resident to participate in the homeownership program.
 - Relocation to accommodate the employment, training or education of the head of a public housing household or his/her spouse.

3. If the PHA will employ admissions preferences, please prioritize by placing a "1" in the space that represents your first priority, a "2" in the box representing your second priority, and so on. If you give equal weight to one or more of these choices (either through an absolute hierarchy or through a point system), place the same number next to each. That means you can use "1" more than once, "2" more than once, etc.

1 Date and Time

Former Federal preferences

- 1 Involuntary Displacement
- 3 Displacement by Fire, Flood, Natural Disaster, Condemnation, Government Action or Victim of Domestic Violence
- 1 Substandard housing
- Homelessness
- 1 High rent burden

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- 1 Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- 1 Veterans and veterans' families
- Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction
- Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)

Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs

15 Victims of reprisals or hate crimes

Other preference(s) (list below)

- Applicants on the waiting list for more than five (5) years 1 point
- Relocation of public housing tenant to protect health and safety of the tenant or other public housing tenants. 15 points
- Relocation to accommodate public housing modernization needs 12 points
- Relocation to accommodate eligible public housing resident to participate in the homeownership program. 10 points
- Relocation to accommodate the employment, training or education of the head of a public housing household or his/her spouse. 10 points

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

Date and time of application

Drawing (lottery) or other random choice technique

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

This preference has previously been reviewed and approved by HUD

The PHA requests approval for this preference through this PHA Plan

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

The PHA applies preferences within income tiers

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

(5) Special Purpose Section 8 Assistance Programs

a. In which documents or other reference materials are the policies governing eligibility, selection, and admissions to any special-purpose section 8 program administered by the PHA contained? (select all that apply)

- The Section 8 Administrative Plan
- Briefing sessions and written materials
- Other (list below)

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

- Through published notices
- Other (list below)

4. PHA Rent Determination Policies

[24 CFR Part 903.79(d)]

A. Public Housing

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

(1) Income Based Rent Policies

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

a. Use of discretionary policies: (select one)

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

---or---

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

b. Minimum Rent

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

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

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

3. If yes to question 2, list these policies below:

- Family has lost eligibility for or is awaiting an eligibility determination for inclusion in a Federal State or local assistance program.
- Family would be evicted as a result of the imposition of the minimum rent.
- Income of the family has decreased because of change in circumstances including loss of employment.
- Death in the family has occurred.
- Other circumstances determined on a case by case basis by the Authority.

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

1. Yes No: Does the PHA plan to charge rents at a fixed amount or percentage less than 30% of adjusted income?

2. If yes to above, list the amounts or percentages charged and the circumstances under which these will be used below:

d. Which of the discretionary (optional) deductions and/or exclusions policies does the PHA plan to employ (select all that apply)

For the earned income of a previously unemployed household member

For increases in earned income

Fixed amount (other than general rent-setting policy)

If yes, state amount/s and circumstances below:

Fixed percentage (other than general rent-setting policy)

If yes, state percentage/s and circumstances below:

For household heads

For other family members

For transportation expenses

For the non-reimbursed medical expenses of non-disabled or non-elderly families

Other (describe below)

- For the earned income of a household member previously on welfare
- For an increase in income resulting from participation in a selfsufficiency or training program.

e. Ceiling rents

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

- Yes for all developments
- Yes but only for some developments
- No

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

- For all developments
- For all general occupancy developments (not elderly or disabled or elderly only)
- For specified general occupancy developments
- For certain parts of developments; e.g., the high-rise portion
- For certain size units; e.g., larger bedroom sizes
- Other (list below)

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

- Market comparability study
- Fair market rents (FMR)
- 95th percentile rents
- 75 percent of operating costs
- 100 percent of operating costs for general occupancy (family) developments
- Operating costs plus debt service
- The "rental value" of the unit
- Other (list below)

f. Rent re-determinations:

1. Between income reexaminations, how often must tenants report changes in income or family composition to the PHA such that the changes result in an adjustment to rent? (select all that apply)

- Never
- At family option
- Any time the family experiences an income increase
- Any time a family experiences an income increase above a threshold amount or percentage: (if selected, specify threshold)_____
- Other (list below)

- g. Yes No: Does the PHA plan to implement individual savings accounts for residents (ISAs) as an alternative to the required 12 month disallowance of earned income and phasing in of rent increases in the next year?

(2) Flat Rents

1. In setting the market-based flat rents, what sources of information did the PHA use to establish comparability? (select all that apply.)
- The section 8 rent reasonableness study of comparable housing
 - Survey of rents listed in local newspaper
 - Survey of similar unassisted units in the neighborhood
 - Other (list/describe below)

B. Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer Section 8 tenantbased assistance are not required to complete sub-component 4B. **Unless otherwise specified, all questions in this section apply only to the tenant based section 8 assistance program (vouchers, and until completely merged into the voucher program, certificates).**

(1) Payment Standards

Describe the voucher payment standards and policies.

- a. What is the PHA's payment standard? (select the category that best describes your standard)
- At or above 90% but below 100% of FMR
 - 100% of FMR
 - Above 100% but at or below 110% of FMR
 - Above 110% of FMR (if HUD approved; describe circumstances below)
- b. If the payment standard is lower than FMR, why has the PHA selected this standard? (select all that apply)
- FMRs are adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment of the FMR area
 - The PHA has chosen to serve additional families by lowering the payment standard
 - Reflects market or submarket

Other (list below)

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

- FMRs are not adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment of the FMR area
- Reflects market or submarket
- To increase housing options for families
- Other (list below)

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

- Annually
- Other (list below)

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

- Success rates of assisted families
- Rent burdens of assisted families
- Other (list below)

(2) Minimum Rent

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

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

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

- Family has lost eligibility for or is awaiting an eligibility determination for inclusion in a Federal State or local assistance program.
- Family would be evicted as a result of the imposition of the minimum rent.
- Income of the family has decreased because of change in circumstances including loss of employment.
- Death in the family has occurred.
- Other circumstances determined on a case by case basis by the Authority.

5. Operations and Management

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (e)]

Exemptions from Component 5: High performing and small PHAs are not required to complete this section. Section 8 only PHAs must complete parts A, B, and C(2)

A. PHA Management Structure

Describe the PHA's management structure and organization.

(select one)

- An organization chart showing the PHA's management structure and organization is attached. - **See Attachment D**
- A brief description of the management structure and organization of the PHA follows:

B. HUD Programs Under PHA Management

List Federal programs administered by the PHA, number of families served at the beginning of the upcoming fiscal year, and expected turnover in each. (Use "NA" to indicate that the PHA does not operate any of the programs listed below.)

Program Name	Units or Families Served at Year Beginning	Expected Turnover
Public Housing	575	50
Section 8 Vouchers	199	10
Section 8 Certificates	117	6
Section 8 Mod Rehab		
Special Purpose Section 8 Certificates/Vouchers (list individually)		
Section 8 Project Based	15	1
Welfare to Work Vouchers	160	160
Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP)	575	N/A
Economic Development and Supportive Services (EDDS)	478	N/A
Family Self Sufficiency	157	N/A
Painter Apprenticeship Program	428	N/A

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)

- Personnel Policy
- Maintenance Plan.

(2) Section 8 Management: (list below)

- Administrative Plan

6. PHA Grievance Procedures

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (f)]

Exemptions from component 6: High performing PHAs are not required to complete component 6. Section 8-Only PHAs are exempt from sub-component 6A.

A. Public Housing

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

If yes, list additions to federal requirements below:

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

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

B. Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance

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

If yes, list additions to federal requirements below:

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

- PHA main administrative office
 Other (list below)

7. Capital Improvement Needs

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (g)]

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

A. Capital Fund Activities

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

(1) Capital Fund Program Annual Statement

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

Select one:

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

-or-

- The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement is provided below: (if selected, copy the CFP Annual Statement from the Table Library and insert here)

(2) Optional 5-Year Action Plan

Agencies are encouraged to include a 5-Year Action Plan covering capital work items. This statement can be completed by using the 5 Year Action Plan table provided in the table library at the end of the PHA Plan template **OR** by completing and attaching a properly updated HUD-52834.

- a. Yes No: Is the PHA providing an optional 5-Year Action Plan for the Capital Fund? (if no, skip to sub-component 7B)

b. If yes to question a, select one:

The Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan is provided as an attachment to the PHA Plan at Attachment (state name) **Attachment C**

-or-

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

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

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

Yes No: a) Has the PHA received a HOPE VI revitalization grant? (if no, skip to question c; if yes, provide responses to question b for each grant, copying and completing as many times as necessary)
b) Status of HOPE VI revitalization grant (complete one set of questions for each grant)

1. Development name:

2. Development (project) number:

3. Status of grant: (select the statement that best describes the current status)

- Revitalization Plan under development
- Revitalization Plan submitted, pending approval
- Revitalization Plan approved
- Activities pursuant to an approved Revitalization Plan underway

Yes No: c) Does the PHA plan to apply for a HOPE VI Revitalization grant in the Plan year?

If yes, list development name/s below:

- Delaney Homes

Yes No: d) Will the PHA be engaging in any mixed-finance development activities for public housing in the Plan year?

If yes, list developments or activities below:

- Yes No: e) Will the PHA be conducting any other public housing development or replacement activities not discussed in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement?
If yes, list developments or activities below:

8. Demolition and Disposition

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (h)]

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

1. Yes No: Does the PHA plan to conduct any demolition or disposition activities (pursuant to section 18 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437p)) in the plan Fiscal Year? (If “No”, skip to component 9; if “yes”, complete one activity description for each development.)

2. Activity Description

- Yes No: Has the PHA provided the activities description information in the **optional** Public Housing Asset Management Table? (If “yes”, skip to component 9. If “No”, complete the Activity Description table below.)

Demolition/Disposition Activity Description
1a. Development name: 1b. Development (project) number:
2. Activity type: Demolition <input type="checkbox"/> Disposition <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Application status (select one) Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted, pending approval <input type="checkbox"/> Planned application <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Date application approved, submitted, or planned for submission: <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. Timeline for activity: a. Actual or projected start date of activity: b. Projected end date of activity:

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

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (i)]

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

1. Yes No: Has the PHA designated or applied for approval to designate or does the PHA plan to apply to designate any public housing for occupancy only by the elderly families or only by families with disabilities, or by elderly families and families with disabilities or will apply for designation for occupancy by only elderly families or only families with disabilities, or by elderly families and families with disabilities as provided by section 7 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437e) in the upcoming fiscal year? (If “No”, skip to component 10. If “yes”, complete one activity description for each development, unless the PHA is eligible to complete a streamlined submission; PHAs completing streamlined submissions may skip to component 10.)

2. Activity Description

Yes No: Has the PHA provided all required activity description information for this component in the **optional** Public Housing Asset Management Table? If “yes”, skip to component 10. If “No”, complete the Activity Description table below.

Designation of Public Housing Activity Description
1a. Development name: 1b. Development (project) number:
2. Designation type: Occupancy by only the elderly <input type="checkbox"/> Occupancy by families with disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Occupancy by only elderly families and families with disabilities <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Application status (select one) Approved; included in the PHA’s Designation Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted, pending approval <input type="checkbox"/> Planned application <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Date this designation approved, submitted, or planned for submission:(DD/MM/YY)
5. If approved, will this designation constitute a (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> New Designation Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a previously-approved Designation Plan?
6. Number of units affected: 7. Coverage of action (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Part of the development <input type="checkbox"/> Total development

10. Conversion of Public Housing to Tenant-Based Assistance

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (j)]

Exemptions from Component 10; Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this section.

A. Assessments of Reasonable Revitalization Pursuant to section 202 of the HUD FY 1996 HUD Appropriations Act

1. Yes No: Have any of the PHA's developments or portions of developments been identified by HUD or the PHA as covered under section 202 of the HUD FY 1996 HUD Appropriations Act? (If "No", skip to component 11; if "yes", complete one activity description for each identified development, unless eligible to complete a streamlined submission. PHAs completing streamlined submissions may skip to component 11.)

2. Activity Description

- Yes No: Has the PHA provided all required activity description information for this component in the **optional** Public Housing Asset Management Table? If "yes", skip to component 11. If "No", complete the Activity Description table below.

Conversion of Public Housing Activity Description
1a. Development name: 1b. Development (project) number:
2. What is the status of the required assessment? <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment underway <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment results submitted to HUD <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment results approved by HUD (if marked, proceed to next question) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below)
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No: Is a Conversion Plan required? (If yes, go to block 4; if no, go to block 5.)
4. Status of Conversion Plan (select the statement that best describes the current status) <input type="checkbox"/> Conversion Plan in development <input type="checkbox"/> Conversion Plan submitted to HUD on: (DD/MM/YYYY) <input type="checkbox"/> Conversion Plan approved by HUD on: (DD/MM/YYYY) <input type="checkbox"/> Activities pursuant to HUD-approved Conversion Plan underway
5. Description of how requirements of Section 202 are being satisfied by means other than conversion (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Units addressed in a pending or approved demolition application (date submitted or approved: <input type="checkbox"/> Units addressed in a pending or approved HOPE VI demolition application (date submitted or approved:)

<input type="checkbox"/> Units addressed in a pending or approved HOPE VI Revitalization Plan (date submitted or approved:)
<input type="checkbox"/> Requirements no longer applicable: vacancy rates are less than 10 percent
<input type="checkbox"/> Requirements no longer applicable: site now has less than 300 units
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: (describe below)

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

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

11. Homeownership Programs Administered by the PHA

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (k)]

A. Public Housing

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

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

2. Activity Description

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

Public Housing Homeownership Activity Description (Complete one for each development affected)
1a. Development name: 1b. Development (project) number:
2. Federal Program authority: <input type="checkbox"/> HOPE I <input type="checkbox"/> 5(h) <input type="checkbox"/> Turnkey III <input type="checkbox"/> Section 32 of the USHA of 1937 (effective 10/1/99)
3. Application status: (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Approved; included in the PHA's Homeownership Plan/Program <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted, pending approval <input type="checkbox"/> Planned application
4. Date Homeownership Plan/Program approved, submitted, or planned for submission: (DD/MM/YYYY)
5. Number of units affected: 6. Coverage of action: (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Part of the development <input type="checkbox"/> Total development

B. Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance

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

2. Program Description:

a. Size of Program

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

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

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

more than 100 participants

b. PHA-established eligibility criteria

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

If yes, list criteria below:

12. PHA Community Service and Self-sufficiency Programs

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (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:

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? DD/MM/YY

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

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

B. Services and programs offered to residents and participants

(1) General

a. Self-Sufficiency Policies

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

- Public housing rent determination policies
- Public housing admissions policies

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

b. Economic and Social self-sufficiency programs

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

Services and Programs				
Program Name & Description (including location, if appropriate)	Estimated Size	Allocation Method (waiting list/random selection/specific criteria/other)	Access (development office / PHA main office / other provider name)	Eligibility (public housing or section 8 participants or both)
Economic Development and Supportive Services	\$150,000	Random selection	Administrative Office	Both
Family Self Sufficiency Plan	157 slots	Random selection	Administrative Office	Both
Painters Apprenticeship Program	N/A	By application and interview – minimum criteria	Administrative Office	Public Housing
Welfare to Work Vouchers	160	Waiting List/Eligibility criteria	Administrative Office	Section 8
ROSS	\$150,000	Random Selection	Administrative Office	Both

(2) Family Self Sufficiency program/s

A. Participation Description

Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Participation		
Program	Required Number of Participants (start of FY 2000 Estimate)	Actual Number of Participants (As of: 10/05/2000)
Public Housing	0	24
Section 8	111	133

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

If no, list steps the PHA will take below:

N/A- The Housing Authority is maintaining the minimum program size.

C. Welfare Benefit Reductions

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

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

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

13. PHA Safety and Crime Prevention Measures

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (m)]

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

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

1. Describe the need for measures to ensure the safety of public housing residents (select all that apply)

- High incidence of violent and/or drug-related crime in some or all of the PHA's developments
- High incidence of violent and/or drug-related crime in the areas surrounding or adjacent to the PHA's developments
- Residents fearful for their safety and/or the safety of their children
- Observed lower-level crime, vandalism and/or graffiti
- People on waiting list unwilling to move into one or more developments due to perceived and/or actual levels of violent and/or drug-related crime
- Other (describe below)

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

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

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

- Dunlap Homes
- Delaney Homes
- Otlowski Gardens

B. Crime and Drug Prevention activities the PHA has undertaken or plans to undertake in the next PHA fiscal year

1. List the crime prevention activities the PHA has undertaken or plans to undertake: (select all that apply)

- Contracting with outside and/or resident organizations for the provision of crime and/or drug-prevention activities
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Activities targeted to at-risk youth, adults, or seniors
- Volunteer Resident Patrol/Block Watchers Program
- Other (describe below)

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

- Dunlap Homes
- Delaney Homes
- Otlowski Gardens

C. Coordination between PHA and the police

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

- Police involvement in development, implementation, and/or ongoing evaluation of drug-elimination plan
- Police provide crime data to housing authority staff for analysis and action
- Police have established a physical presence on housing authority property (e.g., community policing office, officer in residence)
- Police regularly testify in and otherwise support eviction cases
- Police regularly meet with the PHA management and residents
- Agreement between PHA and local law enforcement agency for provision of above-baseline law enforcement services
- Other activities (list below)
 - Joint Authority and Police enforcement of anti-loitering ordinances on Authority property.

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

- Dunlap Homes
- Delaney Homes
- Otlowski Gardens

D. Additional information as required by PHDEP/PHDEP Plan

PHAs eligible for FY 2000 PHDEP funds must provide a PHDEP Plan meeting specified requirements prior to receipt of PHDEP funds.

- Yes No: Is the PHA eligible to participate in the PHDEP in the fiscal year covered by this PHA Plan?
- Yes No: Has the PHA included the PHDEP Plan for FY 2000 in this PHA Plan?
- Yes No: This PHDEP Plan is include as **Attachment E (nj006e01.doc)**.

14. PET POLICY

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (n)]

The PHA’s Pet Policy is included as **Attachment F (nj006f01.doc)**.

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. Yes No: Is the PHA required to have an audit conducted under section 5(h)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c(h))?
(If no, skip to component 17.)
2. Yes No: Was the most recent fiscal audit submitted to HUD?
3. Yes No: Were there any findings as the result of that audit?
4. Yes No: If there were any findings, do any remain unresolved?
If yes, how many unresolved findings remain?_____
5. Yes No: Have responses to any unresolved findings been submitted to HUD?
If not, when are they due (state below)?

17. PHA Asset Management

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (q)]

Exemptions from component 17: Section 8 Only PHAs are not required to complete this component. High performing and small PHAs are not required to complete this component.

1. Yes No: Is the PHA engaging in any activities that will contribute to the long term asset management of its public housing stock , including how the Agency will plan for long-term operating, capital investment, rehabilitation, modernization, disposition, and other needs that have **not** been addressed elsewhere in this PHA Plan?

2. What types of asset management activities will the PHA undertake? (select all that apply)
 - Not applicable
 - Private management
 - Development-based accounting
 - Comprehensive stock assessment
 - Other: (list below)
 - Planning for long-term operating, capital investment, rehabilitation, modernization, disposition, and other needs that have **not** been addressed elsewhere in this PHA Plan.

3. Yes No: Has the PHA included descriptions of asset management activities in the **optional** Public Housing Asset Management Table?

18. Other Information

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

A. Resident Advisory Board Recommendations

1. Yes No: Did the PHA receive any comments on the PHA Plan from the Resident Advisory Board/s?

2. If yes, the comments are: (if comments were received, the PHAMUST select one)
 - Attached at Attachment (File name)
 - Provided below:

3. In what manner did the PHA address those comments? (select all that apply)
 - Considered comments, but determined that no changes to the PHA Plan were necessary.
 - The PHA changed portions of the PHA Plan in response to comments
List changes below:
 - Other: (list below)

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

- 1. Yes No: Does the PHA meet the exemption criteria provided section 2(b)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937? (If no, continue to question 2; if yes, skip to sub-component C.)

- 2. Yes No: Was the resident who serves on the PHA Board elected by the residents? (If yes, continue to question 3; if no, skip to sub-component C.)

3. Description of Resident Election Process

a. Nomination of candidates for place on the ballot: (select all that apply)

- Candidates were nominated by resident and assisted family organizations
- Candidates could be nominated by any adult recipient of PHA assistance
- Self-nomination: Candidates registered with the PHA and requested a place on ballot
- Other: (describe)

b. Eligible candidates: (select one)

- Any recipient of PHA assistance
- Any head of household receiving PHA assistance
- Any adult recipient of PHA assistance
- Any adult member of a resident or assisted family organization
- Other (list)

c. Eligible voters: (select all that apply)

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

C. Statement of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

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

- 1. Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: City of Perth Amboy

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

- The PHA has participated in any consultation process organized and offered by the Consolidated Plan agency in the development of the Consolidated Plan.
- The PHA has consulted with the Consolidated Plan agency during the development of this PHA Plan.
- Activities to be undertaken by the PHA in the coming year are consistent with the initiatives contained in the Consolidated Plan. (list below)

- Other: (list below)

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

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.

- A. Admissions Policy for Deconcentration -
nj006a01.doc
- B. FY 2000 Capital Fund Program Annual Statement
See Following Pages
- C. FY 2000 Capital Fund Program 5 Year Action Plan
See Following Pages
- D. PHA Management Organizational Chart
See Following Pages
- E. Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP) Plan
nj006e01.doc
- F. Pet Policy
nj006f01.doc
- G. Report on Progress in Meeting the Goals of the Five Year Plan
nj006g01.doc
- H. Report on Comments Received During the Advisory Process
nj006h01.doc

Attachment B

Annual Statement Capital Fund Program (CFP) Part I: Summary

Capital Fund Grant Number NJ39-P006-502 FFY of Grant Approval: 2001

Original Annual Statement

Line No.	Summary by Development Account	Total Cost	Estimated
1	Total Non-CGP Funds		
2	1406 Operations	\$0	
3	1408 Management Improvements	\$150,000	
4	1410 Administration	\$150,000	
5	1411 Audit	\$0	
6	1415 Liquidated Damages	\$0	
7	1430 Fees and Costs	\$33,000	
8	1440 Site Acquisition	\$0	
9	1450 Site Improvement	\$280,000	
10	1460 Dwelling Structures	\$962,000	
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment-Nonexpendable	\$20,000	
12	1470 Nondwelling Structures	\$0	
13	1475 Nondwelling Equipment	\$0	
14	1485 Demolition	\$0	
15	1490 Replacement Reserve	\$0	
16	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration	\$0	
17	1495.1 Relocation Costs	\$5,000	
18	1498 Mod Used for Development	\$0	
19	1502 Contingency	\$0	
20	Amount of Annual Grant (Sum of lines 2-19)	\$1,500,000	
21	Amount of line 20 Related to LBP Activities	\$30,000	
22	Amount of line 20 Related to Section 504 Compliance	\$0	
23	Amount of line 20 Related to Security	\$40,000	
24	Amount of line 20 Related to Energy Conservation Measures	\$170,000	

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Capital Fund Program (CFP) Part II: Supporting Table

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Development Number/Name HA-Wide Activities	General Description of Major Work Categories	Development Account Number	Total Estimated Cost
PHA - Wide Management Improvements	Security Guards Youth Painter Apprenticeship Program Resident Business Development Program PHA Staff Training	1408.0 1408.0 1408.0 1408.0	\$50,000 \$85,000 \$7,500 \$7,500
Administration	Non-technical Salaries Technical Salaries Legal Expense Employee Benefit Contributions Printing Costs Advertising Costs	1410.1 1410.2 1410.4 1410.9 1410.12 1410.19	\$25,000 \$90,000 \$4,000 \$25,000 \$2,000 \$4,000
PHA-Wide Physical Improvements	Boiler Repairs Apartment Painting Replacement Stoves and Refrigerators	1460 1460 1465.1	\$50,000 \$40,000 \$20,000
NJ6-1 Dunlap Homes	A & E Services for Windows & Facades Replace Steam and Hot Water Piping Site Improvements Install Playground Restore Building Brick Facades and Replace Windows Lead-Based Paint Abatement Install Ridge Vents on Roofs	1430 1450 1450 1450 1460 1460 1460	\$10,000 \$40,000 \$35,000 \$50,000 \$160,000 \$30,000 \$20,000
NJ6-2 Delaney Homes	A & E Services for Bathrooms Replace Steam and Hot Water Piping Site Improvements Replace Wood Flooring in Apartments Repair Entrance Porches Renovate Bathrooms Re-Roof Buildings	1430 1450 1450 1460 1460 1460 1460	\$10,000 \$60,000 \$45,000 \$25,000 \$80,000 \$200,000 \$100,000

Development Number/Name HA-Wide Activities	General Description of Major Work Categories	Development Account Number	Total Estimated Cost
NJ6-4 Stack Apartments	Replace Sidewalks	1450	\$30,000
	Landscaping	1450	\$20,000
NJ6-5 Hansen Apartments	ASCM Services	1430	\$5,000
	A & E Services for Apartment Renovation	1430	\$8,000
	Asbestos Abatement - 5 th Floor	1460	\$25,000
	Renovate 5 th Floor Apartments	1460	\$132,000
	Relocate Residents from 4 th Floor	1495.1	\$5,000

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Capital Fund Program (CFP) Part III: Implementation Schedule**

Development Number/Name HA-Wide Activities	All Funds Obligated (Quarter Ending Date)	All Funds Expended (Quarter Ending Date)
PHA-Wide Management Improvements	3/2003	3/2004
PHA-Wide Physical Improvements	3/2003	3/2004 4
NJ6-1 Dunlap Homes	3/2003	3/2004
NJ6-2 Delaney Homes	3/2003	3/2004
NJ6-4 Stack Homes	3/2003	3/2004
NJ6-5 Hansen Apartments	3/2003	3/2004

Attachment C

Optional Table for 5-Year Action Plan for Capital Fund (Component 7)

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.

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Optional 5-Year Action Plan Tables				
Development Number	Development Name (or indicate PHA wide)	Number Vacant Units	% Vacancies in Development	
NJ6-1	Dunlap Homes			
Description of Needed Physical Improvements or Management Improvements			Estimated Cost	Planned Start Date (HA Fiscal Year)
Annual Statement Initiatives - Year One			\$325,000	2001
Replace Steam and Hot Water Piping			\$160,000	2002-2005
Site Improvements			\$240,000	2002-2005
Restore Brick Facades and Replace Windows			\$1,000,000	2002-2005
Lead Based Paint Abatement			\$100,000	2002-2005
Replace Radiator Traps and Valves			\$150,000	2003-2004
Total estimated cost over next 5 years			\$1,975,000	

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Optional 5-Year Action Plan Tables				
Development Number	Development Name (or indicate PHA wide)	Number Vacant Units	% Vacancies in Development	
NJ6-2	Delaney Homes	2	1%	
Description of Needed Physical Improvements or Management Improvements			Estimated Cost	Planned Start Date (HA Fiscal Year)
Annual Statement Initiatives - Year One			\$540,000	2001
Replace Steam and Hot Water Piping			\$180,000	2002-2005
Site Improvements			\$380,000	2002-2005

Replace Wood Flooring	\$100,000	2002-2005
Renovate Apartment Bathrooms	\$225,000	2002
Replace Windows	\$1,080,000	2002-2005
Replace Radiator Traps and Valves	\$255,000	2003-2004
Total estimated cost over next 5 years	\$2,760,000	

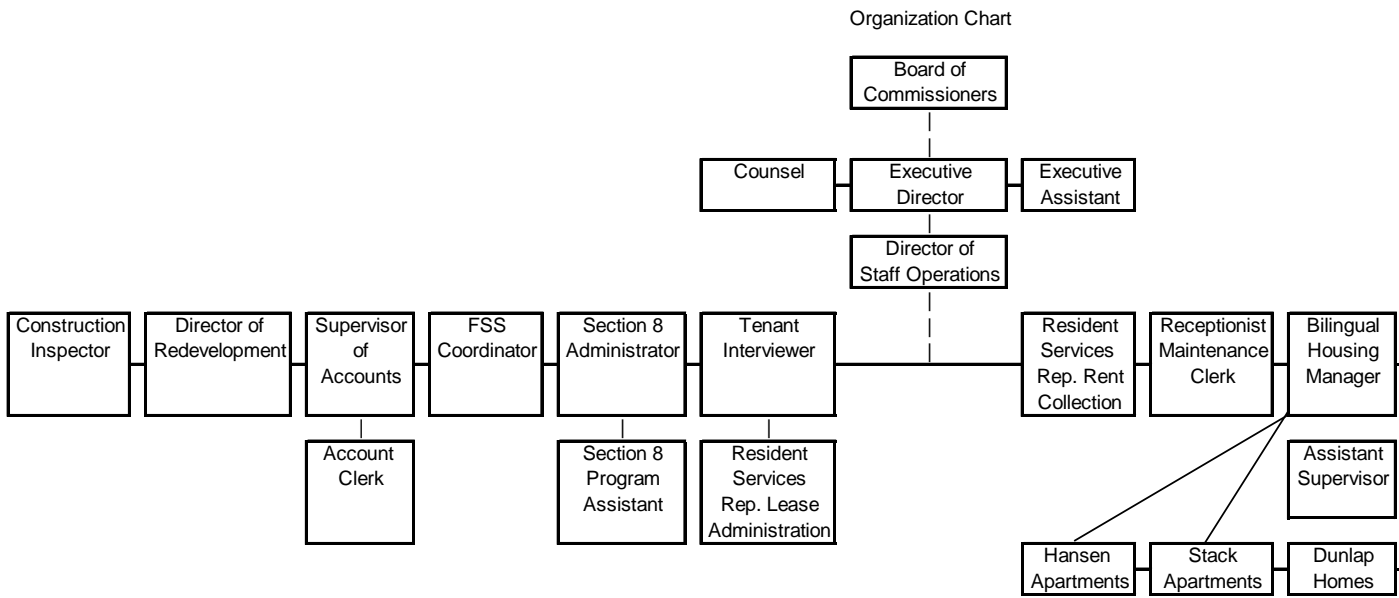
Optional 5-Year Action Plan Tables				
Development Number	Development Name (or indicate PHA wide)	Number Vacant Units	% Vacancies in Development	
NJ6-4	Stack Apartments	0	0%	
Description of Needed Physical Improvements or Management Improvements			Estimated Cost	Planned Start Date (HA Fiscal Year)
Annual Statement Initiatives - Year One			\$50,000	2001
Total estimated cost over next 5 years			\$50,000	

Optional 5-Year Action Plan Tables				
Development Number	Development Name (or indicate PHA wide)	Number Vacant Units	% Vacancies in Development	
NJ6-5	Hansen Apts	10	10%	
Description of Needed Physical Improvements or Management Improvements			Estimated Cost	Planned Start Date (HA Fiscal Year)
Annual Statement Initiatives - Year One			\$175,000	2001
Asbestos Abatement			\$60,000	2002-2003
Renovate Apartments			\$280,000	2002-2003
Relocate Residents			\$5,000	2002
Site Lighting			\$45,000	2004
Total estimated cost over next 5 years			\$565,000	

Optional 5-Year Action Plan Tables				
Development Number	Development Name (or indicate PHA wide)	Number Vacant Units	% Vacancies in Development	
PHA-Wide	Physical Improvements			
Description of Needed Physical Improvements or Management Improvements			Estimated Cost	Planned Start Date (HA Fiscal Year)
Annual Statement Initiatives - Year One			\$110,000	2001
Boiler Repairs			\$200,000	2002-2005
Replace Refrigerators and Stoves			\$80,000	2002-2005
Apartment Painting			\$160,000	2002-2005
Total estimated cost over next 5 years			\$550,000	

Optional 5-Year Action Plan Tables				
Development Number	Development Name (or indicate PHA wide)	Number Vacant Units	% Vacancies in Development	
PHA-Wide	Management Improvements			
Description of Needed Physical Improvements or Management Improvements			Estimated Cost	Planned Start Date (HA Fiscal Year)
Annual Statement Initiatives - Year One			\$150,000	2001
Security Guards			\$200,000	2002-2005
Youth Painter Apprenticeship Program			\$340,000	2002-2005
Resident Business Development Program			\$30,000	2002-2005
PHA Staff Training			\$30,000	2002-2005
Total estimated cost over next 5 years			\$600,000	

Attachment D



Attachment A

Admissions and Occupancy Policy Governing HUD-Aided Low Rent Public Housing Operated by the Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy

1. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION AND PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS

A. Nondiscrimination

(1) It is the policy of the Perth Amboy Housing Authority (hereafter the HA) to comply with all applicable laws relating to Civil Rights, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (as amended by the Community Development Act of 1974 and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988), Executive Order 11063, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (to the extent that it applies, otherwise Section 504 and the Fair Housing Amendments govern), any applicable State laws or local ordinances and any legislation protecting the individual rights of tenants, applicants or staff that may subsequently be enacted. (Required 24 CFR § 960.203)

(2) The HA shall not discriminate because of race, color, sex, religion, familial status, disability, national origin in the leasing, rental, or other disposition of housing or related facilities, including land, that is part of any project or projects under the HA's jurisdiction covered by a contract for annual contributions under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, or in the use or occupancy thereof. (Required, 24 CFR §100.5)

(3) The HA shall not, on account of race, color, sex, religion, familial status, disability, or national origin:

- (a) Deny to any family the opportunity to apply for housing, nor deny to any qualified applicant the opportunity to lease housing suitable to its needs;
- (b) Provide housing which is different from that provided others;
- (c) Subject a person to segregation or disparate treatment;
- (d) Restrict a person's access to any benefit enjoyed by others in connection with the housing program;
- (e) Treat a person differently in determining eligibility or other requirements for admission;
- (f) Deny a person access to the same level of services; or

(g) Deny a person the opportunity to participate in a planning or advisory group which is an integral part of the housing program.

(4) The HA shall not automatically deny admission to a particular group or category of otherwise qualified applicants (e.g., families with children born to unmarried parents, elderly families with pets, or families whose head or spouse is a student). Each applicant in a particular group or category must be treated on an individual basis in the normal processing routine. (24 CFR § 960.205)

(Under certain very specific conditions described in the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, the HA is permitted to designate occupancy of certain developments for older persons (including elderly people with disabilities).

(5) The HA will identify and eliminate situations or procedures that create a barrier to equal housing opportunity for all. In accordance with Section 504, and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 the HA will make structural modifications to its housing and non-housing facilities (24 CFR §§ 8.21, 8.23, 8.24, and 8.25) make reasonable accommodations (24 CFR § 100.204), or combinations of the two, to permit people with disabilities to take full advantage of the housing program.

In making reasonable accommodations or structural modifications for otherwise qualified persons with disabilities, the HA is not required to:

(1) In an existing housing program, make each of its existing facilities accessible [24 CFR § 8.24 (a) (1)]; or make structural alterations when other methods can be demonstrated to achieve the same effect; [24 CFR § 8.24 (b)]

(2) Make structural alterations that require the removal or altering of a load bearing structural member [24 CFR § 8.32 (c)]

(3) Provide an elevator in any multifamily housing project solely for the purpose of locating accessible units above or below the grade level; [24 CFR § 8.26]

(4) Take any action that would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of the program ; [24 CFR § 8.24 (a) (2)]

(5) Take any action that would result in an undue financial and administrative burden on the Authority. [24 CFR § 8.24 (a) (2)]

(6) The HA will not permit these policies to be subverted to do personal or political favors. Accepting an applicant from a lower waiting list position before one in a higher position violates policy, federal law, and the civil rights of the other families on the

waiting list. (24 CFR § 906. 204 (a)(3)(ii))

B. Accessibility and Plain Language

(1) Facilities and programs used by residents must be accessible. Application and management offices, hearing rooms, community centers, laundry facilities, craft and game rooms and so on must be available for use by residents with a full range of disabilities. If these facilities are not already accessible (and located on accessible routes), they will be made so, subject to the undue financial and administrative burden test. (24 CFR § 8.20 and 8.21)

(2) Documents intended for use by applicants and residents will be made available in formats accessible for those with vision or hearing impairments (24 CFR § 8.6). Equally important, the documents should be written simply and clearly to enable applicants with learning or cognitive disabilities to understand as much as possible. If required by local law, documents may have to be translated into languages other than English.

(3) Some of the concepts that must be described relative to eligibility, rent computation, applicant screening, reasonable accommodations, and lease compliance are complicated, but offering examples will help applicants and residents understand the issues involved. In writing materials to be used by applicants and residents, the HA staff must keep in mind that mental retardation, learning disabilities and cognitive disabilities may affect the applicant's ability to read or understand- so rules and benefits may have to be explained verbally - perhaps more than once. (24 CFR § 8.6)

(4) At the point of initial contact the HA staff will ask all applicants whether they need some form of communication other than plain language paperwork. Alternative forms of communication might include: sign language interpretation, having materials explained orally by staff, either in person or by phone, large type materials, information on tape, and having someone (friend, relative or advocate) accompany the applicant to receive, interpret and explain housing materials. (24 CFR § 8.6)

(5) Some applicants will not be able to read (or to read English), so intake staff must be prepared to read and explain anything that they would normally hand to an applicant to be read or filled out. Applicants who read or understand little English may furnish an interpreter who can explain what is going on. The HA is not required to pay the costs associated with having a foreign language interpreter (as they are for a sign language interpreters for the hearing impaired [24 CFR § 8.61) because the Fair Housing law makes no such requirement (although, in some, localities, State or local law might do so).

(6) At a minimum the HA will prepare the following information (as needed) in plain language accessible formats:

- Marketing and informational materials
- Information about the application process
- The application form
- All form letters, notices, to applicants and residents
- General statement about reasonable accommodation
- Orientation materials for new residents
- The lease and house rules (if any)
- Guidance or instructions about care of the housing unit
- Information about opening, updating or closing the waiting list
- All information related to applicant's rights (to informal hearings, etc.)

C. Marketing

(1) It is the policy of the HA to conduct outreach as needed to maintain an adequate application pool representative of the eligible population in the area. Outreach efforts will take into consideration the level of vacancy in the HA's units, availability of units through turnover, and waiting list characteristics. The HA will periodically assess these factors in order to determine the need for and scope of any marketing efforts. (Not a HUD requirement, the HA option, best practice)

(2) Marketing and informational materials will be subject to the following:

- (a) All marketing materials must comply with Fair Housing Act requirements with respect to wording, logo, size of type, etc. [24 CFR §109.30(a)];
- (b) Marketing should describe the housing units, application process, waiting list and preference structure accurately;
- (c) Marketing should be "plain language" and should use more than strictly English-language print media.
- (d) An effort should be made to target all agencies that serve and advocate for potentially qualified applicants (e.g. the disabled, to ensure that accessible/adaptable units are used by people who can best take advantage of their features).
- (e) Marketing materials should make clear who is eligible: individuals and families, people with both physical and mental disabilities.
- (f) The HA's responsibility to provide reasonable accommodations to people with disabilities should be made clear.

D. Waiting List Management

It is the policy of the HA to administer its waiting list as required by the regulations. (24 CFR §§ 5, 912, 945, 960.201 through 960.215.)

(1) Organization of the Waiting List

It is the HA's policy that each applicant shall be assigned his/her appropriate place in a single Public Housing Application Pool. Placement on the various sublists shall be based upon date and time the application is received, suitable type or size of unit, and factors affecting preference or priority. Preference and priority factors are established in this policy in accordance with HUD regulations and are consistent with the objectives of Titles VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the HUD regulations and requirements pursuant thereto. [24 CFR §§ 1.4 (b) (2) (ii) and 100; 24 CFR §§ 912.3, 945.303, 960.211, and 960.401]

The Executive Director or a designee shall review the accuracy of the preference points to assure proper placement on the list.

(2) Opening and Closing Waiting Lists

(a) The HA, at its discretion, may restrict application intake, suspend application intake, and close waiting lists in whole or in part. The HA may open or close the list by preference category. See (c) below (24 CFR § 960.211).

(b) The HA will update the waiting list periodically by removing the names of those families who are no longer interested, no longer qualify for housing, or cannot be reached by telephone or mail. (Not a HUD requirement, the HA optional best practice) At the time of initial intake, the HA will advise families of their responsibility to notify the HA when mailing address or phone numbers change.

(c) If the HA's highest waiting list preference category has sufficient applications to fill anticipated vacancies for the coming 12 months, the HA may elect to: (a) close the waiting list completely; (b) close the list during certain times of the year; or (c) restrict intake by preference, type of project, or by size and type of dwelling unit [24 CFR 960.211(c)].

(d) Decisions about closing the waiting list will be based on the number of applications available for a particular size and type of unit, the number of applicants who qualify for a preference, and the ability of the HA to house an applicant in an appropriate unit within a reasonable period of time [24 CFR 960.211(c)]. A decision to close the waiting the HA's, restricting intake, or

opening the waiting lists will be publicly announced.

(3) Determining if the Waiting List may be Closed

Pursuant to the above conditions, the HA Board of Commissioners shall approve closure of the Waiting List. Announcements shall be posted at the HA Administrative Office.

(4) Change in Preference Status While on the Waiting List

(a) Occasionally families on the waiting list who did not qualify for a preference at the time of application intake will experience a change in circumstances that qualifies them for a preference. In such instances, it will be the family's duty to contact the HA so that their status may be rectified or, depending on application processing status, revived.

(b) To the extent that the HA determines that the family does now qualify for a preference, they will be moved up on the waiting list in accordance with their preference(s), and their date and time of application. [24 CFR § 960.212 (c)(2)] They will then be informed in writing of how the change in status has affected their place on the waiting list.

(5) Removal of Applications from the Waiting List

(a) Applicants shall be removed from the waiting list if they are determined to be ineligible for assistance (i.e. over-income, criminal record, ineligible alien, etc.).

(b) Applicants who fail to respond to a HA letter and otherwise fail to express continued interest shall be removed from the List.

(c) Inactive Applications shall be retained by the HA for a period of five years.

(d) Once an Applicant is removed from the Waiting List, the Applicant will be required to reapply and shall be assigned a new application date.

E. Qualification for Admission

(1) It is the HA's policy to admit only qualified applicants.

- (2) An applicant is qualified if he or she meets all of the following criteria:
- (a) Is a family as defined in Section 9, Definition 19, of this policy;
 - (b) Heads a household where all members of the household are citizens or eligible noncitizens; (24 CFR § 200, and §912.5 through 912.14)
 - (c) Has an Annual Income at the time of admission that does not exceed the Low Income Limits for occupancy established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and posted in the HA offices. As per HUD requirements, 60 percent of admissions made within each HA fiscal year can not exceed 80% of median income. 40 percent of admissions during this same period must not exceed 30 percent of median income.
 - (d) Provides a Social Security number for all family members, age 6 or older, or can document and certify that they do not have Social Security numbers; (24 CFR § 913.109)
 - (e) Meets or exceeds the Applicant Selection Criteria set forth in Section 1. H.of these policies. (24 CFR § 960.205)

F. Processing Applications

(1) Interviews and Verification Process

(a) As families approach the top of the waiting list, the following items will be verified:

- (i) Family composition and type (Elderly/nonelderly)
- (ii) Annual Income
- (iii) Assets and Asset Income
- (iv) Allowance Information
- (v) Preferences
- (vi) Social Security Numbers of all Family
- (vii) Information Used in Applicant Screening
- (viii) Citizenship or eligible immigration status

(b) The HA's shall obtain written third party verification to substantiate applicant or resident claims. Applicants must cooperate fully in obtaining or providing the necessary verifications.

(c) Verification of citizenship or eligible immigration status shall be carried out pursuant to 24 CFR § 912.8 using the Immigration and Naturalization Service's (INS) SAVE system and, if needed, a manual search of INS records.

(2) Applicants Reporting Zero Income

Applicants reporting zero income will be asked to complete a family expense form. This form will be the first form completed in the interview process. The form will ask residents to estimate how much they spend on: food, beverages, transportation, health care, child care, debts, household items, etc. It will also ask applicants about the status of any application or benefits through AFDC or other similar programs.

(3) Records

The HA's records with respect to applications for admission to any low income housing assisted under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, shall indicate for each application the date and time of receipt; the determination by the HA as to eligibility or ineligibility of the applicant; when eligible, the unit size for which eligible, the preference rating, if any, and the date, location, identification, and circumstances of each vacancy offered and accepted or rejected.

G. The Preference System

It is the HA's policy that a preference does not guarantee admission. Preferences are used to establish the order of placement on the waiting list. Every applicant must still meet the HA's Resident Selection Criteria (described later in this policy) before being offered a unit. Preferences will be granted to applicants who are otherwise qualified and who, at the time they are certified for admission meet the definitions of the preferences described below.

1. General Guidelines

(a) Applicants will be selected based on preferences and date and time of application.

(b) The HA will also offer units to existing residents on the transfer list. Some types of transfers are processed ahead of new admissions (e.g. emergencies) and some types of transfers are processed with new admissions using a ratio determined by the HA. (See Section 2. E. of this policy for processing of transfers with new admissions.)

(c) The HA will also offer unit to families with a court ordered admission (if applicable). Court ordered new admissions take priority over families with preferences.

(d) If there are no applicants on the waiting list(s) that qualify for the preferences, otherwise eligible non-preference families will be selected.

(e) The HA will not hold units vacant for prospective applicants with preferences, nor will it relax eligibility or screening criteria to admit otherwise unqualified applicants with either preferences.

(2) Family vs. Unit Characteristics

(a) Factors other than preferences that affect the selection of applicants from the waiting list [24 CFR § 960.211 (b)(1)]- Before applying its preference system, the HA will first match the characteristics of the available unit to the applicants available on the waiting lists. Factors such as unit size, accessible features, or units in housing designated for the elderly or disabled, limit the admission of families to those households whose characteristics "match" the characteristics and features of the vacant unit available.

By matching unit and family characteristics, it is possible that families lower on the waiting list may receive an offer of housing ahead of families with an earlier date and time of application, or ahead of families with preferences e.g. the next

unit available is an accessible unit and the only applicant family needing such features is in the non-preference pool.

(b) Factors other than the preference system that affect applicant selection for unit offers are described below:

(a) When selecting a family for a unit with accessible features, the HA will give a preference to families that include persons with disabilities who can benefit from the unit's features.

(b) If no family can be found for a unit with accessible features, the HA will house a family not needing the unit features subject to the procedures described in the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan, described later in this policy. Under this policy a non-disabled family in an accessible unit can be required to move so that a family needing the unit features can take advantage of the unit.

(c) Residents of Perth Amboy will be selected ahead of non-resident applicants. A resident is a person who lives or works in Perth Amboy.

(d) When selecting a family for a unit in public housing, elderly or disabled families and elderly and disabled single persons have preference over single persons who are neither elderly nor disabled.

(e) When there are insufficient elderly or disabled families on the waiting list, near-elderly families (head or spouse ages 50 to 61) will receive a preference for this type of unit over single persons.

(f) Any admission mandated by court order related to desegregation or Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity will take precedence over the Preference System. Other admissions required by court order will also take precedence over the Preference System. If permitted by the court order, the HA may offer the family a housing certificate or voucher.

(g) The HA may skip applicants on the waiting list if, in accordance with its deconcentration plan, it is necessary to reach a lower income family for a vacancy in a higher income building or development, or to reach a higher income family for a vacancy in a lower income building or development.

(3) Employment Preference:

(a) To receive the local employment preference the applicant family must have at least one family member, age 18 or older, employed at the time of the HA's offer of housing. Employment at the time of the offer must be for the 90 day period immediately prior to the offer of housing and provide a minimum of 20 hours of work per week for the family member claiming the preference.

(b) Employment periods may be interrupted but to claim the preference a family must have an employed family member prior to the actual offer of housing as described above.

(c) A family member that leaves a job after receiving benefit of the preference will be asked to document the reasons for the termination. Someone who quits work (as opposed to layoff, or taking a new job) will be considered to have misrepresented the facts to the HA and will have their assistance terminated.

(d) The amount earned shall not be a factor in granting this local preference. This local preference shall also be available to a family if the head, spouse, or sole member is 62 or older, or is receiving social security disability, or SSI disability benefits, or any other payments based on the individual's inability to work.

(3) Preference Point System

The application pool shall be divided into sub-lists according to bedroom size and residency status (Perth Amboy residents and non-residents).

On each list, applicants will be ranked according to the following:

- 1) Highest Points Accumulated
- 2) Time and Date of Application

Preferences

Rent Burdened (1 point)
Involuntarily Displaced (1 point)
Substandard Housing (1 point)

Subtotal: _____ (Maximum 3 Points)

Additional
Displaced by Fire, Flood, Natural Disaster
or condemnation of a unit by a local or state
governmental agency, and for which such
action was not the result of neglect or
intentional act of the applicant or member
of the household. Displaced as a result of
domestic violence. _____ (3 Points)

Veteran of a Foreign War (Head Of HH only) _____ (1 Point)

Working Family
(or age 62 or older, or disabled) _____ (1 Point)

1996 applicants, or over 5 yrs. _____ (1 Point)
application dated prior to 1996 _____ (2 points)

TOTAL POINTS _____

(5) Administration of the Preferences

- (a) The HA requires applicant verification for a preference at the time of initial application.
- (b) At the time of initial application, the HA will use a preference checklist or other form to obtain the family's certification that it qualifies for a preference. At the initial application interview the family will be advised to notify the HA of any change that may affect their ability to qualify for a preference.
- (c) Applicants that are otherwise eligible and are verified as qualifying for a preference will be placed on the waiting list in the preference applicant pool.
- (d) Families that lose their original preference, but still qualify for another preference, will be placed on the waiting list in accordance with their current preference status. Families that cannot qualify for any of the preferences will be moved into a non-preference category, in a lower position on the waiting list based on date and time of application.

H. Applicant Selection Criteria

It is the HA's policy that all applicants should be screened in accordance with HUD regulations (24 CFR Part 960) and sound management practices. During screening the HA will require applicants to demonstrate ability to comply with essential provisions of the lease as summarized below.

- (1) All applicants must demonstrate through an assessment of current and past behavior the ability:
 - (a) to pay rent and other charges as required by the lease in a timely manner;
 - (b) to care for and avoid damaging the unit and common areas;
 - (c) to use facilities and equipment in a reasonable way;
 - (d) to create no health, or safety hazards, and to report maintenance needs;
 - (e) not to interfere with the rights and peaceful enjoyment of others, and to avoid damaging the property of others;
 - (f) not to engage in criminal activity that threatens the health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of other residents or staff; and not to engage in drug-related criminal activity on or off the HA premises;

(g) to comply with necessary and reasonable rules and program requirements of HUD and the HA; and,

(h) to comply with health and safety codes.

(2) Procedures

(a) The HA will conduct a detailed interview of all applicants using an interview checklist. The checklist is part of the screening procedures used in support of this policy. The form will ask questions based on the essential elements of tenancy. Answers will be subject to third party verification. [24 CFR §960 ... 206 (a) &(b)]

(b) The HA will complete a credit check and a rental history. check on all applicants. (Not a HUD requirement. the HA option, best practice)

(c) Payment of funds owed to the HA is part of the screening evaluation. Payment of outstanding balances is an opportunity for the applicant to demonstrate an improved track record. The HA will consider any past balances owed the HA by the applicant for any program that the HA operates. The HA expects these balances to be paid in full (either in a lump sum or over time) before initiating the full screening process. The HA will not admit families who owe back balances. (See § 960.205 (b)(1) (Not a specific HUD requirement. the HA option, best practice)

(d) The HA will complete a criminal background check on all applicants including other adult members in the household or any member for which criminal records are available. [24 CFR 960.205 (b)(3)] The cost of criminal background checks shall be paid for by the HA.

(i)- A record of disturbance of neighbors (disturbances sufficient to warrant a police call) destruction of property, or living or housekeeping habits at present or prior residences which may adversely affect the health, safety, or welfare of other tenants or neighbors. [24 CFR § 960.205 (b) (2)]

(ii)- Any history of criminal activity on the part of all applicant family member involving crimes of physical violence to persons or property and other criminal acts including drug-related criminal activity which would adversely affect the health, safety, or welfare of other residents or staff or cause damage to the unit or the development. (24 CFR § 960.205 (b) (3) and the Anti-Drug Act of 1988)

(e) A home visit will be conducted to determine if the applicants current

housekeeping is in keeping with HS standards and to determine if the applicant is likely to uphold lease requirements regarding housekeeping and damage to the unit and common areas. This inspection will be done without prior notice to the applicant to avoid allowing the family to alter its normal living style to pass the inspection.

(f) Applicants must be able to demonstrate the ability and willingness to comply with the terms of the HA's lease, either alone or with assistance which they can demonstrate that they have or will have at the time of admission. (24 CFR § 8.2 Definition: Qualified Individual with Handicaps) Availability of assistance is subject to verification by the HA.

(3) Misrepresentations

An applicant's intentional misrepresentation of any information related to eligibility, award of preference for admission, housing history, allowances, family composition or rent will result in rejection. [24 CFR § 913.109 (b) & § 760.3]

(4) Mitigating Circumstances

(a) If unfavorable information is received about an applicant, consideration shall be given to the time, nature, and extent of the applicant's conduct and to factors that might indicate a reasonable probability of favorable future conduct. To be factored into the HA's screening assessment of the applicant, mitigating circumstances must be verifiable. [24 CFR §960.205(d)]

(b) Mitigating circumstances are facts relating to the applicant's record of unsuitable rental history or behavior, which, when verified, would indicate both: (1) the reason for the unsuitable rental history and/or behavior; and (2) that the reason for the unsuitable rental history and behavior is no longer in effect or is under control, AND applicant's prospect for lease compliance is an acceptable one, justifying admission. Mitigating circumstances may overcome or outweigh information already gathered in the screening process.

(c) If the mitigating circumstances claimed by the applicant relate to a change in disability, medical condition or course of treatment, the HA shall have the right to refer such information to persons qualified to evaluate the evidence and verify the mitigating circumstance. The HA shall also have the right to request further information reasonably needed to verify the mitigating circumstance, even if such information is of a medically confidential nature. Such inquiries will be limited to the information necessary to verify the mitigating circumstances or, in the case of a person with disabilities, to verify a reasonable accommodation.

- (d) Examples of mitigating circumstances might include: (24 CFR § 960.205)
 - (i) Evidence of successful rehabilitation;
 - (ii) Evidence of the applicant family's participation in social service or other appropriate counseling service.
 - (iii) Evidence of successful and sustained modification of previous disqualifying behavior.
- (e) Consideration of mitigating circumstances does not guarantee that applicant will qualify for admission. The HA will consider such circumstances in light of: the applicant's ability to substantiate through verification the claim of mitigating circumstances and his/her prospects for improved future behavior; and
 - (i) the applicant's overall performance with respect to all the screening requirements; and,
 - (ii) the nature and seriousness of any criminal activity, especially drug related criminal activity that appears in the applicant's record.

5. Qualified and Unqualified Applicants

- (a) Verified information will be analyzed and a determination made with respect to:

Eligibility of the applicant as a family; (See 24 CFR § 912.2)

- (ii) Eligibility of the applicant with respect to income limits for admission; (See 24 CFR § 5.104 & 105)
 - (iii) Eligibility of the applicant with respect to citizenship or eligible immigration status; [24 CFR § 912.4(b)]
 - (iii) Unit size required for the family;
 - (iv) Preference category (if any) to which the family is entitled; (24 CFR § 960.211)
 - (v) Qualification of the applicant with respect to the Applicant Selection Criteria. (See 24 CFR § 960.205)
- (b) Families determined to be qualified will be notified by the HA of the approximate date of occupancy insofar as that date can be reasonably determined.

[24 CFR § 960.207 (b)]

(c) Assistance to a family may be delayed, denied or terminated on the basis of the family's ineligible immigration status unless and until the family completes all the verification and appeals processes to which they are entitled under both INS and the HA procedures. [24 CFR § 912.9]

(d) The HA will make every effort to accurately estimate an approximate date of occupancy. However, the date given by the HA does not mean that applicants should expect to be housed by that date. The availability of a suitable unit to offer a family is contingent upon factors not directly controlled by the HA, such as turnover rates, and market demands as they affect bedroom sizes and project location. [See 24 CFR § 960.207 (b)]

(e) Applicants determined unqualified for admission will be promptly notified. These applicants will receive a Notice of Rejection from the HA, stating the basis for such determination. The HA shall provide such applicants with an opportunity for informal review of the determination as described in Informal Review of Rejected Applications. The informal review for applicants should not be confused with the resident grievance process. Applicants are not entitled to use of the resident grievance process. [24 CFR § 960.207(a)]

I. Pre-Occupancy Orientation

Attendance at a pre-occupancy orientation meeting will be a requirement of admission. The HA orientation will include topics such as:

- rights and responsibilities of the HA and the resident;
- how rent is calculated;
- security issues, safety, risk control;
- risk control
- recertification requirements;
- the lease;
- the move-in inspection;
- care of the unit and how to request maintenance;
- reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities
- services available in or near the development;
- the resident association;
- how to conserve utilities and read a utility bill; family budgeting.

J. Resident Participation in the Intake Process

The HA's policy is to encourage resident participation in the applicant intake process. The HA shall work with the Tenants Association to welcome new tenants into the community. New tenants shall be provided with information related to the activities and role of the Tenants Association.

K. Occupancy Guidelines

(1) It is the HA's policy that units should be occupied by families of the appropriate size. This policy maintains the usefulness of the units, while preserving them from excessive wear and tear or underutilization.

(2) The following general unit maximum and minimum number of persons per unit will govern the assignment of a family of a given size and composition. These are only guidelines and the maximums may be exceeded at the request of the family, or because of the square footage of a specific unit:

Occupancy Guidelines Chart

Number of Bedrooms	Min Persons/Unit	Max Persons/Unit
OBR	1	1
1BR	1	2
2BR	2	4
3BR	3	6
4BR	4	8
5BR	5	10

(3) Exceptions to the maximum standards may be made in case of reasonable accommodations for a person with disabilities, emergencies, and at the discretion of the Executive Director or designee. Further, the HA has the right to permit families exceeding the maximums shown above to occupy units when the family requests such occupancy, and when the HA determines that the unit in question is large enough.

(4) In order to determine if a family's request to exceed the unit maximums is reasonable, the HA will use the applicable code standard for occupancy. If no such code exists or the HA has reason to believe that the local code standard may be discriminatory, then the BOCA housing code standard will be used.

(5) Families will not be placed on the waiting list for a larger unit unless there is a verifiable medical reason or reasonable accommodation that requires that the family be placed in a larger size unit.

(6) An unborn child will not be counted as a person in determining unit size. A single pregnant woman may be assigned to a one bedroom unit. In assigning a unit the HA will also consider a child who is temporarily away from the home because of placement in foster care or kinship care.

(7) Dwelling units will be so assigned that:

(a) It will not be necessary for persons of different generations or opposite sex, other than husband and wife, to occupy the same bedroom. Exceptions may be made for infants and young children or at the request of the family.

(b) For verified reasons of health (disability, addition of a live-in aide, need for medical equipment, etc.), a separate bedroom may be provided for an individual family member.

(c) Two children of the opposite sex will not be required to share a bedroom

except at the request of the family.

(d) The living room will not be used as a bedroom except at the request of the family.

(e) A single head of household parent shall not be required (but may choose) to share a bedroom with his/her children. (Not a HUD requirement, the HA option)

2. TENANT ASSIGNMENT PLAN

A. Assignment Plan

The plan for assignment of dwelling units is to assure equal opportunity and non-discrimination on grounds of race, color, sex, religion, or national origin.

Plan A

Each qualified applicant first in sequence on the waiting list is made one offer of a unit of appropriate size. The applicant must accept the vacancy offered or be placed at the bottom of the applicant list, losing any applicable preferences. [24 CFR § 1.4 (b)(2)(ii) & (iii)]

B. Procedures

(1) The applicant will be notified in writing of the offer of a unit and must accept the vacancy offered within 3 working days of the date the offer is communicated or, be placed at the bottom of the applicant list, losing any applicable preferences. (See good cause discussion below.)

(2) If more than one unit of the appropriate size and type is available, the first unit to be offered will be the unit that was ready for occupancy first. (Not a HUD requirement, the HA option)

(3) If an applicant is willing to accept the unit offered but is unable to move at the time of the offer and presents to the satisfaction of the HA clear evidence ("good cause") that acceptance of the offer of a suitable vacancy will result in undue hardship or handicap not related to considerations of race, color, sex, religion or national origin, the applicant will not be dropped from the list. [24 CFR § 1.4 (b)(2)(ii) & (iii)] Examples of good cause reasons for the refusal of an offer of housing include, but are not limited to:

(a) Presence of lead paint in the unit offered when the applicant has children under the age specified by current law;

(b) The family demonstrates to the HA's satisfaction that accepting the offer will result in a situation where a family member's life, health or safety will be placed in jeopardy. The family must offer specific and compelling documentation such as restraining orders, other court orders, or risk assessments related to witness protection from a law enforcement agency. Reasons offered must be specific to the family. Refusals due to location alone are not good cause.

- (c) A health professional verifies temporary hospitalization or recovery from illness of the principal household member, other household members or livein aide (each as listed on final application) necessary to the care of the principal household member;
 - (d) The unit is inappropriate for the applicant's disabilities.
- (4) The applicant must be able to document that the hardship claimed is good cause for refusing an offer of housing. Where good cause is verified to the HA's satisfaction, the refusal of the offer shall not require that the applicant be moved to the bottom of the waiting list or otherwise affect the family's position on the waiting list. [24 CFR § 85.42]
- (5) The HA will maintain a record of units offered, including location, date, and circumstances of each offer, and each acceptance or rejection, including the reason for the rejection.

C. Occupancy of Dwelling Units with Accessible or Adaptable Features

[See: 24 CFR § 8.27 (a) (1) (2) and (b)L

- (1) Before offering a vacant accessible unit to a non-disabled applicant, the HA will offer such units:
- (a) First, to a current occupant of another unit of the same development, or other public housing developments under the HA's control, having a disability that requires the special features of the vacant unit (in effect, a transfer of the occupant with disabilities from a non-adapted unit to the vacant accessible/adapted unit).
 - (b) Second, to an eligible qualified applicant on the waiting list having a disability that requires the special features of the vacant unit.
- (2) When offering an accessible/adaptable unit to a non-disabled applicant, the HA will require the applicant to agree to move to an available non-accessible unit within 30 days when either a current resident or an applicant needs the features of the unit. This requirement will be reflected in the lease agreement signed with the applicant.

D. Leasing and Occupancy of Dwelling Units

It is the HA's policy that all units must be occupied pursuant to a lease that complies with HUD's regulations (24 CFR Part 966).

- (1) Applicant folders will be processed centrally. Initial intake, waiting list management, screening, and offers of housing (including transfers) will be made at central office. Offers shall be made in person and in writing. (Not a HUD requirement, the HA option)

(2) When offering units the HA will provide the applicant with a brief property description and other information to help orient the applicant to the neighborhood and location in the property. Staff making offers will be familiar with the HA's housing sites. If the offer of a unit is preliminarily accepted by the applicant, the manager of the property will be advised of the offer and will contact the applicant to set up a date to show the unit. (Not a HUD requirement, the HA option)

(3) Once the unit is shown and the applicant accepts the unit, the HA will execute a lease. If the applicant refuses the unit, the reason for refusal must be obtained in writing from the applicant. The applicant must sign the refusal form. The form is then sent to central office for a "good cause" determination. No applicant will be expected to sign a lease for a unit that is not ready for occupancy. (Not a HUD requirement, the HA option, but see § 966.4 (i))

(4) The HA will only show and lease units of the appropriate size. If an exception to the HA's occupancy standards is approved for the applicant this information will be noted.

(5) Changes in family composition, income, or status between the time of the interview with the applicant and the showing of the unit, or between annual reexaminations will be processed centrally.

(6) The lease shall be signed by the head and spouse and by the Executive Director or other authorized representative of the HA, prior to actual admission. (24 CFR @ 966.4 (P)) All inhabitants, regardless of age shall be listed on the Lease

(7) If a resident transfers from one HA unit to another, a new lease will be executed for the dwelling into which the family moves. [24 CFR § 966.4 (c)(3)]

(8) If at any time during the life of the lease agreement, a change in the resident's status results in the need for changing or amending any provision of the lease, either:

- (a) A new lease agreement will be executed, or
- (b) A Notice of Rent Adjustment will be executed, or
- (c) An appropriate rider will be prepared and made a part of the existing lease, or appropriate insertions made within the lease. All copies of such riders or insertions are to be dated and signed by the Resident and by the Executive Director or other authorized representative of the Housing Authority. [24 CFR § 966.4 (o)]

(9) Only those persons listed on the most recent certification form shall be permitted to occupy a dwelling unit. [24 CFR §§ 960.209 (b) and 966.4 9 (a) (2)] Except for natural births to family members, any family seeking to add a new member must request approval

in writing prior to the new member occupying the unit. [24 CFR § 966.4 (f)(3) & (c)(2)]

(10) Additions to the household - Following receipt of a family's request for approval, the HA will conduct a pre-admission screening of the proposed new member. Only new members approved by the HA following the screening process will be added to the household. The results of screening shall be used to determine whether or not to admit the new member. Children born to a family member, children under the age below which Juvenile Justice records are not made available who are adopted by a family member or who are added through a kinship care arrangement are exempt from the preadmission screening process.

Other than a spouse to the head of household, additional adults will not be added to the lease even if the unit size is large enough to accommodate the additional adult. Exceptions may be made on a case by case basis by the Housing Authority. An example of such exception is the adult is necessary to care for a current family member.

Additional children will be added to the lease only if the leaseholder can verify the addition is for reason of birth, adoption, foster care, or some other form of legal guardianship by a current household member.

Any income shall be considered for rent determination purposes.”

The exemption age specified in this paragraph is subject to change should the State or locality modify its laws concerning the availability of police or court records for juvenile offenders. (Not a HUD requirement, the HA option, best practice)

(11) Examples of situations where the addition of a family member is subject to screening are: (Not a HUD requirement, the HA option, best practice)

- (a) Resident plans to be married and files a request to add the new spouse to the lease;
- (b) Resident is awarded custody of a child over the age for which juvenile justice records are available;
- (c) Resident desires to add a new family member to the lease, employ a live-in aide, or take in a foster child(ren).
- (d) A unit is occupied by a remaining family member(s) under age 18 (and not an emancipated minor) and an adult, not a part of the original household, requests permission to take over as the head of the household.
- (E) Addition of another family member who is to stay on a temporary basis.

(12) Residents who fail to notify the HA of additions to the household are in violation of the lease. Residents who permit persons to join the household without undergoing screening are also in violation of the lease. Such persons will be considered unauthorized occupants by the HA and the entire household will be subject to eviction. [24 CFR § 966.4 (f)(3)]

(13) Family members over age 18 who move from the dwelling unit to establish new households shall be removed from the lease. [24 CFR § 966.4 (f)(3)] The resident has the responsibility to report the move-out within 30 calendar days of its occurrence.

(14) Overnight visitors may be permitted in a dwelling unit. Any guest remaining more than ten days must be immediately reported to the HA. The HA may permit temporary guests as necessary. Temporary guests shall not be added to the lease and no additional rent shall be collected. Temporary guests must use best efforts to find housing and shall not be permitted to remain in the unit for more than 30 days. The time limit may be extended at the discretion of the HA.

Temporary guests shall not be permitted to apply for a transfer.

(15) Resident will not be given permission to allow a former resident of the HA who has been evicted to occupy the unit for any period of time. Violation of this requirement is ground for termination of the lease. (Not a HUD requirement, the HA option)

(16) Residents must advise the HA if they will be absent from the unit for more than 7 days. Residents are required to notify the HA and make arrangement to secure the unit and provide a means for the HA to contact the resident in the event of an emergency. Failure to advise the HA of an extended absence is grounds for termination of the lease. (Not a HUD requirement, the HA option)

(17) Live-in aides must demonstrate that they have the appropriate skills to provide proper care for the tenant.

E. Resident Transfers

(1) It is the HA's policy that transfers will be made without regard to race, sex, sexual orientation, color, religion, national origin, or familial status. Residents can be transferred to accommodate a disability. (Required, 24 CFR §100.5)

(2) Transfers shall be made within and/or between projects to correct occupancy standards, Transfers shall be made on a chronological basis from the date of the transfer request or the date the Housing Authority determines that the family is not in an appropriate sized unit except for priorities 1 and 2 listed below. The Housing Authority may skip persons on the transfer list to accommodate these priority transfers.

The following priorities shall be considered along with the ratio to new admissions:

- 1) Emergencies related to health and safety

An emergency is defined as a condition which creates an immediate threat to tenant health and safety or a condition in which tenant mobility would be severely restricted. Emergency medical conditions, serious family problems, and cooperation with law enforcement officials shall be considered. Emergency transfers shall get priority over new admissions and other transfers. The Executive Director shall approve all emergency transfers.

- 2) Transfers made voluntarily that will allow for a higher income family to move into a building with no higher income families, or that will otherwise assist the Housing Authority implement its deconcentration plan.

- 3) Overhoused and Overcrowded families [Ratio- 1 transfer to every 2 new admissions]

- 4) Transfers for tenant convenience (i.e. requests for a unit of the same size in a different location) [discretionary]

(3) If a tenant refuses a unit offered, their name shall be moved to the bottom of the transfer list and the date of the transfer application is changed to the date of the refusal.

(4) If the tenant presents to the satisfaction of the Authority clear evidence that acceptance of the unit offered will result in undue hardship not related to considerations of race, color, or national origin, refusal of such offer shall not be considered failure to accept the unit offered.

(5) Tenants in oversized units that refuse a transfer without good cause will be referred for legal action to enforce compliance with the terms of the Dwelling Lease.

(6) In order to be considered for a transfer, the tenant family must be in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Dwelling Lease. This shall include full payment of rent and other charges; proper maintenance of apartment (housekeeping, sanitation, fire hazards, tenant damages); and has not caused disturbances. The HA will consider the previous 6 month period.

(7) Residents in an over/under housed status will be advised in their 30 day "Notice of Result of Re-examination" that a transfer is recommended and that the family has been placed on the transfer list. Interviewers will record transfer recommendations in duplicate for each manager affected by the transfer.

(8) When a head of a household, originally housed in a bedroom by him/herself, has a child, that child shall remain in the parent's bedroom until it is two (2) years of age. When the child reaches age 2 the family shall be placed on the transfer list. Exceptions: spouse or partner returns to the unit, marriage takes place, or family decides to remain in the unit and in the HA's opinion the unit is large enough to accommodate the number of persons now in the household. (Other than for births that occur during tenancy, the HA's prior approval of additions to the household is required.)

(9) Families shall not be split into two households. Entire families shall be transferred to an appropriate size unit. The family may be split into two households only in cases where the Authority does not have and will not have a unit large enough to accommodate the family. Exceptions may be made by the Executive Director based on extenuating circumstances.

(10) Cost of transfers - Residents shall bear the cost of transfers to correct occupancy standards, however, where there is a hardship due to health, disability, or other factors, the manager may recommend that families be reimbursed their out-of-pocket expenses for an occupancy standards transfer. Transfers requested or required by the HA will be paid for by the HA.

(11) The HA may suspend transfers in cases of workload problems and vacancy problems (i.e. unit turn-around requirements).

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTINUED OCCUPANCY.
ANNUAL RE-EXAMINATION AND REMAINING FAMILY MEMBERS

A. Eligibility for Continued Occupancy

Residents who meet the following criteria will be eligible for continued occupancy:

- (1) Qualify as a family as defined in Section 9 of this policy. (Note: For purpose of continued occupancy remaining family members qualify as family. Remaining family members can also include court ordered emancipated minors under the age of 18.)
- (2) Are in full compliance with the resident obligations and responsibilities as described in the dwelling lease.
- (3) Whose family members, age 6 and older, each have Social Security numbers or have certifications on file indicating they have no Social Security number.
- (4) Who are citizens or have eligible immigration status. Every member of a resident family must submit either evidence of citizenship or eligible immigration status as required by 24 CFR § 912.6.

B. Remaining Family Members and Prior Debt

(Not a HUD requirement, the HA option)

- (1) As a party to the lease, remaining family members (other than the head or spouse) 18 years of age or older will be responsible for arrearages incurred by the former head or spouse. At the HA's discretion it may choose not to hold remaining family members (other than the head or spouse) responsible for any portion of the arrearage incurred prior to the remaining member attaining age 18 if the HA determines it will create a hardship.
- (2) Remaining family members under age 18 shall not be held responsible for the rent arrearages incurred by the former head of household if the HA determines it will create a hardship.

C. Screening of Remaining Family Members

Remaining family members shall be screened for eligibility in accordance with "Applicant Selection Criteria" contained in section 1(H) of this policy. Additionally, the Housing Authority reserves the right to reject a remaining family member's request for the continued occupancy of a unit if the Housing Authority believes the leaseholder put the remaining family member on the lease with the intent of vacating the unit and leaving the unit to the remaining family member.

D. Periodic Re-examination.

- (1) Regular re-examinations. The HA shall, at least once a year, re-examine the incomes of all resident families. [24 CFR § 960.209 (a)]. The exception to this requirement is for families choosing to pay a flat rent. Families paying a flat rent are only required to have their income re-examined once every three years. The family is still required to sign a lease renewal once each year and to report changes in family composition.

E. Verification Procedures

The HA will seek to obtain third party verification of family annual income, the value of assets, expenses related to deductions from annual income and other factors that affect the determination of adjusted income. However, if after four weeks a request for third party verification has not been returned, the HA will use other methods of verification including but not limited to copies of paychecks, copies of bank account statements, and receipts for expenses.

(2) Special Re-examinations. When it is not possible to estimate projected family income with any degree of accuracy at the time of admission or regular reexamination, a temporary determination will be made with respect to income and a special re-examination may be scheduled every 90 days until a reasonably accurate estimate of income can be made. The resident will be notified in advance as to the date for the special re-examination(s). Special re-examination shall also be conducted when there is a change in the head of household that requires a remaining family member to take on the responsibilities of a leaseholder. (Not a HUD requirement, the HA option)

(3) Persons reporting zero income may have their circumstances examined every 90 days until they have a stable income. Persons claiming zero income will also be asked to complete a family expense form. This form will be the first form completed in the annual re-examination process. The form will ask residents to estimate how much they spend on: food, beverages, transportation, health care, child care, debts, household items, etc. Residents will then be asked how they pay for these items. (Not a HUD requirement, the HA option best practice)

(4) Re-examination Procedures

(a) At the time of re-examination, the head of the household will be required to sign an application for continued occupancy and other forms required by HUD.

(b) Employment, income, allowances, Social Security numbers, and such other data as is deemed necessary will be verified, and all verified findings will be documented and filed in the resident's folder. [24 CFR §960.2061

(c) Verified information will be analyzed and a determination made with respect to:

(i) Eligibility of the resident as a family or as the remaining member of a family;

(ii) Unit size required for the family;

(iii) Rent the family should pay.

(d) Income shall be computed in accordance with the definitions and procedures set forth in this policy and prescribed by HUD. Income derived from participating in the HA's painter's apprenticeship program will not be counted for a period of 18 months from the participant's start date. Income of full time students employed by the Recreation Department during the summer will not be counted as income. [24 CFR § 913]

- (e) Families failing to respond to the initial re-examination appointment will be issued a final appointment within the same month. Failure to respond to the final request will result in the family being sent a notice of lease violation for failure to comply with the terms and conditions of occupancy required by the lease. Failure to comply will result in termination of the lease. [24 CFR § 966.4 (c)(2)]
- (5) Action Following Re-examination
- (a) If there is any change in rent, the lease will be amended, or a new lease will be executed, or a Notice of Rent Adjustment will be issued. [24 CFR § 966.4 (c) & (o)]
 - (b) If any change in the unit size is required, the resident will be place on a transfer list in accordance with the transfer criteria described earlier in this policy and moved to an appropriate unit when one becomes available. 24 CFR § 966.4 (c)(3)]

4. INTERIM RENT ADJUSTMENTS

A. Rent Adjustments

- (1) Residents must report all changes in family composition, status, or income to the HA within 10 calendar days of the occurrence. Failure to report within the 10 calendar days may result in a retroactive rent charge. Residents choosing a flat rent or who are paying a ceiling rent are not required to report changes in income unless they are requesting to return to an income based rent.

Examples of changes, which must be reported are: increases in income resulting from a change in employer, job title, part-time to full-time employment, an adult family member previously unemployed obtains employment, all income received by a new family member, any new unearned income received on behalf of any family members - children or adults.

- (2) Residents with seasonal or part-time employment of a cyclical nature will be asked for third party documentation of the circumstances of their employment including start and ending dates. (Not a HUD requirement, the HA option, best practice)

- (3) The HA will process an interim adjustment in rent if it is found that the resident at an annual or interim re-examination has misrepresented the facts upon which the rent is based so that the rent the Resident is paying is less than the rent that he/she should have been charged. The HA will apply any increase in rent retroactive to the first of the month following the month in which the misrepresentation occurred. (Not a HUD requirement, the HA option, best practice)

- (5) Complete justification and verification of the circumstances applicable to rent adjustments must be documented by the resident. [24 CFR § 960.2061

- (6) Residents reporting decreases in income that are expected to last more than 30 days will have an interim adjustment processed.

- (7) Residents granted a reduction in rent under these provisions may be required to report for special re-examinations at intervals determined by the HA. Reporting is required until the circumstances cease or until it is time for the next regularly scheduled re-examination, whichever occurs first. If family income increases during this time, the rent will be increased accordingly. A fully documented record of the circumstances and decisions shall be included in the resident's folder. (Not a HUD requirement, the HA option best practice)

- (8) Residents who receive welfare assistance and have their grant reduced or terminated due to fraud, non-compliance with welfare work or economic self-sufficiency program will not be entitled to any decrease in rent.

B. Effective Date of Adjustments

- (1) Residents will be notified in writing of any rent adjustment and such notice will state the effective date of the adjustment. (Not a HUD requirement, the HA option best practice)
- (2) Rent decreases go into effect the first of the month following the reported change, provided the change in income or circumstances was reported within the month in which it occurred.
- (3) Rent increases (except those due to misrepresentation) will be effective after 30 days notice (the first day of the 2nd. following month)

C. Failure to Report Accurate Information

If it is found the resident has misrepresented or failed to report to the HA the facts upon which his/her rent is based so that the rent being paid is less than what should have been charged, then the increase in rent will be made retroactive. Failure to report accurate information is also grounds for initiating eviction proceedings in accordance with the HA's dwelling lease. [24 CFR § 966.4 (c)(2)]

D. Failure to Provide Timely Information

Increases in rent will be charged retroactively to the tenants account if the reexamination is done late due to the tenants failure to comply with reexamination procedures in a timely manner.

5. LEASE TERMINATION PROCEDURES

It is the HA's policy that no resident's lease shall be terminated except in compliance with applicable HUD regulations (24 CFR § 966.4 0)(2) and the lease terms.

A. Notice Requirements

(1) No resident shall be given a Notice of Lease Termination without being told by the HA in writing the reason for the termination. The resident must also be informed of his/her right to request a hearing in accordance with the Grievance Procedure, and be given the opportunity to make such a reply as he/she may wish. Certain actions are excluded from the Grievance Procedure, specifically: any criminal activity that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises of other residents or the HA employees; and any drug-related criminal activity on or near such premises. [24 CFR § 966.4 0)(3)]

(2) Notices of lease termination can be served personally, and if posted to the apartment door, shall also be sent to the resident by Certified Mail. Return of the Certified Mail receipt, whether signed or unsigned shall be considered to be proof that the resident received proper notification. (Not a HUD requirement, the HA option best practice)

B. Record keeping Requirements

A written record of every termination and/or eviction shall be maintained by the HA, and shall contain the following information: (Not a HUD requirement, the HA option best practice)

- (1) Name of resident, number and identification of unit occupied;
- (2) Date of the Notice of Lease Termination and any other notices required by State or local law; these notices may be on the same form and will run concurrently;
- (3) Specific reason(s) for the Notices, with section of the lease violated, and other facts pertinent to the issuing of the Notices described in detail;
- (4) Date and method of notifying resident (i.e. Certified, hand delivered);
- (5) Summaries of any conferences held with resident including dates, names of conference participants and conclusions.

6. CHARGES FOR EXCESS UTILITIES AND DAMAGES

A. Excess Utility Charges

Residents in units where the HA pays the utilities may be charged for excess utilities if additional appliances or equipment are used in the unit (e.g. window air conditioners). This charge shall be applied as specified in the lease [24 CFR § 966.4 (b)(2)] and in accordance with the HA's "Schedule of Charges".

B. Charges for Damages

Charges shall be imposed for damages that are due to vandalism, neglect, carelessness or violation of rules and regulations of the family lease. No charge shall be made for reasonable wear and tear. Charges shall be imposed in accordance with the HA "Schedule of Charges"

7. MINIMUM RENTS

The HA shall charge a minimum rent of \$50.00

Exceptions To Minimum Rents.

The HA shall grant an exception to the minimum rent requirements if the resident can demonstrate a hardship circumstance expected to be of a longterm basis (over 90 days) as follows:

- (1) The family has lost eligibility for or is awaiting on eligibility determination for a Federal, State or local assistance program.
- (2) The family would be evicted as a result of the imposition of the minimum rent;
- (3) The income of the family has decreased because of changed circumstance, including loss of employment,
- (4) A death in the family has occurred,
- (5) Other circumstances determined by the HA on a case by case basis.

Any resident requesting exception to the minimum rent will have the rent suspended until a determination is made. After the determination, if exception is not granted, the rent will be charged retroactively. If the HA determines the hardship is expected only to be temporary (less than or equal to 90 days) eviction will not be pursued during this period. The resident will be given an opportunity to enter into a repayment

agreement for monies owed. If no hardship is substantiated, the resident will be required to pay the minimum rent including any retroactive rent that accrues during the period of review. If the exception is granted, the resident's account will be credited back to the date of the request except for residents charged a minimum rent between October 21, 1998 and February 1999 when this HUD regulation went into effect. Those families are eligible for credit back to October 21, 1998.

All decisions made in this regard are subject to the grievance procedures.

8. FLAT RENTS

Flat rents shall be established for all units based on a rent comparability survey. Flat rents will be reviewed and adjusted periodically. Flat rents are as follows:

0 bedroom	\$450
1 bedroom	\$ 500
2 bedroom	\$ 680
3 bedroom	\$ 848
4 bedroom	\$1016
5 bedroom	\$1016

Upon adoption of this policy, residents will be notified of their right to request to pay a flat rent instead of an income based rent. After this initial implementation period this option will be offered once each year at reexamination, or at the request of the resident.

A resident may request to return to paying an income based rent if there has been a financial hardship on the family or if the resident feels they can no longer afford the flat rent.

Residents waiting for a transfer to a smaller unit will pay a flat rent based on the smaller unit size for which they are waiting. If the family paying the lower flat rent refuses a reasonable offer to transfer to a smaller unit, their rent will be returned to the lower of the flat rent for the actual unit size they occupy or 30 % of adjusted income.

9. ONE STRIKE POLICY

The HA's One Strike Policy shall be contained in the appendix to this policy.

10. HOUSEKEEPING STANDARDS

In an effort to improve the livability and conditions of the apartments owned and managed by the Authority, uniform standards for resident housekeeping have been developed for all tenant families.

- (a) Authority Responsibility: The standards that follow will be applied fairly and uniformly to all Tenants. The Authority will inspect each unit at least annually, to determine compliance with the standards. Upon completion of an inspection, the Authority will notify Tenant in writing if he/she fails to comply with the standards. The Authority will advise Tenant of the specific correction(s) required to establish compliance. Within a reasonable period of time, the Authority will schedule a second inspection. Failure of a second inspection will constitute a violation of the lease terms.

- (b) Tenant responsibility: Tenant is required to abide by the standards set forth below. Failure to abide by the Housekeeping Standards that results in the creation or maintenance of a threat to health or safety is a violation of the lease terms and can result in eviction.

- (c) Housekeeping Standards: Inside the Apartment
 - General--
 - (1) Walls: should be clean, free of dirt, grease, holes, cobwebs, and fingerprints.
 - (2) Floors: should be clean, clear, dry and free of hazards.
 - (3) Ceilings: should be clean and free of cobwebs.
 - (4) Windows: should be clean and not nailed shut. Shades or blinds should be intact.
 - (5) Woodwork: should be clean, free of dust, gouges, or scratches.
 - (6) Doors: should be clean, free of grease and fingerprints. Doorstops should be present. Locks should work.
 - (7) Heating units: should be dusted and access uncluttered.
 - (8) Trash: shall be disposed of properly and not left in the unit.
 - (9) Entire unit should be free of rodent or insect infestation.

Kitchen--

- (1) Stove: should be clean and free of food and grease.
- (2) Refrigerator: should be clean. Freezer door should close properly and freezer have no more than one inch of ice.
- (3) Cabinets: should be clean and neat. Cabinet surfaces and countertop should be free of grease and spilled food. Cabinets should not be overloaded. Storage under the sink should be limited to small or

lightweight items to permit access for repairs. Heavy pots and pans should not be stored under the sink.

- (4) Exhaust Fan: should be free of grease and dust.
- (5) Sink: should be clean, free of grease and garbage. Dirty dishes should be washed and put away in a timely manner.
- (6) Food storage areas: should be neat and clean without spilled food.
- (7) Trash/garbage: should be stored in a covered container until removed to the disposal area.

Bathroom--

- (1) Toilet and tank: should be clean and odor free.
- (2) Tub and shower: should be clean and free of excessive mildew and mold. Where applicable, shower curtains should be in place, and of adequate length.
- (3) Lavatory: should be clean
- (4) Exhaust fans: should be free of dust.
- (5) Floor: should be clean and dry.

Storage Areas--

- (1) Linen closet: should be neat and clean..
- (2) Other closets: should be neat and clean. No highly flammable materials should be stored in the unit.
- (3) Other storage areas: should be clean, neat and free of hazards.

(d) Housekeeping Standards: Outside the Apartment

The following standards apply to family and scattered site development only; some standards apply only when the area noted is for the exclusive use of Tenant:

- (1) Yards: should be free of debris, trash, and abandoned cars. Exterior walls should be free of graffiti.
- (2) Porches (front and rear): should be clean and free of hazards including snow and ice. Any items stored on the porch shall not impede access to the unit.
- (3) Steps (front and rear): should be clean, and free of hazards including snow and ice.
- (4) Sidewalks: should be clean and free of hazards including snow and ice.
- (5) Storm doors: should be clean, with glass or screens intact.
- (6) Parking lot: should be free of abandoned cars. There should be no car repairs in the lots.
- (7) Hallways: should be clean and free of hazards.
- (8) Stairwells: should be clean and uncluttered.
- (9) Laundry areas: should be clean and neat. Remove lint from dryers after use.
- (10) Utility room: should be free of debris, motor vehicle parts, and flammable materials.

11. Deconcentration of Poverty Analysis and Plan

Delaney, Dunlap and Otlowski

The predominant finding of this analysis is that there is a concentration of poverty in general at the three family developments. Among developments the disbursement of this poverty is basically equal, however, Otlowski Gardens is slightly more concentrated than Dunlap and Delaney (Otlowski gardens had 92% of families at or below 30% of median, while Dunlap and Delaney are both 82%).

Findings among buildings within the developments are also basically equivalent. Twenty-four percent of the buildings at Dunlap are occupied by families all at or below 30% of median, while 27.50% of the buildings at Delaney fit this description. At Dunlap, 47% of the buildings have one family at 50% - 80% of median, and 29% of the buildings have 2 or more families at 50% - 58% of median. At Delaney, 27.50% of the buildings have one family at 50%-80% of median, while 45% of the buildings have 2 or more families at 50%-80% of the median income. Otlowski only has two families with income 50%- 80% of median, and they live in the same building.

The Housing Authority will make as its goal the selection of higher income families in general to fill vacant units. The Housing Authority will use its authority to skip applicants on the waiting list to get to higher income families (at 50%- 80% of median), but only if the vacancy to be filled is in a building with no or only one family at 50%- 80% of median income. The Housing Authority will also try to bring higher income families into buildings with no higher income families when transferring tenants on the transfer list. Skipping of families on this list and allowing voluntary transfers will facilitate this process.

To retain families with higher incomes, the housing Authority will make as a priority the transfer of families who are over housed and have hit the ceiling rent for the too large unit. This will help reduce the rent these families pay and retain them as residents. In the meantime, the ceiling rent will be capped at the lower bedroom size while the family waits for its transfer.

Some long range analysis and planning must also be undertaken. For example, an analysis of the waiting list must be done to determine how many of our current applicants have income at 50% - 80% of median income. The Housing Authority may have to begin marketing its apartments to these families. An analysis of the preferences being used must also be undertaken, in terms of the needs of the community, their housing problems, and how changes in the current preference system may affect certain categories of applicants. An analysis of the incomes within the census tracts of the developments and in the City must also be evaluated.

The Housing Authority must also analyze its vacancies over the past year and determine patterns, if any of higher income families leaving their units. This data will also be tracked from now on. Lastly, the Housing Authority must analyze how the current rent structures (income

based and ceiling rents) may discourage higher income families from remaining in occupancy.

The above items will be done starting in the summer as the Housing Authority works on its PHA Plan.

Stack and Hansen Apartments

The findings at the senior developments, Stack and Hansen mirror those at the family developments. Eighty-three percent of Stack residents are at or below 30% of median, while 17% are at 50% of median. Eighty-eight percent of Hansen residents are at or below 30% of median, while 12% are at 50% of median. Only one tenant from both developments was at 80% of median income.

Because the residents at these developments are predominantly collecting Social Security or supplemental Social Security and are on fixed incomes, it is easy to assume that this is the factor here. These developments do not exhibit the same types of social problems (i.e., drugs, damage to units and sites) as seen at the family developments, and which can be attributed to income.

At this time, no plan will be implemented until a more depth analysis of the senior citizen community can be undertaken. This would be needed to see the needs and make up of the whole community.

DUNLAP

154 DWELLING UNITS

-3 VACANCIES

151 Occupied units

6 80% median or 4%
21 50% median or 14%
124 30% median or 82%

DELANEY

250 Dwelling units

-8 vacancies

242 occupied units

3 over 80% median or 1%
6 80% median or 2.5%
35 50% median or 14.5%
198 30% median or 82%

OTLOWSKI

24 dwelling units

-0 vacancies

24 occupied units

1 80% of median or 4%
1 50% of median or 4%
22 30% of median or 92%

DUNLAP

17 buildings

4 have all families at 30% of median or 24% of buildings

8 have 1 family at 50-80% median or 47% of buildings

5 have 2 or more families at 50-80% median or 29% of buildings

DELANEY

29 buildings

8 have all families at or below 30% of median or 27.50% of buildings

8 have 1 family at 50-80% median or 27.50 % of buildings

13 have 2 or more families at 50-80% median or 45% of buildings

OTLOWSKI

4 buildings

3 have all families at or below 30% of median or 75% of buildings

0 have 1 family at 50-80% of median or 0% of buildings

1 has 2 families at 50-80% of median or 25% of buildings

12. Community Service and Self Sufficiency Requirements

Unless exempt by 24 CFR 960. 603, each adult resident of public housing must contribute 8 hours per month of community service or participate in an economic self-sufficiency program for 8 hours per month. A resident determined by the Housing Authority to be required to comply with this section may request an exemption if their circumstances change, or may request a hearing pursuant to the grievance procedure if they disagree with the initial determination.

Community service must be performed at a location within Middlesex County unless otherwise approved by the Housing Authority. Community Service is defined as service for which the resident volunteers. The activity cannot be a paid activity or a political activity. The activity must be pre-approved by the Housing Authority. Staff will provide a list of possible organizations to residents, but service at those organizations will not be required. The resident will be required to submit a monthly verification form to the Housing Authority confirming the service was performed.

If the Housing Authority is able to identify appropriate community service work at its developments, it will offer this opportunity to residents required to comply with this requirement.

A resident can also satisfy this requirement by participating in an economic self-sufficiency activity. Self-sufficiency is defined as activities designed to encourage, assist, train or facilitate economic independence. This could include, but is not limited to: apprenticeships, job readiness training, substance abuse or mental health counseling and treatment, English proficiency, GED training, household budgeting and credit counseling. This activity must be pre-approved by the housing authority. The housing authority will provide a list of self-sufficiency programs to the residents. However, participation in those specific programs will not be required. The resident will be required to submit a monthly verification form to the Housing Authority confirming the resident's participation.

Residents may combine community service and self-sufficiency activities to meet their requirements.

13. Income Exclusions

The Housing Authority abides by all HUD requirements regarding income exclusions. Additionally, the Housing Authority excludes all income earned by the participants in its painter apprentice program for the duration of their participation in the program. The Housing Authority will also exclude for a six-month period, income earned by former painter apprentice participants that become employed in the painter's union. The Housing Authority also excludes the income earned by residents employed as mentors in the Middlesex County Youth Advocate Program.

Attachment E

Public Housing Drug Elimination Program Plan

Note: THIS PHDEP Plan template (HUD 50075-PHDEP Plan) is to be completed in accordance with Instructions located in applicable PIH Notices.

Annual PHDEP Plan Table of Contents:

1. General Information/History
2. PHDEP Plan Goals/Budget
3. Milestones
4. Certifications

Section 1: General Information/History

A. Amount of PHDEP Grant \$132,949

B. Eligibility type (Indicate with an "x") N1 _____ N2 _____ R x

C. FFY in which funding is requested 2001

D. Executive Summary of Annual PHDEP Plan

In the space below, provide a brief overview of the PHDEP Plan, including highlights of major initiatives or activities undertaken. It may include a description of the expected outcomes. The summary must not be more than five (5) sentences long

The Housing Authority's PHDEP plan is a comprehensive approach including offduty police patrols, drug prevention and intervention, and recreation activities. The purpose of the offduty police patrols is to ensure peaceful enjoyment of residents, and to assist the efforts of narcotics officers by identifying and monitoring the activities of drug offenders.

The Neighborhood Center provides programming to youth and adults to strengthen family ties, educate individuals about the dangers of drug use, and provide counseling to individuals and families affected by substance abuse. The recreation program offers programming to youth, which is an alternative to becoming involved in drug use or the sale of drugs.

E. Target Areas

Complete the following table by indicating each PHDEP Target Area (development or site where activities will be conducted), the total number of units in each PHDEP Target Area, and the total number of individuals expected to participate in PHDEP sponsored activities in each Target Area.

PHDEP Target Areas (Name of development(s) or site)	Total # of Units within the PHDEP Target Area(s)	Total Population to be Served within the PHDEP Target Area(s)
NJ6-1 Dunlap Homes	154	345
NJ6-2 Delaney Homes	250	600
NJ6-4 Stack Apartments	47	55
NJ6-5 Hansen Apartments	100	95
NJ6-10 Otlowski Gardens	24	100

F. Duration of Program

Indicate the duration (number of months funds will be required) of the PHDEP Program proposed under this Pla (place an "x" to indicate the length of program by # of months. For "Other", identify the # of months).

6 Months _____ 12 Months _____ 18 Months x 24 Months _____ Other _____

G. PHDEP Program History

Indicate each FY that funding has been received under the PHDEP Program (place an "x" by each applicable Year) and provide amount of funding received. If previously funded programs have not been closed out at the time of this submission, indicate the fund balance and anticipated completion date. For grant extensions received, place "GE" in column or "W" for waivers.

Fiscal Year of Funding	PHDEP Funding Received	Grant #	Fund Balance as of Date of this Submission	Grant Extensions or Waivers	Anticipated Completion Date
FY 1995	\$224,950	NJ39DEP0060195	\$0		Complete
FY 1996	\$250,000	NJ39DEP0060196	\$0		Complete
FY 1997	\$199,000	NJ39DEP0060197	\$0		Complete
FY 1998	\$172,800	NJ39DEP0060198	\$0		Complete
FY 1999	\$127,565	NJ39DEP0060199	\$24,094.64		January 2001
FY 2000	\$132,949	NJ39DEP0060100	\$132,949		July 2001

Section 2: PHDEP Plan Goals and Budget

A. PHDEP Plan Summary

In the space below, summarize the PHDEP strategy to address the needs of the target population/target area(s). Your summary should briefly identify: the broad goals and objectives, the role of plan partners, and your system or process for monitoring and evaluating PHDEP-funded activities. This summary should not exceed 5-10 sentences.

The Housing Authority's broad goals in administering its PHDEP program are as follows: to identify and evict households involved in illegal drug activity, and to adequately screen new residents to achieve a drug-free community; to educate residents in a way that will discourage drug use; to provide necessary counseling services that will enable drug users to become drug-free; and to provide recreation programs that will give youth an alternative to drug use.

The Housing Authority has two primary partners: the Police Department of the City of Perth Amboy which administers the law enforcement portion of the grant, and Catholic Charities which administers the prevention and intervention portions of the grant. Representatives of these two entities work with the Executive Director, Director of Staff Operations, and the Director of Human Services at the Housing Authority to develop and implement programs.

The PHDEP activities are monitored and evaluated by developing annual goals in each program area, and then monitoring them on a quarterly basis.

B. PHDEP Budget Summary

Enter the total amount of PHDEP funding allocated to each line item.

FY 2001 PHDEP Budget Summary	
Budget Line Item	Total Funding
9110 - Reimbursement of Law Enforcement	\$24,792
9120 - Security Personnel	\$0
9130 - Employment of Investigators	\$0
9140 - Voluntary Tenant Patrol	\$0
9150 - Physical Improvements	\$0
9160 - Drug Prevention	\$83,157
9170 - Drug Intervention	\$25,000
9180 - Drug Treatment	\$0
9190 - Other Program Costs	\$0
TOTAL PHDEP FUNDING	\$132,949

C. PHDEP Plan Goals and Activities

In the tables below, provide information on the PHDEP strategy summarized above by budget line item. Each goal and objective should be numbered sequentially for each budget line item (where applicable). Use as many rows as necessary to list proposed activities (additional rows may be inserted in the tables). PHAs are not required to provide information in shaded boxes. Information provided must be concise—not to exceed two sentences in any column. Tables for line items in which the PHA has no planned goals or activities may be deleted.

9110 - Reimbursement of Law Enforcement					Total PHDEP Funding: \$24,792		
Goal(s)	Decrease drug activity, and loitering and trespassing.						
Objectives	Off-duty patrols of PAHA developments to ensure peace and investigate drug activity						
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHEDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount/Source)	Performance Indicators
1. Patrol NJ6-1, 2 and 10			3/01	3/02	\$24,792	\$40,000	Decline in trespass and loitering violations, decrease in drug activity
2.							
3.							

9120 - Security Personnel					Total PHDEP Funding: \$		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

9130 - Employment of Investigators					Total PHDEP Funding: \$		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

9140 - Voluntary Tenant Patrol					Total PHDEP Funding: \$		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

9150 - Physical Improvements					Total PHDEP Funding: \$		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHEDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

9160 – Drug Prevention					Total PHDEP Funding: \$83,157		
Goal(s)	To decrease substance abuse by residents						
Objectives	To provide prevention and intervention programs						
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHEDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1. Neighborhood Center	600	Youth & Adults	03/01	03/02	\$83,157	\$85,000	Increase in participation of programs
2. Recreation Center	600	Youth	03/01	03/02	\$0	\$90,000	Maintain level of programming
3.							

9170 - Drug Intervention					Total PHDEP Funding: \$ 25,000		
Goal(s)	To achieve reduction in substance abuse by residents						
Objectives	To provide on-site counseling, and make referrals to off-site counseling where appropriate						
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHEDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1. Counseling Services	50	Youth and adults	03/01	03/02	\$25,000	\$25,000	Increase in number of persons receiving/referred to counseling
2.							
3.							

9180 - Drug Treatment					Total PHDEP Funding: \$		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

9190 - Other Program Costs					Total PHDEP Funds: \$		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

Section 3: Expenditure/Obligation Milestones

Indicate by Budget Line Item and the Proposed Activity (based on the information contained in Section 2 PHDEP Plan Budget and Goals), the % of funds that will be expended (at least 25% of the total grant award) and obligated (at least 50% of the total grant award) within 12 months of grant execution.

Budget Line Item #	25% Expenditure of Total Grant Funds By Activity #	Total PHDEP Funding Expended (sum of the activities)	50% Obligation of Total Grant Funds by Activity #	Total PHDEP Funding Obligated (sum of the activities)
<i>e.g Budget Line Item # 9120</i>	<i>Activities 1, 3</i>		<i>Activity 2</i>	
9110	Activity 1	\$18,000	Activity 1	\$18,000
9120				
9130				
9140				
9150				
9160	Activity 1 and 2	\$60,000	Activity 1 and 2	\$60,000
9170	Activity 1	\$16,000	Activity 1	\$16,000
9180				
9190				
TOTAL		\$ 94,000		\$ 94,000

Section 4: Certifications

A comprehensive certification of compliance with respect to the PHDEP Plan submission is included in the “PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plan and Related Regulations.”

Attachment F

PET POLICY

(Dunlap Homes, Delaney Homes, Otlowski Gardens)

I. Preamble

Section 526 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 added a new section 31 to the United States Housing Act of 1937. Section 31 establishes pet ownership requirements for residents of Public Housing. This policy is intended to implement this requirement. This policy is applicable to residents of Dunlap Homes, Delaney Homes, and Otlowski Gardens.

II. Rights of Residents to Have Pets

Residents have the right to keep pets in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 960, Subpart G; New Jersey State Law; City of Perth Amboy applicable ordinances; and Perth Amboy Housing Authority policies. Residents found in non-compliance of these requirements will be required to come into compliance, give up their pet(s), or be subject to eviction. Residents are responsible for educating themselves in regard to municipal and state laws.

III. Common Household Pets

- A. Domesticated dogs not exceeding 25 pounds in weight and 20 inches in height. Dogs must meet both weight and height restrictions.
- B. Domesticated cats.
- C. Fish in approved tank not exceeding 20 gallons.
- D. Domesticated, caged, small birds not exceeding 12 inches in approved cage.
- E. Other domestic pets kept in approved cage such as gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs, rabbits, and turtles.
- F. Exotic and livestock animals will not be permitted. Examples are snakes, chickens, roosters, and pigs.

IV. Limitations on the number/type of animals based on unit size.

1-2 bedrooms- one dog OR one cat as described in III A. and B. above AND one fish tank or one caged bird or one other small pet as described in III E. above.

3-5 bedroom- one dog AND one cat as described in III A. and B. above AND one fish tank or one caged bird or one other small pet as described in III E. above.

G. Non-Refundable Pet Fee

Residents with pets are required to pay a non-refundable pet fee as follows:

Dogs -	\$30.00
Cats-	\$20.00
Other pets -	\$10.00

VI. Pet Application Registration

Tenants who wish to apply for a Pet Permit must file an application for a Pet Permit at the administrative offices

VII. Pet Permit

Prior to placing a pet into residency in any Housing Authority administered housing tenant must file an application for a Pet Permit and a picture of the pet. A Pet Permit will be issued after all initial conditions of this policy have been met. Existing pets will be grand fathered in to this policy provided the resident reports the pet at the time of their next reexam and provides a picture of the pet (s), which is immediately after the date this policy is enacted.

If tenant fails to register existing pet and provide a picture at this time the Housing Authority will treat pet, as being a new pet and all conditions of this policy will apply.

H. Conditions for Issuance of Pet Permit

1. Tenant must submit an application for a pet permit and a picture of the pet at the administrative office. This document will be reviewed to ensure the size and type of pet conforms to Section III of this policy.
2. Once the application for a pet permit is approved, applicant must file a certificate of Municipal Registration of the pet in accordance with local ordinance, including animals that are classified as vicious dogs in accordance with applicable municipal ordinances.
3. Applicant must file evidence in the form of an acceptable certificate that pet is in good health and has been inoculated for distemper and rabies and that said inoculation is current. (Applies to dogs and cats.) Example of accepted proof is statement from a N.J. State Licensed Veterinarian stating animal is free of all related diseases.
4. Applicant must certify and agree to the general terms and conditions of the management of said pet and acknowledge that the Pet Permit can be revoked for failure to follow pet management rules
5. Prior to issuance of Pet Permit, applicant agrees to sign a statement that applicant has read and understands the Interim Pet Policy and agrees to amend the lease accordingly.
6. Applicant must file, as part of the application process, a "Pet Emergency Care Plan" in case applicant is unable to care for said pet in an emergency and which will empower the Housing Manager to transfer pet care responsibility to an approved friend or relative of the applicant off the premises of the project as set forth in the "Pet Emergency Care Plan".
7. Applicant must display a "beware of dog" sticker in the front and back windows of the apartment if a dog is on premises. The Housing Authority will supply the sticker.

IX. Pet Management Plan

- I. Pets to be confined to apartment unless on a leash when transitting.
- J. Pets shall not be allowed in common areas of buildings. Pets will be allowed in common areas of the grounds only if leashed.
- K. In the event that the tenant leaves the building in an emergency, pet is to be provided for in accordance with the "Pet Emergency Care Plan" within 4 hours of departure of said tenant.
- L. Tenant acknowledges responsibility for the cleanliness of pet and removal of pet waste from building daily by:

1. Placing cat litter waste into bags and into garbage receptacles.
2. Placing dogs on leash and taking dog off premises to relieve itself. Tenant is responsible for removing pet waste from common areas and grounds. Failure to do so will result in a \$20.00 charge for residents of Dunlap, Delaney and Otlowski Gardens.
Note: Tenants are not to store pet waste in their apartment or flush pet waste with “kitty litter” down the toilet, sinks, or bathtubs.
3. Tenant pet owner must clean up pet residue (odor, hair, seeds, feather, water) daily. Apartment must be kept clean and free of odors at all times.
4. Tenant pet owner must prevent pet from damaging property (within apartment, common areas, grounds or personal property of others).
5. Tenant agrees to manage pet in such a way it does not contribute to complaints from other tenants regarding behavior and activities of said pet.
6. Tenant must certify that pet is not pregnant and has been spayed (if female) or neutered (if male). If pet is a young cat or dog, tenant must agree to have the pet spayed or neutered as soon as the pet reaches the minimum age (usually six months old) for being spayed or neutered and to provide the management with certification of the procedure.

X. Pet Control

Tenant must keep pet in arms (if a cat) or on a leash in public while transitting in building or on grounds.

XI. Pet Waste

Tenants who do not clean up after their pets will be charged \$20.00 at Dunlap, Delaney and Otlowski per occurrence if Housing Authority staff must clean up waste.

XII. Inspection of Apartment

Tenant agrees, as a condition of accepting the Pet Permit, that tenant’s apartment will be available for inspection as in accordance with the lease agreement.

XIII. Petition of Removal

Upon petition by two (2) or more neighboring residents alleging complaint against the pet owner for non-compliance of Pet Policy, tenant agrees to a hearing on said infraction by a representative of the Housing Authority and to abide by determination of said hearing including removal of pet within 72 hours if removal of pet is the decision at the hearing. Final determination will be made by the Board of Commissioners in event tenant wishes to appeal.

XIV. Damages

Damages caused by pet as determined by inspection shall be repaired/replaced by management at full repair/replacement cost at time of discovery of damage. Tenant will be billed for full repair cost at time of repair.

XV. Revocation of Pet Permit

A. Revocation of Pet Permit may occur upon the occasion of the following conditions:

- 7. Upon death of pet.
- 8. Upon permanent removal of pet from the project.

M. Upon determination by management of project, the following conditions may be considered cause for revocation:

- 1. Pet has caused damage to apartment, common areas, personal property or persons.
- 2. Pet has bitten, scratched or caused injury to any person.
- 3. Pet makes animal sounds that are generally annoying to tenants and management. For example: barking dog, or loud meowing cat or sounds from birds.
- 4. Pet defecates or urinates in apartment common areas, or grounds and is not cleaned up immediately and /or becomes repetitive in this behavior.

- 5. Pet is found out of control:
 - a. Dog off leash
 - b. Cat running loose
 - c. Bird not caged

6. Upon expiration of municipal animal license is not renewed within 7 days.

1. Upon expiration of inoculation unless current inoculation status is recertified.

8. Upon any determination by the Housing Authority that pet is a danger and hazard to the health and safety of tenants, management and guests of project. If tenant disagrees with determination a request for a Grievance Hearing may be made within 7 days of determination.

XVI. Death of Pet

The tenant shall be responsible for arranging for burial or other disposal, Off the premises, of pets in the event of death of pet.

Tenant Signature

Date

PET POLICY

(Hansen and Stack Apartments)

I. Preamble

Section 227 of the Housing and Urban Renewal Recovery Act of 1983, effective November 30, 1983, provides for the ownership of pets in federally assisted rental housing built exclusively for occupancy by elderly and handicapped persons. The policy is intended to meet the needs of management, nonpet owning tenants, and pet owning tenants.

II. Common Household Pets

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4. Applicant must certify and agree to the general terms and conditions of the management of said pet and acknowledge that the Pet Permit can be revoked for failure to follow pet management rules.
5. Prior to issuance of Pet Permit, applicant agrees to post a pet security deposit of equal to the higher of one-month total tenant payment or \$100.00 for each cat or dog. Said security deposit will be applied to damages caused by the pet upon tenant vacating apartment together with assessment to tenant for any deficiency in the amount of the deposit as applied to specific damages.
6. Prior to issuance of Pet Permit, applicant agrees to sign a statement that applicant has read and understands the Pet Policy and agrees to amend the lease accordingly.
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XIII. Revocation of Pet Permit

A. Revocation of Pet Permit may occur upon the occasion of the folloing conditions:

7. Upon death of pet.
8. Upon permanent removal of pet from the project.

F. Upon determination by management of project, the following conditions may be considered cause for revocation:

1. Pet has caused damage to apartment, common areas, personal property or persons.
2. Pet has bitten, scratched or caused injury to any person.
3. Pet makes animal sounds that are generally annoying to tenants and management.
For example: barking dog, or loud meowing cat or sounds from birds.
4. Pet defecates or urinates in apartment common areas, or grounds and is not cleaned up immediately and /or becomes repetitive in this behavior.
5. Pet is found out of control:
 - a. Dog off leash
 - b. Cat running loose
 - c. Bird not caged
6. Upon expiration of municipal animal license is not renewed within 7 days.
 1. Upon expiration of inoculation unless current inoculation status is recertified.
8. Upon any determination by the Housing Authority that pet is a danger and hazard to the health and safety of tenants, management and guests of project. If tenant disagrees with determination a request for a Grievance Hearing may be made within 7 days of determination.

XIV. Death of Pet

The tenant shall be responsible for arranging for burial or other disposal, Off the premises, of pets in the event of death of pet.

Tenant Signature

Date

PET PERMIT

1. The parties of the permit are the Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy, referred to as the Management, and _____ referred to as the Tenant. The management leases to the tenant unit # _____ located at _____.
2. The term of this permit shall begin on _____ and end as per the Pet policy.
3. The tenant agrees to file a copy of any Municipal Registration or license with the Management and to keep same current.
4. The tenant agrees to keep the pet properly inoculated for rabies and distemper, and to file proof that such inoculation or vaccinations are current.
5. The tenant hereby certifies and agrees to the general terms and conditions of the management of this pet by tenant, and understands and acknowledges that the Pet Permit can be revoked for failure to follow and abide by the Pet Policy.
6. The tenant has read and understands the Pet Policy and agrees to amend the Lease accordingly.
7. The tenant agrees that the Pet Policy is part of the Lease and this permit.
8. The tenant agrees to file a "Pet Emergency Care Plan" with the Management and agrees to hold the Management and employees harmless of any liability in connection with the Pet Emergency Care Plan.
9. The tenant agrees to pay for any and all costs for the care of the pet in a pet care facility, if it becomes necessary, in the event of an emergency.
10. The tenant agrees to any reasonable changes the in the Pet Management Rules that may occur in the future.
11. The tenant agrees to make the apartment available for inspection during normal working hours, as set forth in the Lease Agreement.
12. The tenant agrees to have pet use outside relief if pet is a dog or cat, or cats may use approved kitty litter in apartment. Tenant further agrees to clean up as the result of "accidents" by the pet.
13. Tenant agrees to dispose of pet waste and kitty litter by placing in double plastic bags and putting bag in trash DAILY.
14. Description of Pet _____
15. Pet Emergency Plan _____

Tenant understands that this permit may be revoked if it is found the tenant misrepresented the characteristics of the pet, and the pet characteristics are not in accordance with section II of policy. The tenant also understands the Housing Authority is not responsible for the actions, of the pet and that the tenant is fully responsible for the pet's actions.

As a condition of application for a Pet Permit on _____ I, _____ understand and agree to the terms and conditions of the Pet Policy.

Housing Authority Representative

Tenant

Date

Date

Attachment G

Report on Progress Towards Meeting the Goals of the Five Year Plan

A. Mission

The PHA's mission is to provide decent housing, suitable living environments and viable urban communities for economically disadvantaged and disabled persons without discrimination while promoting and enhancing their self sufficiency and economic development.

B. Goals

1. Increase the availability of assisted housing.

- Objective: Apply for additional rental vouchers.
- Quantifiable Measure: Not less than 150 additional vouchers will be applied for over the next five years.

The Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy applied to HUD for 50 mainstream vouchers and 50 fair share vouchers. The application for the mainstream vouchers remains pending at this time; the application for fair share vouchers was declined.

- Objective: Leverage private or other public funds to create additional assisted housing.
- Quantifiable Measure: In conjunction with the revitalization of Delaney Homes, HOPE VI funds, if available, will be leveraged by not less than 2 times the public housing investment by attracting private and other public investment.
- Quantifiable Measure: Section 8 vouchers will be utilized to leverage conventional finance to develop an assisted living facility

During the Spring of the year 2000, the Housing Authority initiated the planning process for a HOPE VI application which would include the revitalization of Delaney Homes and the development of an assisted living facility at another site. The Housing Authority will continue this HOPE VI planning process in partnership with the City of Perth Amboy over the upcoming months.

2. Increase assisted housing choices.

- Objective: Provide Voucher mobility counseling.
- Quantifiable Measure: 100% on new participants in the Section 8 voucher program will be counseled with regard to housing opportunities and locations available to them.

100% of new participants in the Section 8 voucher program are counseled with regard to housing opportunities and locations available at the time that they receive their voucher.

- Quantifiable Measure: 100% existing residents of public housing and recipients of Section 8 assistance will be counseled annually with regard to alternative housing opportunities *and locations available through the Section 8 voucher program.*

100% of existing residents of public housing and recipients of Section 8 assistance are counseled annually at the time of reexamination with regard to alternative housing opportunities and locations available through the Section 8 voucher program.

- Objective: Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords.
- Quantifiable Measure: Not less than two new landlord participants will be attracted annually.

The Housing Authority has conducted outreach efforts, including seminars for local property owners, to attract additional owners to make their properties available for Section 8 voucher holders. Forty-five (45) new owners were added to the Section 8 program in the year 2000.

- Objective: Implement voucher homeownership program.
- Quantifiable Measure: Not less than three new participants will be attracted annually.

HUD regulations governing the homeownership program were published 9/12/00 and became effective 10/12/00. The Housing Authority amended its section 8 Administrative Plan to begin implementation of its Section 8 voucher homeownership program.

- Objective: Implement public housing or other homeownership program.
- Quantifiable Measure: Not less than two new participants will be attracted annually.

See comment concerning the objective above.

- Objective: Create assisted living opportunities for low-income elderly residents.
- Quantifiable Measure: One assisted care facility with 50-100 apartments will be developed within the next five years

The Housing Authority intends to develop an assisted living facility as part of its HOPE VI program or with vouchers. See the comment above concerning the planned HOPE VI application.

3. Reduce the isolation of low income groups.

- Objective: Implement measure to promote income mixing by bringing higher income public housing households into lower income developments.
- Quantifiable Measure: The median income in the family housing developments will be increased by 10% over the next five years.

The Housing Authority began implementing its de-concentration policy in June, 1999 for the purpose of bringing higher income families into residency in the family housing developments, Dunlap Homes, Delaney Homes and Otlowski Gardens, and placing residents to avoid concentration of the lowest income families within the same developments or buildings. At that time 15 buildings housed all families that had incomes at or below 30% of median . As of December 1, 2000, this number of buildings had been reduced to 10.

Median family income at these three family developments increased from \$10,532 in January, 2000 to \$11,805 as of December 1, 2000, a 12% increase. Average income rose in the same period from \$13,034 to \$14,515, an 11% increase.

Objective: Implement measures to deconcentrate poverty by assuring housing opportunities are available to lower income public housing households in higher income neighborhoods.

- Quantifiable Measure: Through the use of mobility counseling, five public housing residents will choose to move annually to higher income neighborhood by participating in either the Section 8 voucher program or one of the homeownership program.

See the comment above concerning counseling for public housing residents with regard to opportunities available through the Section 8 voucher program. Two (2) public housing residents elected to accept Section 8 vouchers in the year 2000.

4. Improve community quality of life.

- Objective: Revitalize or redevelop obsolete public housing.
- Quantifiable Measure: Delaney Homes will be revitalized or redeveloped within the next five years, if HOPE VI funding becomes available or a mixed finance redevelopment program becomes feasible.

The Housing Authority plans to revitalize or redevelop Delaney Homes with HOPE VI funding. See the comments above concerning the planning for a HOPE VI application.

5. Promote self-sufficiency and economic development of assisted households.

- Objective: Increase the number and percentage of employed persons in assisted families.
- Quantifiable Measure: The number of assisted families with an employed person will be increased by 10% annually.

Through the Family Self-Sufficiency program, the Housing Authority provides incentives and assistance to assisted families in gaining employment. The number of Section 8 families actively participating in the FSS program increased from 111 to 133 over the past fiscal year; the number of Public Housing participants increased from 0 to 24 in the same period.

- Objective: Attract supportive services to improve assistance recipients employability.
- Quantifiable Measure: Twenty public housing residents will be assisted annually.

The Housing Authority has employed a Job Coordinator to coordinate supportive services for public housing residents and recipients of Section 8 assistance. During the past year the Authority was awarded a three year ROSS grant from HUD of \$150,000 and a U.S. Department of Labor grant of \$50,000 to fund supportive services.

- Objective: Attract supportive services to increase independence for the elderly or families with disabilities.
- Quantifiable Measure: A partnership will be developed with a service provider to provide assistance and services to the proposed assisted living facility within the next five years.

The Housing Authority plans to develop such a partnership as part of its development of an assisted living facility with HOPE VI funding. See the comments above concerning the planned development of an assisted living facility and the planned application for HOPE VI finding.

- Objective: Increase the number of public housing residents and resident owned businesses employed through Section 3 initiatives.
- Quantifiable Measure: The number of residents hired under Section 3 initiatives will increase by 10% annually.

The Housing Authority requires the employment of residents as part of its standard contracts for construction and services. Six public housing residents were employed during the year 2000. This is an increase from four residents employed in 1999, a 50% increase.

Attachment H

Report on Comments Received During the Advisory Process

To develop the Annual Plan for the fiscal year April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002 and to update the Five Year Plan for the fiscal years 2001 to 2005, the Housing Authority established a Planning Group, which included Housing Authority Commissioners, staff members, representatives from City agencies, and elected resident representatives from each of our public housing developments and from the Section 8 Certificate and Voucher programs. The members of the Planning group were as follows:

Dunlap - Delaney - Otlowski Residents' Council

Elizabeth Perez
Tomasia Torres
Gregorio Rios

Hansen Apartments Residents' Council

Richard Cavallero
Mary Bagala
Aurea Dancona

Stack Apartments Residents Council

Genaro Acevedo

Section 8 Program Participants

Maria Marquez
Irving Soto
Milagros Bullock

City of Perth Amboy

Dianne Roman, Director of Human Services
Pamela Desjardins, Director, Perth Amboy Housing Development Corporation

Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

E. Dorothy Carty-Daniel, Chairperson
William Devorak, Commissioner

Housing Authority Staff

Douglas G. Dzema, Executive Director
William Nalle, Director of Redevelopment

The Planning group met on November 6, 2000 and November 13, 2000 to develop the draft plans. The agenda for each of these meetings were as follows:

Meeting of November 6, 2000

1. Introduction and Overview of the Planning Process
2. Review of Housing Authority Mission Statement
3. Review of Progress in Meeting Goals of the Five Year Plan
4. Update of Current Housing Needs
5. Update of Admissions and Occupancy Policy
 - a. Opening of the Public Housing Waiting List
 - b. Preference Points for Applicants
 - c. Income Exclusions
 - d. Preference Points for Working Families
 - e. Preference Points for Victims of Domestic Violence
 - f. Preference Points for Handicapped Persons Living in Inaccessible Units
 - g. Preference Points for Transfer of Public Housing to Section 8 Program
 - h. Flat Rents
 - i. Community Service and Self-Sufficiency Requirements
 - j. Pet Policy
 - k. Window Guards
6. Update of Section 8 Administrative Plan
 - a. Revision of Payment Standards
 - b. Homeownership Program
 - c. Implementation of Welfare to Work Program
 - d. Revision of Welfare to Work Program
 - e. Maintain Open Section 8 Waiting List
 - f. Disapproval of Owners

Meeting of November 13, 2000

1. Capital Improvement Needs - Capital Fund Program Budget
2. PHA Safety and Crime Prevention Measures - Drug Elimination Program Budget

3. HOPE VI Planning

The draft plans were made available to residents and other interested parties for review following these meetings. The plans and related documents were available for inspection at the Authority's main administrative office and at the management offices at each public housing development site.

Notice of a public hearing held on January 3, 2001 was published in two newspapers of general circulation, the Woodbridge Home News-Tribune and the Newark Star-Ledger, not later than 45 days prior to the date of the hearing.

No comments were received on the draft plans.