

## LEGAL NOTICE

On March 7, 2024 a Draft Federal Annual Plan for the Hingham Housing Authority, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), was made available for a forty-five (45) day public review and comment period. The Draft is available to view by the public on the Hingham Housing Authority website at <https://hinghamha.com/> , and at the main office located at 30 Thaxter Street in Hingham. Should you need a reasonable accommodation to access the Plan, please contact the Quincy Housing Authority office. A public hearing to consider comments will be held on May 14, 2024 at 4:30 pm, located in the Hingham Housing Authority Community Room, located at 30 Thaxter Street in Hingham. This plan will also be presented to the Hingham Housing Authority Board of Commissioners on May 14, 2024. Written comments will also be accepted by mail to the attention of Andrew Rocha to Quincy Housing Authority, 80 Clay Street, Quincy, MA 02170. To submit comments electronically, or for questions or concerns, please contact Andrew Rocha, Assistant Executive Director of Quincy Housing Authority at 617-847-4350 ext. 702 or by email at [arocha@quincyha.com](mailto:arocha@quincyha.com).

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| <b>Annual PHA Plan<br/>(Standard PHAs and Troubled PHAs)</b> | <b>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development<br/>Office of Public and Indian Housing</b> | <b>OMB No. 2577-0226<br/>Expires: 03/31/2024</b> |
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**Purpose.** The 5-Year and Annual PHA Plans provide a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the PHA's operations, programs, and services, including changes to these policies, and informs HUD, families served by the PHA, and members of the public of the PHA's mission, goals and objectives for serving the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families.

**Applicability.** The Form HUD-50075-ST is to be completed annually by **STANDARD PHAs** or **TROUBLED PHAs**. PHAs that meet the definition of a High Performer PHA, Small PHA, HCV-Only PHA or Qualified PHA do not need to submit this form.

**Definitions.**

- (1) **High-Performer PHA** – A PHA that owns or manages more than 550 combined public housing units and housing choice vouchers, and was designated as a high performer on both the most recent Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) assessments if administering both programs, or PHAS if only administering public housing.
- (2) **Small PHA** - A PHA that is not designated as PHAS or SEMAP troubled, that owns or manages less than 250 public housing units and any number of vouchers where the total combined units exceed 550.
- (3) **Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Only PHA** - A PHA that administers more than 550 HCVs, was not designated as troubled in its most recent SEMAP assessment and does not own or manage public housing.
- (4) **Standard PHA** - A PHA that owns or manages 250 or more public housing units and any number of vouchers where the total combined units exceed 550, and that was designated as a standard performer in the most recent PHAS or SEMAP assessments.
- (5) **Troubled PHA** - A PHA that achieves an overall PHAS or SEMAP score of less than 60 percent.
- (6) **Qualified PHA** - A PHA with 550 or fewer public housing dwelling units and/or housing choice vouchers combined and is not PHAS or SEMAP troubled.

| A.                 | PHA Information.   |                    |          |                             |                                 |                              |                                 |                              |     |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| A.1                | <p><b>PHA Name:</b> Hingham Housing Authority <b>PHA Code:</b> MA-119<br/> <b>PHA Type:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standard PHA <input type="checkbox"/> Troubled PHA<br/> <b>PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning:</b> (MM/YYYY): 07/01/2024<br/> <b>PHA Inventory</b> (Based on Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) units at time of FY beginning, above)<br/> <b>Number of Public Housing (PH) Units 0 Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) 25 Total Combined Units/Vouchers</b></p> <p><b>PHA Plan Submission Type:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual Submission <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Annual Submission</p> <p><b>Availability of Information.</b> PHAs must have the elements listed below readily available to the public. A PHA must identify the specific location(s) where the proposed PHA Plan, PHA Plan Elements, and all information relevant to the public hearing and proposed PHA Plan are available for inspection by the public. At a minimum, PHAs must post PHA Plans, including updates, at each Asset Management Project (AMP) and main office or central office of the PHA. PHAs are strongly encouraged to post complete PHA Plans on their official website. PHAs are also encouraged to provide each resident council a copy of their PHA Plans.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>PHA Consortia:</b> (Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete table below)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2" style="width: 25%;">Participating PHAs</th> <th rowspan="2" style="width: 10%;">PHA Code</th> <th rowspan="2" style="width: 25%;">Program(s) in the Consortia</th> <th rowspan="2" style="width: 20%;">Program(s) not in the Consortia</th> <th colspan="2" style="width: 20%;">No. of Units in Each Program</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="width: 10%;">PH</th> <th style="width: 10%;">HCV</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lead PHA:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Participating PHAs | PHA Code | Program(s) in the Consortia | Program(s) not in the Consortia | No. of Units in Each Program |                                 | PH                           | HCV | Lead PHA: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Lead PHA:          |  |                    |          |                             |                                 |                              |                                 |                              |     |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>B.</b>  | <b>Plan Elements</b>   |
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| <b>B.1</b> | <p><b>Revision of Existing PHA Plan Elements.</b></p> <p>(a) Have the following PHA Plan elements been revised by the PHA?</p> <p>Y N</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial Resources.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rent Determination.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Operation and Management.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grievance Procedures.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homeownership Programs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Service and Self-Sufficiency Programs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety and Crime Prevention.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pet Policy.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asset Management.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantial Deviation.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Amendment/Modification</p> <p>(b) If the PHA answered yes for any element, describe the revisions for each revised element(s):</p> <p>(c) The PHA must submit its Deconcentration Policy for Field Office review.</p>  |
| <b>B.2</b> | <p><b>New Activities.</b></p> <p>(a) Does the PHA intend to undertake any new activities related to the following in the PHA's current Fiscal Year?</p> <p>Y N</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hope VI or Choice Neighborhoods.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mixed Finance Modernization or Development.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Demolition and/or Disposition.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Designated Housing for Elderly and/or Disabled Families.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conversion of Public Housing to Tenant-Based Assistance.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conversion of Public Housing to Project-Based Rental Assistance or Project-Based Vouchers under RAD.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupancy by Over-Income Families.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupancy by Police Officers.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Smoking Policies.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Project-Based Vouchers.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Units with Approved Vacancies for Modernization.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Capital Grant Programs (i.e., Capital Fund Community Facilities Grants or Emergency Safety and Security Grants).</p> <p>(b) If any of these activities are planned for the current Fiscal Year, describe the activities. For new demolition activities, describe any public housing development or portion thereof, owned by the PHA for which the PHA has applied or will apply for demolition and/or disposition approval under section 18 of the 1937 Act under the separate demolition/disposition approval process. If using Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs), provide the projected number of project-based units and general locations, and describe how project basing would be consistent with the PHA Plan.</p> |
| <b>B.3</b> | <p><b>Progress Report.</b></p> <p>Provide a description of the PHA's progress in meeting its Mission and Goals described in the PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan.</p> <p>The mission of the Hingham Housing Authority (HHA) is to protect, create and expand public and affordable housing opportunities locally while also maintaining and sustaining affordability of existing developments, improving the quality and condition of these units; to support community development, and increase the number and quality of accessible affordable units, free from discrimination of any kind and affirmatively furthering fair housing. The HHA will encourage self-sufficiency of participant families and assist in the expansion of family opportunities which address education, socio-economic, recreational and other human service needs. To fulfill our mission the HHA will strive to attain and maintain a high level of standards, ethics and accountability in day-to-day management of all program components and make every effort to forge partnerships that leverage other public and private resources in order to improve the HHA's ability to be a successful affordable housing provider.</p> <p>Progress Report. Include a report on the progress the PHA has made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5-Year Plan.</p>  |

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|     | <p>The Hingham Housing Authority has partnered with the Quincy Housing Authority and has made the following progress towards meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5 year plan.<br/> Inspections of all public housing units and Section 8 units have been performed, and HQS standards are being maintained. The Authority continues to offer lottery and monitoring services to local developers for 40 B projects.<br/> The Authority continues to apply for public and private funds for the development of additional affordable housing. The Authority has partnered with the Town of Hingham to increase the number of affordable housing units.<br/> The Authority shall continue to apply for and administer the Family Self Sufficiency Program.</p> <p>The Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) are the annual metrics utilized by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to evaluate a housing authorities performance in administering Federal housing programs. In 2022, Hingham was considered a High Performing agency, however at the close of 2023, Hingham was deemed a Standard Performer. Hingham was determined to be a standard performer as indicated by SEMAP indicators. The HHA's overall SEMAP score for the FYE 06/30/2023 is 69%. Based on its overall SEMAP score of 69%. The HHA received a zero score on indicators 7c., 9, 10, 11, 12, and 14. Please see the below indicator deficiencies and corrective action taken by the HHA:</p> <p>Indicator 7: Expanding Housing Opportunities (c) PHA has maps to show areas outside of poverty and minority concentration including information on job opportunities, schools and services to use in briefing voucher holders.</p> <p>HHA corrective action response: The HHA has created a map of the general area and surrounding towns and developed a list of resources for Hingham, and neighboring Towns. This packet will be included in the voucher briefings, and available to any participant or applicant.</p> <p>Indicator 9-10: Timely Annual Reexaminations-27% of reexaminations were determined to be past-due. Indicator 10: Rent Calculations</p> <p>HHA corrective action response: HHA receiving a low score for this indicator was related to lack of access among staff to PIC, a HUD reporting system to submit recertifications in a timely fashion. To remedy this issue, the HHA has ensured the HHA staff have the appropriate access to PIC and that staff have received PIC training. Furthermore, the HHA has also sent letters with recertification packages informing residents of the repercussions for not responding to the HHA to complete annual recertifications.</p> <p>Indicators 11-12: HQS Inspections: Indicator 12: Late Inspections</p> <p>HHA corrective action response: HHA received a low score for failure to complete timely inspections or failing to complete inspections prior to occupancy. This score was related again to lack of access to the HUD PIC system to report on inspections and entering incorrect dates in the system which generated this low rating. This was an administrative error and not HHA's failure to conduct the physical inspections appropriately prior to occupancy.</p> <p>Indicator 14: Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS)</p> <p>HHA corrective action response: HHA received a low score on the SEMAP indicator for the Family Self-Sufficiency program for failure to meet the mandatory twenty-four (24) slots required by HUD for the program. The HHA to address this in the process of a direct outreach campaign to eligible participants, including calling households, utilizing its website to promote the program through additional content, and holding in-person information sessions to further engage future participants in the HHA FSS program.</p> <p><b>Housing Opportunities through Modernization Act (HOTMA) Amendments-Please see attached summary of HUD mandated HOTMA changes to be effective CY2025.</b></p> |
| B.4 | <p><b>Capital Improvements.</b> Include a reference here to the most recent HUD-approved 5-Year Action Plan in EPIC and the date that it was approved.</p>  |
| B.5 | <p><b>Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit.</b></p> <p>(a) Were there any findings in the most recent FY Audit?</p> <p>Y N<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(b) If yes, please describe:</p>   |
| C.  | <p><b>Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.</b></p>   |
| C.1 | <p><b>Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.</b></p> <p>(a) Did the RAB(s) have comments to the PHA Plan?</p> <p>Y N<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A RAB Board does not exist for Hingham Housing Authority, however all voucher holders were contacted in regards to the Annual Plan process and invited to provide public comment in accordance with HUD policy.</p>   |

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|            | (b) If yes, comments must be submitted by the PHA as an attachment to the PHA Plan. PHAs must also include a narrative describing their analysis of the RAB recommendations and the decisions made on these recommendations.  |
| <b>C.2</b> | <b>Certification by State or Local Officials.</b><br><br>Form HUD 50077-SL, <i>Certification by State or Local Officials of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan</i> , must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.  |
| <b>C.3</b> | <b>Civil Rights Certification/ Certification Listing Policies and Programs that the PHA has Revised since Submission of its Last Annual Plan.</b><br><br>Form HUD-50077-ST-HCV-HP, <i>PHA Certifications of Compliance with PHA Plan, Civil Rights, and Related Laws and Regulations Including PHA Plan Elements that Have Changed</i> , must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.  |
| <b>C.4</b> | <b>Challenged Elements.</b> If any element of the PHA Plan is challenged, a PHA must include such information as an attachment with a description of any challenges to Plan elements, the source of the challenge, and the PHA's response to the public.<br><br>(a) Did the public challenge any elements of the Plan?<br><br>Y N<br><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br><br>If yes, include Challenged Elements.   |
| <b>C.5</b> | <b>Troubled PHA.</b><br>(a) Does the PHA have any current Memorandum of Agreement, Performance Improvement Plan, or Recovery Plan in place?<br>Y N N/A<br><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/><br><br>(b) If yes, please describe:   |
| <b>D.</b>  | <b>Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).</b>  |
| <b>D.1</b> | <b>Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).</b><br><br>Provide a statement of the PHA's strategies and actions to achieve fair housing goals outlined in an accepted Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) consistent with 24 CFR § 5.154(d)(5). Use the chart provided below. (PHAs should add as many goals as necessary to overcome fair housing issues and contributing factors.) Until such time as the PHA is required to submit an AFH, the PHA is not obligated to complete this chart. The PHA will fulfill, nevertheless, the requirements at 24 CFR § 903.7(o) enacted prior to August 17, 2015. See Instructions for further detail on completing this item.<br><br><b>Fair Housing Goal:</b> |

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## Instructions for Preparation of Form HUD-50075-ST Annual PHA Plan for Standard and Troubled PHAs

**A. PHA Information.** All PHAs must complete this section. (24 CFR §903.4)

**A.1** Include the full **PHA Name**, **PHA Code**, **PHA Type**, **PHA Fiscal Year Beginning** (MM/YYYY), **PHA Inventory**, **Number of Public Housing Units and or Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs)**, **PHA Plan Submission Type**, and the **Availability of Information**, specific location(s) of all information relevant to the public hearing and proposed PHA Plan. (24 CFR §903.23(4)(c))

**PHA Consortia:** Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete the table. (24 CFR §943.128(a))

**B. Plan Elements.** All PHAs must complete this section.

**B.1 Revision of Existing PHA Plan Elements.** PHAs must:

Identify specifically which plan elements listed below that have been revised by the PHA. To specify which elements have been revised, mark the “yes” box. If an element has not been revised, mark “no.” (24 CFR §903.7)

**Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs.** Provide a statement addressing the housing needs of low-income, very low-income and extremely low-income families and a brief description of the PHA’s strategy for addressing the housing needs of families who reside in the jurisdiction served by the PHA and other families who are on the public housing and Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting lists. The statement must identify the housing needs of (i) families with incomes below 30 percent of area median income (extremely low-income); (ii) elderly families (iii) households with individuals with disabilities, and households of various races and ethnic groups residing in the jurisdiction or on the public housing and Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting lists based on information provided by the applicable Consolidated Plan, information provided by HUD, and other generally available data. The statement of housing needs shall be based on information provided by the applicable Consolidated Plan, information provided by HUD, and generally available data. The identification of housing needs must address issues of affordability, supply, quality, accessibility, size of units, and location. Once the PHA has submitted an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH), which includes an assessment of disproportionate housing needs in accordance with 24 CFR §5.154(d)(2)(iv), information on households with individuals with disabilities and households of various races and ethnic groups residing in the jurisdiction or on the waiting lists no longer needs to be included in the Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs. (24 CFR §903.7(a)).

The identification of housing needs must address issues of affordability, supply, quality, accessibility, size of units, and location. (24 CFR §903.7(a)(2)(i)) Provide a description of the ways in which the PHA intends, to the maximum extent practicable, to address those housing needs in the upcoming year and the PHA’s reasons for choosing its strategy. (24 CFR §903.7(a)(2)(ii))

**Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions.** PHAs must submit a Deconcentration Policy for Field Office review. For additional guidance on what a PHA must do to deconcentrate poverty in its development and comply with fair housing requirements, see 24 CFR 903.2. (24 CFR §903.23(b)) Describe the PHA’s admissions policy for deconcentration of poverty and income mixing of lower-income families in public housing. The Deconcentration Policy must describe the PHA’s policy for bringing higher income tenants into lower income developments and lower income tenants into higher income developments. The deconcentration requirements apply to general occupancy and family public housing developments. Refer to 24 CFR §903.2(b)(2) for developments not subject to deconcentration of poverty and income mixing requirements. (24 CFR §903.7(b)) Describe the PHA’s procedures for maintain waiting lists for admission to public housing and address any site-based waiting lists. (24 CFR §903.7(b)). A statement of the PHA’s policies that govern resident or tenant eligibility, selection and admission including admission preferences for both public housing and HCV. (24 CFR §903.7(b)) Describe the unit assignment policies for public housing. (24 CFR §903.7(b))

**Financial Resources.** A statement of financial resources, including a listing by general categories, of the PHA’s anticipated resources, such as PHA operating, capital and other anticipated Federal resources available to the PHA, as well as tenant rents and other income available to support public housing or tenant-based assistance. The statement also should include the non-Federal sources of funds supporting each Federal program, and state the planned use for the resources. (24 CFR §903.7(c))

**Rent Determination.** A statement of the policies of the PHA governing rents charged for public housing and HCV dwelling units, including applicable public housing flat rents, minimum rents, voucher family rent contributions, and payment standard policies. (24 CFR §903.7(d))

**Operation and Management.** A statement of the rules, standards, and policies of the PHA governing maintenance and management of housing owned, assisted, or operated by the public housing agency (which shall include measures necessary for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation, including cockroaches), and management of the PHA and programs of the PHA. (24 CFR §903.7(e))

**Grievance Procedures.** A description of the grievance and informal hearing and review procedures that the PHA makes available to its residents and applicants. (24 CFR §903.7(f))

**Homeownership Programs.** A description of any Section 5h, Section 32, Section 8y, or HOPE I public housing or Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) homeownership programs (including project number and unit count) administered by the agency or for which the PHA has applied or will apply for approval. (24 CFR §903.7(k))

**Community Service and Self Sufficiency Programs.** Describe how the PHA will comply with the requirements of (24 CFR §903.7(l)). Provide a description of: 1) Any programs relating to services and amenities provided or offered to assisted families; and 2) Any policies or programs of the PHA for the enhancement of the economic and social self-sufficiency of assisted families, including programs subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (24 CFR Part 135) and FSS. (24 CFR §903.7(l))

**Safety and Crime Prevention (VAWA).** Describe the PHA’s plan for safety and crime prevention to ensure the safety of the public housing residents. The statement must provide development-by-development or jurisdiction wide-basis: (i) A description of the need for measures to ensure the safety of public housing residents; (ii) A description of any crime prevention activities conducted or to be conducted by the PHA; and (iii) A description of the coordination between the PHA and the appropriate police precincts for carrying out crime prevention measures and activities. (24 CFR §903.7(m)) A description of: 1) Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by an agency, either directly or in partnership with other service providers, to child or adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; 2) Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by a PHA that helps child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, to obtain or maintain housing; and 3) Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by a public housing agency to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, or to enhance victim safety in assisted families. (24 CFR §903.7(m)(5))

**Pet Policy.** Describe the PHA’s policies and requirements pertaining to the ownership of pets in public housing. (24 CFR §903.7(n))

**Asset Management.** State how the agency will carry out its asset management functions with respect to the public housing inventory of the agency, including how the agency will plan for the long-term operating, capital investment, rehabilitation, modernization, disposition, and other needs for such inventory. (24 CFR §903.7(q))

**Substantial Deviation.** PHA must provide its criteria for determining a “substantial deviation” to its 5-Year Plan. (24 CFR §903.7(r)(2)(i))

**Significant Amendment/Modification.** PHA must provide its criteria for determining a “Significant Amendment or Modification” to its 5-Year and Annual Plan. For modifications resulting from the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program, refer to the ‘Sample PHA Plan Amendment’ found in Notice PIH-2012-32 REV-3, successor RAD Implementation Notices, or other RAD Notices.

If any boxes are marked “yes”, describe the revision(s) to those element(s) in the space provided.

PHAs must submit a Deconcentration Policy for Field Office review. For additional guidance on what a PHA must do to deconcentrate poverty in its development and comply with fair housing requirements, see [24 CFR 903.2](#). ([24 CFR §903.23\(b\)](#))

**B.2 New Activities.** If the PHA intends to undertake any new activities related to these elements in the current Fiscal Year, mark “yes” for those elements, and describe the activities to be undertaken in the space provided. If the PHA does not plan to undertake these activities, mark “no.”

**HOPE VI or Choice Neighborhoods.** 1) A description of any housing (including project number (if known) and unit count) for which the PHA will apply for HOPE VI or Choice Neighborhoods; and 2) A timetable for the submission of applications or proposals. The application and approval process for Hope VI or Choice Neighborhoods is a separate process. See guidance on HUD’s website at:

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/ph/hope6](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/hope6). (Notice PIH 2011-47)

**Mixed Finance Modernization or Development.** 1) A description of any housing (including project number (if known) and unit count) for which the PHA will apply for Mixed Finance Modernization or Development; and 2) A timetable for the submission of applications or proposals. The application and approval process for Mixed Finance Modernization or Development is a separate process. See guidance on HUD’s website at:

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/ph/hope6/mfph#4](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/hope6/mfph#4)

**Demolition and/or Disposition.** With respect to public housing only, describe any public housing development(s), or portion of a public housing development projects, owned by the PHA and subject to ACCs (including project number and unit numbers [or addresses]), and the number of affected units along with their sizes and accessibility features) for which the PHA will apply or is currently pending for demolition or disposition approval under section 18 of the 1937 Act (42 U.S.C. 1437p); and (2) A timetable for the demolition or disposition. This statement must be submitted to the extent that approved and/or pending demolition and/or disposition has changed as described in the PHA’s last Annual and/or 5-Year PHA Plan submission. The application and approval process for demolition and/or disposition is a separate process. Approval of the PHA Plan does not constitute approval of these activities. See guidance on HUD’s website at: [http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/centers/sac/demo\\_dispo/index.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/centers/sac/demo_dispo/index.cfm). ([24 CFR §903.7\(h\)](#))

**Designated Housing for Elderly and Disabled Families.** Describe any public housing projects owned, assisted or operated by the PHA (or portions thereof), in the upcoming fiscal year, that the PHA has continually operated as, has designated, or will apply for designation for occupancy by elderly and/or disabled families only. Include the following information: 1) development name and number; 2) designation type; 3) application status; 4) date the designation was approved, submitted, or planned for submission, 5) the number of units affected and; 6) expiration date of the designation of any HUD approved plan. **Note:** The application and approval process for such designations is separate from the PHA Plan process, and PHA Plan approval does not constitute HUD approval of any designation. ([24 CFR §903.7\(i\)\(C\)](#))

**Conversion of Public Housing under the Voluntary or Mandatory Conversion programs.** Describe any public housing building(s) (including project number and unit count) owned by the PHA that the PHA is required to convert or plans to voluntarily convert to tenant-based assistance; 2) An analysis of the projects or buildings required to be converted; and 3) A statement of the amount of assistance received to be used for rental assistance or other housing assistance in connection with such conversion. See guidance on HUD’s website at:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/centers/sac/conversion.cfm>. ([24 CFR §903.7\(j\)](#))

**Conversion of Public Housing under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program.** Describe any public housing building(s) (including project number and unit count) owned by the PHA that the PHA plans to voluntarily convert to Project-Based Rental Assistance or Project-Based Vouchers under RAD. See additional guidance on HUD’s website at: [Notice PIH 2012-32 REV-3, successor RAD Implementation Notices, and other RAD notices.](#)

**Occupancy by Over-Income Families.** A PHA that owns or operates fewer than two hundred fifty (250) public housing units, may lease a unit in a public housing development to an over-income family (a family whose annual income exceeds the limit for a low income family at the time of initial occupancy), if all the following conditions are satisfied: (1) There are no eligible low income families on the PHA waiting list or applying for public housing assistance when the unit is leased to an over-income family; (2) The PHA has publicized availability of the unit for rental to eligible low income families, including publishing public notice of such availability in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction at least thirty days before offering the unit to an over-income family; (3) The over-income family rents the unit on a month-to-month basis for a rent that is not less than the PHA’s cost to operate the unit; (4) The lease to the over-income family provides that the family agrees to vacate the unit when needed for rental to an eligible family; and (5) The PHA gives the over-income family at least thirty days notice to vacate the unit when the unit is needed for rental to an eligible family. The PHA may incorporate information on occupancy by over-income families into its PHA Plan statement of deconcentration and other policies that govern eligibility, selection, and admissions. See additional guidance on HUD’s website at: [Notice PIH 2011-7](#). ([24 CFR 960.503](#)) ([24 CFR 903.7\(b\)](#))

**Occupancy by Police Officers.** The PHA may allow police officers who would not otherwise be eligible for occupancy in public housing, to reside in a public housing dwelling unit. The PHA must include the number and location of the units to be occupied by police officers, and the terms and conditions of their tenancies; and a statement that such occupancy is needed to increase security for public housing residents. A “police officer” means a person determined by the PHA to be, during the period of residence of that person in public housing, employed on a full-time basis as a duly licensed professional police officer by a Federal, State or local government or by any agency of these governments. An officer of an accredited police force of a housing agency may qualify. The PHA may incorporate information on occupancy by police officers into its PHA Plan statement of deconcentration and other policies that govern eligibility, selection, and admissions. See additional guidance on HUD’s website at: [Notice PIH 2011-7](#). ([24 CFR 960.505](#)) ([24 CFR 903.7\(b\)](#))

**Non-Smoking Policies.** The PHA may implement non-smoking policies in its public housing program and incorporate this into its PHA Plan statement of operation and management and the rules and standards that will apply to its projects. See additional guidance on HUD’s website at: [Notice PIH 2009-21 and Notice PIH-2017-03](#). ([24 CFR §903.7\(e\)](#))

**Project-Based Vouchers.** Describe any plans to use Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) for new project-based vouchers, which must comply with PBV goals, civil rights requirements, Housing Quality Standards (HQS) and deconcentration standards, as stated in [983.57\(b\)\(1\)](#) and set forth in the PHA Plan

statement of deconcentration and other policies that govern eligibility, selection, and admissions. If using project-based vouchers, provide the projected number of project-based units and general locations, and describe how project-basing would be consistent with the PHA Plan (24 CFR §903.7(b)).

**Units with Approved Vacancies for Modernization.** The PHA must include a statement related to units with approved vacancies that are undergoing modernization in accordance with 24 CFR §990.145(a)(1).

**Other Capital Grant Programs** (i.e., Capital Fund Community Facilities Grants or Emergency Safety and Security Grants).

For all activities that the PHA plans to undertake in the current Fiscal Year, provide a description of the activity in the space provided.

**B.3 Progress Report.** For all Annual Plans following submission of the first Annual Plan, a PHA must include a brief statement of the PHA's progress in meeting the mission and goals described in the 5-Year PHA Plan. (24 CFR §903.7(r)(1))

**B.4 Capital Improvements.** PHAs that receive funding from the Capital Fund Program (CFP) must complete this section (24 CFR §903.7(g)). To comply with this requirement, the PHA must reference the most recent HUD approved Capital Fund 5 Year Action Plan in EPIC and the date that it was approved. PHAs can reference the form by including the following language in the Capital Improvement section of the appropriate Annual or Streamlined PHA Plan Template: "See Capital Fund 5 Year Action Plan in EPIC approved by HUD on XX/XX/XXXX."

**B.5 Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit.** If the results of the most recent fiscal year audit for the PHA included any findings, mark "yes" and describe those findings in the space provided. (24 CFR §903.7(p))

#### C. Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.

**C.1 Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments.** If the RAB had comments on the annual plan, mark "yes," submit the comments as an attachment to the Plan and describe the analysis of the comments and the PHA's decision made on these recommendations. (24 CFR §903.13(c), 24 CFR §903.19)

**C.2 Certification by State of Local Officials.** Form HUD-50077-SL, *Certification by State or Local Officials of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan*, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan. (24 CFR §903.15). Note: A PHA may request to change its fiscal year to better coordinate its planning with planning done under the Consolidated Plan process by State or local officials as applicable.

**C.3 Civil Rights Certification/ Certification Listing Policies and Programs that the PHA has Revised since Submission of its Last Annual Plan.** Provide a certification that the following plan elements have been revised, provided to the RAB for comment before implementation, approved by the PHA board, and made available for review and inspection by the public. This requirement is satisfied by completing and submitting form HUD-50077 ST-HCV-HP, *PHA Certifications of Compliance with PHA Plan, Civil Rights, and Related Laws and Regulations Including PHA Plan Elements that Have Changed*. Form HUD-50077-ST-HCV-HP, *PHA Certifications of Compliance with PHA Plan, Civil Rights, and Related Laws and Regulations Including PHA Plan Elements that Have Changed* must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan. This includes all certifications relating to Civil Rights and related regulations. A PHA will be considered in compliance with the certification requirement to affirmatively further fair housing if the PHA fulfills the requirements of §§ 903.7(o)(1) and 903.15(d) and: (i) examines its programs or proposed programs; (ii) identifies any fair housing issues and contributing factors within those programs, in accordance with 24 CFR 5.154 or 24 CFR 5.160(a)(3) as applicable; (iii) specifies actions and strategies designed to address contributing factors, related fair housing issues, and goals in the applicable Assessment of Fair Housing consistent with 24 CFR 5.154 in a reasonable manner in view of the resources available; (iv) works with jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement; (v) operates programs in a manner consistent with any applicable consolidated plan under 24 CFR part 91, and with any order or agreement, to comply with the authorities specified in paragraph (o)(1) of this section; (vi) complies with any contribution or consultation requirement with respect to any applicable AFH, in accordance with 24 CFR 5.150 through 5.180; (vii) maintains records reflecting these analyses, actions, and the results of these actions; and (viii) takes steps acceptable to HUD to remedy known fair housing or civil rights violations, impediments to fair housing choice within those programs; addresses those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available; works with the local jurisdiction to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing; and assures that the annual plan is consistent with any applicable Consolidated Plan for its jurisdiction. (24 CFR §903.7(o)).

**C.4 Challenged Elements.** If any element of the Annual PHA Plan or 5-Year PHA Plan is challenged, a PHA must include such information as an attachment to the Annual PHA Plan or 5-Year PHA Plan with a description of any challenges to Plan elements, the source of the challenge, and the PHA's response to the public.

**C.5 Troubled PHA.** If the PHA is designated troubled, and has a current MOA, improvement plan, or recovery plan in place, mark "yes," and describe that plan. Include dates in the description and most recent revisions of these documents as attachments. If the PHA is troubled, but does not have any of these items, mark "no." If the PHA is not troubled, mark "N/A." (24 CFR §903.9)

#### D. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).

**D.1 Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing.** The PHA will use the answer blocks in item D.1 to provide a statement of its strategies and actions to implement each fair housing goal outlined in its accepted Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) consistent with 24 CFR § 5.154(d)(5) that states, in relevant part: "To implement goals and priorities in an AFH, strategies and actions shall be included in program participants' ... PHA Plans (including any plans incorporated therein) .... Strategies and actions must affirmatively further fair housing ...." Use the chart provided to specify each fair housing goal from the PHA's AFH for which the PHA is the responsible program participant – whether the AFH was prepared solely by the PHA, jointly with one or more other PHAs, or in collaboration with a state or local jurisdiction – and specify the fair housing strategies and actions to be implemented by the PHA during the period covered by this PHA Plan. If there are more than three fair housing goals, add answer blocks as necessary.

Until such time as the PHA is required to submit an AFH, the PHA will not have to complete section D., nevertheless, the PHA will address its obligation to affirmatively further fair housing in part by fulfilling the requirements at 24 CFR 903.7(o)(3) enacted prior to August 17, 2015, which means that it examines its own programs or proposed programs; identifies any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs; addresses those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available; works with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement; and maintain records reflecting these analyses and actions. Furthermore, under Section 5A(d)(15) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, a PHA must submit a civil rights certification with its Annual PHA Plan, which is described at 24 CFR 903.7(o)(1) except for qualified PHAs who submit the Form HUD-50077-CR as a standalone document.

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# Hingham Housing Authority

## Summary of

### HOTMA POLICY DECISIONS

Expected Implementation Date: 1/1/2025

(may vary based on guidance from HUD and program software implementation)

#### 1. SELF-CERTIFICATION OF NET FAMILY ASSETS

24 CFR 5.603(b) "Net Family Assets" para. (2); 5.618(b)

The PHA will determine net family assets and anticipated income earned from assets at new admission and at recertification by fully verifying the information reported by the family, regardless of the family having assets that are equal to or less than \$50,000.

Asset Limits: Asset Limitation for Interim and Annual Reexamination (24 CFR § 5.618)

At admission, a family may not be assisted if they have \$100,000 or more in assets or real property ownership. The PHA will not enforce the \$100,000 asset limit at recertification for participant families.

#### 2. DETERMINING NET FAMILY ASSETS

24 CFR 5.603(b)(3) and (4)

The PHA must include the value of non-necessary items of personal property if the combined value exceeds \$50,000.

#### 3. HARDSHIP EXEMPTIONS FOR HEALTH/MEDICAL CARE EXPENSES & REASONABLE ATTENDANT CARE & AUXILIARY APPARATUS EXPENSES – GENERAL RELIEF

24 CFR 5.611(c)(1) and 5.611(c)(2)

The Health and Medical Care Expenses deduction will be capped at qualifying expenses in excess of 10% of annual income. The PHA will incrementally implement this policy for current participants with medical expenses. "Phased in Relief", will begin automatically as 5% in the first year; 7.5% for the second year and 10% for the third year.

A family that did not previously have medical expenses may request a hardship exemption (deduction capped at qualifying expense in excess of 5%) for an unexpected increase in health or medical care expenses.

#### 4. HARDSHIP EXEMPTION TO CONTINUE CHILDCARE EXPENSES DEDUCTION

24 CFR 5.611(a)(4)

The PHA may extend the childcare expense deduction for additional 90-day periods if the family demonstrates that they are unable to pay their rent because of loss of the childcare expense deduction, and the childcare expense is still necessary even though the family member is no longer employed, looking for work, or furthering his or her education

5. INTERIM REEXAMINATIONS

24 CFR §§ 960.257(b)(6); 982.516(c)(4); and 882.515(b)(4) - (b)(5).

Families must report all changes in family income or composition within 10 business days from the effective date of the change to be considered "timely."

6. DECREASES IN INCOME

24 CFR §§ 960.257(b)(2); 982.516(c)(2); and 882.515(b)(2)

**Mandatory Policy**

An interim reexamination will be conducted when the PHA is notified by the family that the family's adjusted income has changed by an amount that is estimated to result in a decrease of 10% or more of the family's annual adjusted income

7. INCREASES IN INCOME

24 CFR §§ 5.657(c)(3); 960.257(b)(3); 982.516(c)(3); and 882.515(b)(3)

All families are required to report any changes in family income that will result in an increase of 10% or more in annual adjusted income, with the exception that families are not required to report any increase in income during the last 3 months before their regular annual examination.

8. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION and REVOCATION OR CONSENT

24 CFR 5.230 and 24 CFR 5.232(c)

Applicants and participants must sign and submit the HUD-9886, as applicable, at admission and no later than the next interim or regularly scheduled income reexamination. Once an applicant or participant has signed and submitted a consent form, they do not need to resign a subsequent HUD-9886. Families have the right to revoke consent by notice to the PHA, however, revoking consent will result in termination or denial of assistance at the next annual reexamination.

9. DE MINIMIS ERRORS

24 CFR §§ 5.609(c)(4); 960.257(f); 982.516(f); 882.515(f); and 882.808(i)(5)

Once the PHA becomes aware of the existence of an income calculation error, the error(s) will be corrected retroactive to the effective date of the action, regardless of the dollar amount associated with the error. Families will not be required to repay the PHA in instances where the PHA miscalculated income resulting in a family being undercharged for

rent. The PHA will take corrective action to credit or repay a family if the family was overcharged tenant rent.

#### 10. HUD'S ENTERPRISE INCOME VERIFICATION (EIV)

24 CFR 5.233

*The PHA will use HUD's verification hierarchy when verifying each household's income, assets, deductions, and expenses. The PHA will access the EIV system and obtain an Income Report for each household during annual recertifications.*

#### 11. DETERMINATION OF INCOME USING OTHER MEANS-TESTED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, I.E., "SAFE HARBOR"

24 CFR 5.609(c)(3)

- The PHA **will not** accept income calculation information from other means-tested forms of federal public assistance.

#### 12. SSN Number Requirement

If a member of the family is unable to provide a Social Security card or other evidence of their SSN, the PHA will accept a document stating the person's name and a declaration from the person stating 1) why they cannot obtain their Social Security card and 2) what their SSN is.

#### 13. SYSTEM ZERO INCOME REVIEWS

24 CFR § 5.609(b)(24)(vi); 24 CFR §§ 5.657(c)(3); 960.257(b)(3); 982.516(c)(3); and 882.515(b)(3)

The PHA will continue to conduct zero-income reviews for zero-income families. The PHA will not assign monetary values to non-monetary in-kind donations received to calculate annual income.

### **Additional Important Changes Under HOTMA**

**Calculation of Income — 24 CFR 5.609(c):** For initial occupancy/assistance and interim reexaminations, the PHA must estimate the family income for the upcoming 12-month period using current income. For all annual reexaminations, the PHA must determine the family income for the previous 12-months unless using a streamlined income determination, taking into account any redetermination from an interim reexamination and any unaccounted-for income changes.

**Mandatory deductions.**

(1) \$480 for each dependent, which amount will be adjusted by HUD annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$25.

(2) \$525 for any elderly family or disabled family, which amount will be adjusted by HUD annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$25.

Helpful Resource Sheets from HUD:

<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HOTMA-Hardship-Exemptions-Resource-Sheet.pdf>

<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Interim-Income-Reexaminations-Resource-Sheet.pdf>

<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Income-and-Exclusions-Resource-Sheet.pdf>

<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Income-and-Assets-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

Helpful Resources for our Families:

HUD published some good sample tenant information to help explain HOTMA to our families:

<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HOTMA-Resident-Fact-Sheet-Income-Calculation-and-Reviews.pdf>

<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HOTMA-Resident-Worksheet-Interim-Reviews.pdf>

<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HOTMA-Resident-Fact-Sheet-Health-Medical-Childcare-Deductions.pdf>

**Non-HOTMA Changes to Administrative Plan**

**A. National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate**

The new inspection standards that replace HQS called NSPIRE becomes effective October 1, 2024.

**B. Repeal of the Earned Income Disregard**

The EID allowed eligible families to have a portion of their earned income excluded from annual income for a maximum period of 24 consecutive months. The Earned Income Disregard (EID) will not apply to any family who is not eligible for and already participating in the disallowance as of December 31, 2023. Families who were receiving the EID benefit as of December 31, 2023, may continue to receive the full benefit until the remaining timeframe for an individual family's EID expires. Because the EID lasts up to 24 consecutive months, no family will still be receiving the EID benefit after December 31, 2025.