

2020 ANNUAL PLAN
PROPOSED CHANGES
OCTOBER 1, 2020

Annual PHA Plan (Standard PHAs and Troubled PHAs)

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

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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, 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. 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 <u>both</u> of 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, or at risk of being designated as troubled, that owns or manages less than 250 public housing units and any number of youchers where the total combined units exceeds 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 exceeds 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

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A.	PHA Information.						
A.1	PHA Name: Lake Cour	nty Housing	Authority	PHA Code	_{e:} <u>1L056</u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	PHA Type: Standard PI PHA Plan for Fiscal Year F PHA Inventory (Based on A Number of Public Housing Units/Vouchers PHA Plan Submission Type	Beginning: (MM Annual Contributi (PH) Units 495	(YYYY): 10/2020 ons Contract (ACC) units at time or Number of Housing Ch	FFY beginning, above) oice Vouchers (HCVs) 3171	Total Con	nbined	
	Availability of Information. PHAs must have the elements listed below in sections B and C readily available to the public. A section that the specific location(s) where the proposed PHA Plan, PHA Plan Elements, and all information relevant to the public hearing an Plan are available for inspection by the public. At a minimum, PHAs must post PHA Plans, including updates, at each Asset Ma (AMP) and main office or central office of the PHA. PHAs are strongly encouraged to post complete PHA Plans on their official are also encouraged to provide each resident council a copy of their PHA Plans.				ublic hearing and p at each Asset Man	d proposed PHA anagement Project	
	PHA Consortia: (Check box if submitting			Program(s) not in the	No. of Units in Each Program		
	Participating PHAs	PHA Code	Program(s) in the Consortia	Consortia	PH	HCV	
	Lead PHA:		·				
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В.	Annual Plan Elements
B.1	Revision of PHA Plan Elements. (a) Have the following PHA Plan elements been revised by the PHA?
	Y N
	(c) The PHA must submit its Deconcentration Policy for Field Office review.
B.2	New Activities
	(a) Does the PHA intend to undertake any new activities related to the following in the PHA's current Fiscal Year? Y N Hope VI or Choice Neighborhoods. Mixed Finance Modernization or Development. Demolition and/or Disposition. Conversion of Public Housing for Elderly and/or Disabled Families. Conversion of Public Housing to Tenant-Based Assistance. Conversion of Public Housing to Project-Based Assistance under RAD. Cocupancy by Over-Income Families. Cocupancy by Police Officers. Non-Smoking Policies. Project-Based Vouchers. Units with Approved Vacancies for Modernization. Other Capital Grant Programs (i.e., Capital Fund Community Facilities Grants or Emergency Safety and Security Grants).
	(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.
В.3	Civil Rights Certification.
	Form HUD-50077, PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.
B.4	Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit.
	(a) Were there any findings in the most recent FY Audit?
	Y N ☐ (b) If yes, please describe:
	N/A

B.5	Progress Report. Provide a description of the PHA's progress in meeting its Mission and Goals described in the PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan. See Attachment D Section B.5
В.6	Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments. (a) Did the RAB(s) provide comments to the PHA Plan? Y N C (c) 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. N/A
B.7	Certification by State or 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.
B.8	Troubled PHA. (1) 1^cs "le PHA have any current Memorandum of Agreement, Performance Improvement Plan, or Recovery Plan in place? Y N N/A [
Ċ	Statement of Capital Improvements. Required for all PHAs completing this form that administer public housing and receive funding from the Capital Fund Program (CFP).
C.1	Capital Improvements. Include a reference here to the most recent HUD-approved 5-Year Action Plan (HUD-50075.2) and the date that it was approved by HUD. CFP 5 Year Action Plan for FY2019-2023 was submitted on 7/03/2019. It was approved on 7/09/2019.

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.

В.

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)(e))

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	PHA Consortia: Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete the table. (24 CFR §943,128(a))
Ann	aual Plan. All PHAs must complete this section.
B.1	Revision of 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. 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 and families with disabilities, and (iii) households of various races and ethnic groups residing in the jurisdiction or on the waiting list based on information provided by the applicable Consolidated Plan, information provided by HUD, and other generally available data. The identification of housing needs must address issues of affordability, supply, quality, accessibility, size of units, and location. (24 CFR §903.7(a)(1)) Provide a description of the PHA's strategy for addressing the housing needs of families in the jurisdiction and on the waiting list in the upcoming year. (24 CFR §903.7(a)(2)(ii))
	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. 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 community service and treatment of income changes resulting from welfare program requirements. (24 CFR §903.7(1)) 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 under Section 3 and FSS. (24 CFR §903.7(1))
	Safety and Crime Prevention. 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. Should the PHA fail to define 'significant amendment/modification', HUD will consider the following to be 'significant amendments or modifications': a) changes to rent or admissions policies or organization of the waiting list; b) additions of non-emergency CFP work items (items not included in the current CFP Annual Statement or CFP 5-Year Action Plan) or change in use of replacement reserve funds under the Capital Fund; or c) any change with regard to demolition or disposition, designation, homeownership programs or conversion activities. See guidance on HUD's website at: Notice PIH 1999-51. (24 CFR \$903.7(r)(2)(ii))
	If any boxes are marked "yes", describe the revision(s) to those element(s) in the space provided.
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: http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/hope6/index.cfm (Notice PIH 2010-30)
	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: http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/hope6/index.cfm. (Notice PIH 2010-30)
	Demolition and/or Disposition. Describe any public housing 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; 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. See guidance on HUD's website at: 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, and; 5) the number of units affected. 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. 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. 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 assistance under RAD. See additional guidance on HUD's website at: Notice PIH 2012-32
	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. (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.
	В.3	Civil Rights Certification. Form HUD-50077, PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulation, 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 AFFH Certification if: it can document that it examines its programs and proposed programs to identify any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs; addresses those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available; works with the local jurisdiction to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing; and assures that the annual plan is consistent with any applicable Consolidated Plan for its jurisdiction. (24 CFR §903.7(o))
	B.4	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))
	B.5	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.6	Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments. If the RAB provided comments to 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)
	B.7	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.
	B.8	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. 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)
C.	State	ment of Capital Improvements. PHAs that receive funding from the Capital Fund Program (CFP) must complete this section. (24 CFR 903.7 (g))
	C.1	Capital Improvements. In order to comply with this requirement, the PHA must reference the most recent HUD approved Capital Fund 5 Year Action Plan PHAs can reference the form by including the following language in Section C. 8.0 of the PHA Plan Template: "See HUD Form- 50075.2 approved by HUD on XX/XX/XXXX."
		nation collection is authorized by Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act, which added a new section 5A to the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as which introduced the 5-Year and Annual PHA Plan.
gatl	nering a	orting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 9.2 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. HUD may not collect this information, and respondents are not required to his form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.
Sec	tion 17	ct Notice. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to solicit the information requested in this form by virtue of Title 12, U.S. Code, 01 et seq., and regulations promulgated thereunder at Title 12, Code of Federal Regulations. Responses to the collection of information are required to obtain a benefit or benefit. The information requested does not lend itself to confidentiality.

VAWA Statement

9.1 5-Year and Annual Plans PHAs are required to include a brief description in their Annual Plan (as applicable) and 5-Year Plan of goals, activities, objectives, policies, programs, or services for child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, as required in 24 CFR 903.6(a)(3) and 24 CFR 903.7(m)(5) and described below. The VAWA Final Rule did not change this requirement. The availability of new PHA Annual and 5-Year PHA Plan templates that include the provisions of VAWA 2013 were first made available through Notice PIH 2015-18 (HA). HUD encourages reference to the PHA's Emergency Transfer Plan described in Section 12. All PHAs are required to submit a 5-Year Plan for HUD's approval (MTW PHAs excepted).

Annual PHA Plan Templates require PHAs to report any changes to Plan elements, which include VAWA provisions at 24 CFR 903.7(m)(5), under the safety and crime prevention element. The following information must be included:

- A statement of any domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking prevention programs; Lake County Housing Authority is committed to preserving the peaceful enjoyment of all communities. LCHA is cognizant of actions that may pose a threat related to domestic violence, dating violence or stalking. In compliance with the Violence Against Women Act and Justice Department Reauthorization Action of 2013 (VAWA), LCHA will not terminate the lease or evict victims of criminal activity related to their victimization.
- A description of 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; LCHA refers families to A Safe Place (provider of services exclusively addressing domestic violence in Lake County, Illinois).
- A description of any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by a PHA that help child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to obtain or maintain housing; and LCHA partners with A Safe Place by contracting 37 Project Based Vouchers to developments owned by A Safe Place. In addition, LCHA has specialized
- A description of any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by a PHA to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or to enhance victim safety in assisted families. LCHA is seeking to partner with a local agency to provide bi-annual workshops to clients in addition to referrals.



Attachment A Section B.1(b)

Revision of PHA Administrative Plan Elements

The Lake County Housing Authority (LCHA) is proposing the below changes to the Administrative Plan to reflect updates in regulations, LCHA operations, to comply with the administration of the LCHA HCV program, and ensure staff consistency in the implementation of the LCHA Administration Plan.

The following Chapters have been revised in the LCHA Administrative Plan: Chapter 12-II -C. Alternatives to Termination of Assistance Chapter 16-1V.B. Repayment Policy

Amending the HCV Administrative Plan - Repayment Agreements

The repayment agreement policy is being modified to make the process more conducive for unreported income processing. We have modified the time frames for reporting changes from 10 days to 30 days to allow families an opportunity to report accurately. The 30-day reporting time frame also lessens the burden of case managers spending excessive time and resources verifying recent income when families have not yet received enough documentation to support their income changes. We have changed the initial down payment amount from 1/3 of debt owed to 10% of debt owed to lessen the deposit amount for the repayment agreement. Additionally, we have increased the amount of debt we will enter into a repayment agreement from \$4,000 to \$5,000. We are introducing a repayment schedule to allow a variety of payment options, so our families aren't burdened with paying their rent in addition to making a substantial payment towards their debt. The changes should also lessen the amount of terminations and hearings which often cause an administrative burden and force our families to attend multiple meetings and appointments.

CHAPTER 12 TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE AND TENANCY 12-II.C. ALTERNATIVES TO TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE

Repayment of Family Debts

REMOVE:

LCHA Policy

If a family owes amounts to the PHA, as a condition of continued assistance, the PHA will require the family to repay the full amount or to enter into a repayment agreement, within 60 days of receiving notice from the PHA of the amount owed. See Chapter 16 for policies on repayment agreements.

REPLACE WITH:

PHA Policy

If a family owes amounts to the PHA, as a condition of continued assistance, the PHA will require the family to repay the full amount or to enter into a repayment agreement, within 30 days of receiving notice from the PHA of the amount owed. See Chapter 16 for policies on repayment agreements.



CHAPTER 16 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION 16-IV.B. REPAYMENT POLICY

Family Debts to the PHA

REMOVE:

PHA Policy

Omit paragraphs 1 and 2

REPLACE WITH:

Any amount due to the LCHA by an HCV participant must be repaid by the family. If the family refuses to pay the debt, enter into a repayment agreement within 30 days or breaches a repayment agreement, the LCHA will terminate the assistance upon notification to the family and pursue other modes of collection.

Repayment Agreement

REMOVE:

This Authority may actively seek prosecution in a court of law of those who have committed fraud while a program participant, and/or those who owe an amount in excess of \$4,000. This may be in conjunction with, or on the behalf of, the Office of Inspector General for HUD, or the State's Attorney(s).

REPLACE WITH:

PHA Policy

This Authority may actively seek prosecution in a court of law of those who have committed fraud while a program participant, and/or those who owe an amount in excess of \$5,000. This may be in conjunction with, or on the behalf of, the Office of Inspector General for HUD, or the State's Attorney(s).

General Repayment Agreement Guidelines for Families Down Payment Requirement

REMOVE:

Omit paragraphs 1 & 2

REPLACE WITH:

PHA Policy

The LCHA will not enter into a repayment agreement for amounts in excess of \$5,000. Unreported income in excess of \$5,000 is grounds for termination. Additionally, the housing authority should report the findings to OIG for further investigation. The LCHA will require a 10% down payment of the total debt owed unless the family requests a hardship waiver of the down payment.

Payment Thresholds

REMOVE:

Omit Paragraph 2 (PHA Policy)

REPLACE WITH:

PHA Policy

Upon notice by the Authority the full amount owed by the family is due. LCHA establishes the monthly repayment amount the amount due monthly. The family has the option to pay the balance in full or make a deposit of 10% of total amount owed and pay the remaining debt in installments. Amounts less than \$500 due to the Housing Authority



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Grayslake, IL

do not require repayment. Amounts equaling \$500 but less than \$5,000 the Authority may, at its discretion, offer the participant an opportunity to enter into a Repayment Agreement that sets forth the schedule of monthly repayment amounts.

Payment Schedule

\$500-\$2500 debt to be paid off within 12 months

\$2500 - \$3500 debt to be paid off within 24 months

\$3500 - \$5000 debt to be paid off within 36 months

In accordance with Housing Choice Voucher income reporting requirements, income totaling \$200 or less each month are not required to be reported at interim reexaminations. For purposes of repayment agreements, staff must review to determine if unreported income would not have exceeded \$200 per month. In these cases, a repayment agreement is not required.

Execution of the Agreement

REMOVE:

PHA Policy

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Any repayment agreement between the LCHA and a family will be signed and dated by the PHA and by the head of household, spouse/cohead, and adult household members (if applicable).

Late or Missed Payments

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If a family misses any two Repayment Agreement payments or fails to pay the down payment at the time of their appointment, they will be notified that they are in Default, and the entire balance owed is due in full. Failure to pay the full balance within 30 calendar days will result in the termination of assistance.

No Offer of Repayment Agreement

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PHA Policy

LCHA does not permit a participant to enter into an agreement if there is already a repayment agreement in place with the family or the amounts owed by the family exceed the federal or state threshold for criminal prosecution. LCHA will require both amounts owed (new and current) to be paid off in full within a 30 calendar daytime frame, or face termination.



The Authority will terminate participation:

- If a family has failed to report income for any family member that was received for two years. The entire balance owed is due in full.
- If any family member has committed fraud
- If the family has already entered into 2 repayment agreements
- If a family is in DEFAULT on a repayment agreement and has not paid the remaining balance in full as required



Attachment B Section B.1 (c)

LCHA De-Concentration Policy:

It is Lake County Housing Authority's policy to provide for de-concentration of poverty and encourage income mixing by bringing higher income families into lower income developments and lower income families into higher income developments. Although this is the general policy the LCHA will not apply rigid income mixing methods. Toward this end, LCHA will skip families on the waiting list to reach other families with a lower or higher income. LCHA will accomplish this in a uniform and non-discriminating manner.

The Lake County Housing Authority will affirmatively market its housing to all eligible income groups. Lower income residents will not be steered toward lower income developments and higher income people will not be steered toward higher income developments.

Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, LCHA will analyze the income levels of families residing in each of its developments, the income levels of census tracts in which LCHA developments are located, and the income levels of the families on the waiting list. Based on this analysis, LCHA will determine the level of marketing strategies and de-concentration incentives to implement.

De-concentration Incentives

The Lake County Housing Authority may offer one or more incentives to encourage applicant families whose income classification would help to meet the de-concentration goals of a particular development.

Various incentives may be used at different times, or under different conditions, but will always be provided in a consistent and nondiscriminatory manner.

Offer of a Unit

When the Lake County Housing Authority discovers that a unit will become available, staff will contact the first ten (10) or more families on the waiting list who have the highest priority for this type of unit or development and whose income category would help to meet the de-concentration goal and/or the income targeting goal in order to verify preferences claimed by the applicants. Once preferences are verified the name at the top of the list will be provided to the Housing Manager for the next available unit.

The Lake County Housing Authority will contact the family by first class mail to make the unit offer. The family will be given five (5) calendar days from the date the letter was mailed to contact the Lake County Housing Authority regarding the offer. In order to expedite the process, the LCHA will sometimes make the first contact by telephone, so that a determination of interest in the unit may be made more quickly. When a unit is rejected on the basis of a phone contact with the family, such rejection will be documented in the applicant file.

The family will be offered the opportunity to view the unit. After the opportunity to view the unit, the family will have two (2) business days to accept or reject the unit. This verbal offer and the family's decision must be documented in the tenant file. If the family rejects the offer of the unit, the Lake County Housing Authority will send the family a letter documenting the offer and the rejection



Attachment C Section B.2 (a)

Units with Approved Vacancies for Modernization

LCHA will be rehabbing PIC Unit #0131 in Shiloh Towers (AMP #2) to convert it back to a habitable apartment. Previously this unit was approved to serve as a LCHA Public Housing Administration Office. The scope of work is being developed and the work will be contracted out.



Attachment D B.5 Progress Report

Lake County Housing Authority (LCHA) continues to provide it's low rent program residents with safe and well maintained housing and services. Focusing on obtaining high marks on inspections and surveys. LCHA aims to be a high performer in both the HCV and Low Rent programs. Its modernization program has proceeded in an orderly fashion with funds obligated and expended within program requirements.

The quality of documentation and physical work remains a top priority of the agency. Our Resident Services Coordinator provides services to elderly and disabled residents to increase their independence and well-being. Some of the events include Community Health Fairs, Financial Education, Crime and Identity Theft prevention, as well as other Social events.

The Authority has branched into the community to partner with many other agencies to provide needed services and activities. Some partnerships include but are not limited to Regional Housing Initiative (RHI), Youthbuild Lake County, Youth Conservations Corps, PADS Crisis Center, Community Action Partners, State Career College, A Safe Place, Love Inc. Catholic Charities, Oak Street Health, and many others.

LCHA continues to administer its CHOICES program. This program encourages Voucher holders to choose units in defined opportunity areas. The Brookstone and Regency at Coles Park {formerly Marion Jones Town homes) redevelopment project is now nearly 60% leased. The Brookstone senior development is now 100% occupied. Former Marion Jones residents were given the first opportunity to move into the newly completed community.

LCHA has received 50 additional Family Unification Vouchers (FUP) to provide housing to families needing assistance to remain together and Youth aging out of the foster care system.

LCHA also received 50 additional Mainstream Vouchers (MS5) to assist non-elderly homeless families with housing assistance.

In 2019, LCHA received a grant award from the Illinois Housing Development Authority in the amount of \$76,500. and an additional \$83,130. These funds will allow us to grow the LCHA Housing Counseling Program, and better address the needs of Homeowners and Renters in the Lake County area.

LCHA is currently rehabbing our 50-unit Warren Manor Senior development located in our AMP 2, by replacing siding, windows, and doors. These had not been replaced in over 36 years and will allow us to eliminate the Non-Industry Standard repairs we were using to address deteriorating issues and substantially increase Energy Efficiency throughout the development for our Senior residents.

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LCHA is currently exploring the possibility of Section 18 and RAD Blending to receive Section 18 approval and vouchers for a portion of LCHA units as part of our strategy to replace and redevelop the units.

LCHA has issued an RFP to make up to forty-five (45) Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) available for Project-Based assistance. LCHA's goals is to increase and preserve affordable rental housing opportunities for lower income Lake County households.