



CDC – HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY
HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

**STREAMLINED ANNUAL
PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY PLAN
FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2019 - 2020**

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Streamlined Annual PHA Plan <i>(High Performer PHAs)</i>	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing	OMB No. 2577-0226 Expires: 02/29/2016
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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-HP is to be completed annually by **High Performing PHAs**. PHAs that meet the definition of a Standard PHA, Troubled PHA, HCV-Only PHA, Small 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 of the most recent Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) assessments.
- (2) **Small PHA** - A PHA that is not designated as PHAS or SEMAP troubled, or at risk of being designated as troubled, and that owns or manages less than 250 public housing units and any number of vouchers 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 troubled.

A.	PHA Information.																										
A.1	<p> PHA Name: _____ HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY _____ PHA Code: ____CA116____ PHA Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High Performer PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning: (MM/YYYY): ____07/2019____ PHA Inventory (Based on Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) units at time of FY beginning, above) Number of Public Housing (PH) Units _____ Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) ____1123____ Total Combined _____ PHA Plan Submission Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual Submission <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Annual Submission </p> <p> Availability of Information. In addition to the items listed in this form, 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. Additionally, the PHA must provide information on how the public may reasonably obtain additional information of the PHA policies contained in the standard Annual Plan, but excluded from their streamlined submissions. 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"/> PHA Consortia: (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: 25%;">Program(s) not in the Consortia</th> <th colspan="2" style="width: 15%;">No. of Units in Each Program</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="width: 5%;">PH</th> <th style="width: 5%;">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> </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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B. Annual Plan Elements

B.1 Revision of PHA Plan Elements.

(a) Have the following PHA Plan elements been revised by the PHA since its last **Annual PHA Plan** submission?

- Y N
- Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs.
 - Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions.
 - Financial Resources.
 - Rent Determination.
 - Homeownership Programs.
 - Safety and Crime Prevention.
 - Pet Policy.
 - Substantial Deviation.
 - Significant Amendment/Modification

(b) The PHA must submit its Deconcentration Policy for Field Office Review.

(c) If the PHA answered yes for any element, describe the revisions for each element below:

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 to Tenant Based Assistance.
 - Conversion of Public Housing to Project-Based Assistance under RAD.
 - 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.

B.3 Progress Report.

Provide a description of the PHA's progress in meeting its Mission and Goals described in the PHA 5-Year Plan.

SEE ATTACHED

B.4.	<p>Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit.</p> <p>(a) Were there any findings in the most recent FY Audit?</p> <p>Y N <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(b) If yes, please describe:</p>
Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.	
C.1	<p>Certification Listing Policies and Programs that the PHA has Revised since Submission of its Last Annual Plan</p> <p><u>Form 50077-ST-HCV-HP</u>, <i>Certification of Compliance with PHA Plans and Related Regulations</i>, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.</p>
C.2	<p>Civil Rights Certification.</p> <p><u>Form 50077-ST-HCV-HP</u>, <i>Certification of Compliance with PHA Plans and Related Regulations</i>, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.</p>
C.3	<p>Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.</p> <p>(a) Did the RAB(s) provide comments to the PHA Plan?</p> <p>Y N <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>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.</p>
C.4	<p>Certification by State or Local Officials.</p> <p><u>Form HUD 50077-SL</u>, <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.</p>
D Statement of Capital Improvements. Required in all years for all PHAs completing this form that administer public housing and receive funding from the Capital Fund Program (CFP).	
D.1	<p>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.</p>

Instructions for Preparation of Form HUD-50075-HP Annual Plan for High Performing PHAs

A. PHA Information. All PHAs must complete this section.

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\(4\)\(e\)](#))

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

B. Annual Plan.

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.”

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. For years in which the PHA’s 5-Year PHA Plan is also due, this information must be included only to the extent it pertains to the housing needs of families that are on the PHA’s public housing and Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting lists. ([24 CFR §903.7\(a\)\(1\)](#)) and 24 CFR §903.12(b). 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. For years in which the PHA’s 5-Year PHA Plan is also due, this information must be included only to the extent it pertains to the housing needs of families that are on the PHA’s public housing and Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting lists. ([24 CFR §903.7\(a\)\(2\)\(ii\)](#)) and 24 CFR §903.12(b).

Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection and Admissions. 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 maintaining 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\(d\)](#))

Homeownership Programs. A description of any homeownership programs (including project number and unit count) administered by the agency or for which the PHA has applied or will apply for approval. For years in which the PHA’s 5-Year PHA Plan is also due, this information must be included only to the extent that the PHA participates in homeownership programs under section 8(y) of the 1937 Act. ([24 CFR §903.7\(k\)](#)) and 24 CFR §903.12(b).

Safety and Crime Prevention (VAWA). 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\(n\)](#))

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 public housing CFP work items (items not included in the current CFP Annual Statement or CFP 5-Year Action Plan); 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.

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 or discretionary policies 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. 1) A description of any housing (including project name, number (if known) and unit count) for which the PHA will apply for HOPE VI; and 2) A timetable for the submission of applications or proposals. The application and approval process for Hope VI 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 name, 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 name, 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. 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))

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))

Project-Based Vouchers. Describe any plans to use HCVs for new project-based vouchers. (24 CFR §983.57(b)(1)) 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.

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

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 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 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 SM-HP.

C.2 Civil Rights Certification. Form HUD-50077 SM-HP, *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))

C.3 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)

C.4 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. (24 CFR §903.15)

D. Statement of Capital Improvements.

PHAs that receive funding from the Capital Fund Program (CFP) must complete this section. (24 CFR 903.7 (g))

D.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.”

This information 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 amended, which introduced the 5-Year and Annual PHA Plan. 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.

Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 16.64 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering 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 complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Privacy Act 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, Section 1701 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 to retain a benefit. The information requested does not lend itself to confidentiality.

A.1 Location where the public may obtain copies of the Annual PHA Plan:

Main administrative office of the PHA:

Housing Authority of the City of National City
Section 8 Rental Assistance Division
140 E 12th Street, Suite B
National City, CA 91950

Main administrative office of local, county or State government:

City of National City – City Hall
City Clerk
1243 National City Boulevard
National City, CA 91950

Public Library:

City of National City
Main Library
1401 National City Boulevard
National City, CA 91950

B.6 Progress Report

Mission and Goals

PHA Goal: Expand the supply of assisted housing

Objective: Increase housing choices for families and individuals.

- Progress: The Housing Authority of the City of National City continued its leasing process to maximize the number of families being assisted.

PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing

Objective: Provide replacement vouchers

- Progress: Once a family leaves the program, a replacement family is immediately available

Maintain safe, decent, sanitary units and improve quality of life for residents living in assisted units.

- Progress: The Housing Authority of the City of National City inspects each assisted unit at least once a year to make sure that residents are living in a unit that is decent, safe and sanitary.

PHA Goal: Increase assisted housing choices

Objective: Maintain current number of vouchers within funding level.

- Progress: Management closely monitors the utilization of vouchers and make sure that there are within the funding level.

PHA Goal: Provide an improved living environment

Objective: Assists the local economy by increasing the occupancy rate and the amount of money flowing in the community.

- Progress: The current occupancy rate is at 98%, thus, maximizing the number of families being assisted which turns into more spending power for residents in the community.

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

Objective: Increase the number and percentage of employed persons within the assisted units.

- Progress: Continued referrals to the National City Collaborative for supportive services to increase independence.

PHA Goal: Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing

Objective: Promote equal housing opportunities.

- Progress: Fair housing programs and resources are included in all issuance briefings.

PHA Goal: Deter and eliminate program fraud

Objective: Take all steps necessary to prevent to prevent fraud, waste and mismanagement.

- Progress: Continued tenant counseling and providing detailed understanding of the program at issuance briefing and at every annual recertification and moves.

VAWA Attachment

On January 5, 2006, President Bush signed the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) into law as Public Law 109-162. In response to VAWA, the Housing Authority of the City of National City (HACNC) has taken the following steps:

- HACNC partners with the National City Collaborative (NCC) to provide services to individuals and families caught in domestic violence. These services include: 24-hour crisis line, legal support, transitional housing program referrals, clinical counseling, support groups, domestic violence treatment program for people who abuse, youth education and prevention programs, and volunteer training.
- HACNC refers child or adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to NCC for assistance.
- HACNC has revised many of its policies and procedures so as to enable child or adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to obtain or maintain housing.
- NCC provides numerous domestic violence prevention and intervention programs and classes. Clients are referred when there is a belief that they may be victims of domestic violence, or potential victims.

VAWA Components in the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan

VAWA policies are incorporated throughout the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan. Those policies are summarized below:

- HACNC may deny assistance to applicants if any household member is currently engaged in, or has engaged in violent criminal activity or criminal activity that may threaten the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents or persons residing in the immediate vicinity during the past five years. However, no applicant who has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking will be denied assistance if they are otherwise qualified for the program.
- HACNC may terminate a participant family's assistance if any household member has violated the family's obligation not to engage in any violent criminal activity or criminal activity that may threaten the health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents or persons residing in the immediate vicinity during participation in the HCV program. However, no

applicant who has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking will have their assistance terminated if they are otherwise qualified for the program.

- Any incident or incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence or stalking will not be construed as a serious or repeated violation of the lease by the victim or threatened victim of that violence, and shall not be good cause for terminating the assistance, tenancy or occupancy rights of the victim.
- HACNC may terminate the assistance of an individual family member to remove a lawful occupant or tenant who engages in criminal acts or threatened acts of violence or stalking to family members or others without terminating the assistance or evicting victimized lawful occupants.
- There is no limitation on the ability of the HACNC to terminate assistance for other good cause unrelated to the incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, other than the victim may not be subject to a “more demanding standard” than non-victims.
- HACNC will require certification by the victim of the victim status on such forms as the HACNC and/or HUD shall prescribe or approve.
- When a family on the waiting list breaks up into two otherwise eligible families, only one of the new families may retain the original application date.
- If the family breaks up into two otherwise eligible families while receiving assistance, only one of the new families will continue to be assisted.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) POLICY

I. Purpose and Applicability

The purpose of this policy is to implement the applicable provisions of the violence against women and department of justice reauthorization act of 2005 (pub. L. 109-162) and more generally to set forth the HACNC’s policies and procedures regarding domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, as hereafter defined.

The policy is gender-neutral, and its protections are available to males who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking as well as female victims of such violence.

II. Goals and Objectives

This policy and the following goals and objectives:

- A. Maintaining compliance with all applicable legal requirements imposed by VAWA;

- B. Ensuring the physical safety of victims of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking who are assisted by HACNC;
- C. Providing and maintaining housing opportunities for victims of domestic violence , dating violence, or stalking;
- D. Creating and maintaining collaborative arrangements between HACNC, law enforcement authorities, victim service providers, and others to promote the safety and well-being of victims of actual and threatened domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, who are assisted by HACNC; and
- E. Taking appropriate action in response to an incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, affecting individuals assisted by HACNC.

III. **Other HACNC Policies and Procedures**

This Policy shall be referenced in and incorporated in and made a part of HACNC's Admission and Continued Occupancy Policy. To the extent any provision of this policy shall vary or contradict any previously adopted policy or procedure of HACNC, the provisions of this Policy shall prevail.

IV. **Definitions**

As used in this Policy;

- A. *Domestic Violence* – The term “domestic violence” includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabiting with or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.
- B. *Dating Violence* – means violence committed by a person –
 - (A) who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
 - (B) where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
 - (i) the length of the relationship
 - (ii) the type of relationship
 - (iii) the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.
- C. *Stalking* – means

(A) (i) to follow, pursue, or repeatedly commit acts with the intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate another person; and (ii) to place under surveillance with the intent to kill, injure, harass or intimidate another person; and

(B) In the course of, or as a result of, such following, pursuit, surveillance, or repeatedly committed acts, to place a person in reasonable fear of death of, or serious bodily injury to, or to cause substantial emotional harm to –

(i) that person;

(ii) a member of the immediate family of that person; or

(iii) the spouse or intimate partner of that person;

D. *Immediate Family Member* – means, with respect to a person –

(A) a spouse, parent, brother, sister, or child of that person, or an individual to whom that person stands in loco parentis; or

(B) Any other person living in the household of that person and related to that person by blood or marriage.

E. *Perpetrator* – means person who commits an act of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking against a victim.

V. ADMISSIONS AND SCREENING

A. *Non-Denial of Assistance*. HACNC will not deny admission to public housing to any person because that person is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, provided that such person is otherwise qualified for such admission.

VI. TERMINATION OF TENANCY OR ASSISTANCE

A. VAWA Protections. Under VAWA, public housing residents have the following specifications, which will be observed by HACNC.

1. An incident or incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking will not be considered to be a “serious or repeated” violation of the lease by the victim or threatened victim of that violence and will not be good cause for terminating the tenancy or occupancy rights of or assistance to the victim of that violence.

2. In additions to the foregoing, tenancy or assistance will not be terminated by HACNC as a result of criminal activity, if that

criminal activity is directly related to domestic violence, dating violence or stalking engaged in by a member of the assisted household, a guest or another person under the tenant's control, and the tenant or an immediate family member is the victim or threatened victim of this criminal activity. However, the protection against termination of tenancy or assistance described in this paragraph is subject to the following limitations:

- a. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall limit any otherwise available authority of HACNC or to terminate tenancy, evict, or to terminate assistance, as the case may be, for any violation of a lease or program requirement not premised on the act or acts of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking in question against the tenant or a member of the tenant's household. However, in taking any such action, the HACNC may apply a more demanding standard to the victim of domestic violence dating or stalking than that applied to other tenants.
- b. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to limit the authority of HACNC to evict or terminate from assistance any tenant or lawful applicant if the HACNC can demonstrate an actual and imminent threat to other tenants or to those employed at or providing service to the property, if the tenant is not evicted or terminated from assistance.

B. *Removal of Perpetrator.* Further, notwithstanding anything in paragraph VI.A.2. or Federal, State or local law to the contrary, HACNC, as the case may be, may bifurcate a lease, or remove a household member from a lease, without regard to whether a household member is a signatory to a lease, in order to evict, remove, terminate occupancy rights, or terminate assistance to any individual who is a tenant or lawful occupant and who engages in acts of physical violence against family members or others. Such action against the perpetrator of such physical violence may be taken without evicting, removing, terminating assistance to, or otherwise penalizing the victim of such violence who is also the tenant or a lawful occupant. Such

eviction, removal, termination of occupancy rights, or termination of assistance shall be effected in accordance with the procedures prescribed by law applicable to terminations of tenancy and evictions by HACNC.

VII. VERIFICATION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE OR STALKING

A. Requirement for Verification. The law allows, but does not require, HACNC to verify that an incident or incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking claimed by a tenant or other lawful occupant is bona fide and meets the requirements of the applicable definitions set forth in this policy. HACNC shall require verification in all cases where an individual claims protection against an action involving such individual proposed to be taken by HACNC. Verification of a claimed incident or incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence or stalking may be accomplished in one of the following three ways:

1. *HUD-approved form* – by providing the HACNC a written certification, on a form approved by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), that the individual is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking that the incident or incidents in question must be described in reasonable detail as required in the HUD approved form, and the completed certification must include the name of the perpetrator.
2. *Other documentation* – by providing to HACNC documentation signed by an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney, or a medical professional, from whom the victim has sought assistance in addressing the domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, or the effects of the abuse, described in such documentation. The professional providing the documentation must sign and attest under penalty of perjury (28 U.S.C. 1746) to the professional's belief that the incident or incidents in question are bona fide incidents of abuse meeting the requirements of the applicable definition(s) set forth in this policy. The victim of the incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking violence or stalking described in the documentation must also sign and attest to the documentation under penalty of perjury.

3. *Police or court record* – by providing to HACNC a Federal, State, tribal, territorial, or local police or court record describing the incident or incidents in question.

B. *Time allowed to provide verification/failure to provide.* An individual who claims protection against adverse action based on an incident or incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, and who is requested by HACNC, to provide verification, must provide such verification within 14 business days (*i.e., 14 calendar days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and federally-recognized holidays*) after receipt of the request for verification. Failure to provide verification, in proper form within such time will result in loss of protection under VAWA and this policy against a proposed adverse action.

C. *Waiver of verification requirement.* The Executive Director of HACNC may with respect to any specific case, waive the above-stated requirements for verification and provide the benefits of this policy based on the victim's statement or other corroborating evidence. Such waiver may be granted in the sole discretion of the Executive Director. Any such waiver must be in writing. Waiver in a particular instance or instances shall not operate as precedent for, or create any right to, waiver in any other case of cases, regardless of similarity in circumstances.

VIII. CONFIDENTIALITY

A. *Right of confidentiality.* All Information (including the fact that an individual is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking) provided to HACNC in connection with a verification required under section VII of this policy or provided in lieu of such verification where a waiver of verification is granted, shall be retained by the receiving party in confidence and shall neither be entered in any shared database nor provided to any related entity, except where disclosure is:

1. Requested or consented to by the individual in writing, or
2. Required for use in a public housing eviction proceeding, as permitted in VAWA, or
3. Otherwise required by applicable law

- B. Notification of rights. All tenants of public housing shall be notified in writing concerning their right to confidentiality and the limits on such rights to confidentiality.

IX. Transfer to New Residence

- A. *Application for transfer.* In situations that involve significant risk of violent harm to an individual as a result of previous incidents or threats of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, HACNC will, if an approved unit size is available at a location that may reduce the risk of harm, approve transfer by a public housing to a different unit in order to reduce the level of risk to the individual. A tenant who requests transfer must attest in such application that the requested transfer is necessary to protect the health or safety of the tenant or another member of the household who is or was the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking and who reasonably believes that the tenant or other household member will be imminently threatened by harm from further violence if the individual remains in the present dwelling unit.
- B. *Action on Applications.* HACNC will act upon such an application promptly.
- C. No right to transfer. HACNC will make every effort to accommodate requests for transfer when suitable alternative vacant units are available and the circumstances warrant such action.

X. COURT ORDERS/FAMILY BREAK-UP

- A. *Court Orders.* It is HACNC's policy to honor orders entered by courts of competent jurisdiction affecting individuals assisted by HACNC and their property. This includes cooperating with law enforcement authorities to enforce civil protection orders issued for the protection of victims and addressing the distribution of personal property among household members in cases where a family breaks up.
- B. Family Break-Up. Other HACNC policies regarding family break-up are contained in HACNC's Administrative Plan.

XI. NOTIFICATION

HACNC shall provide written notification to applicants, tenants, concerning the rights and obligations created under VAWA relating to confidentiality, denial of assistance and, termination of tenancy or assistance.

XII. RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

Neither VAWA nor this Policy implementing it shall preempt or supersede any provision of Federal, State or local law that provides greater protection than that provided under VAWA for victims of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking.

XIII. AMENDMENT

This policy may be amended from time to time by HACNC as approved by the HACNC Board of Commissioners.

DEFINITION OF SUBSTANDARD DEVIATION AND SIGNIFICANT CHANGE OR MODIFICATION

Substandard deviation;

The following actions would be considered a substantial deviation from the 5-year plan:

- Change to the target population included in the adopted plan.
- Decisions to change the process for accepting applications to the Housing Choice Voucher Program.
- Decision to change Priority of Preference Criteria for the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

It will not be considered a substantial deviation from the plan:

- To choose another course of action not specifically spelled out in the plan to meet the established goals.
- To meet goals of the program to assist low-and moderate-income population in a manner not discussed in the adopted plan.
- To increase or decrease the Payment Standard (PS) (within budget authority) based on, (1) in the case of an increase to the PS, unforeseen increases in rents or inability of tenants to rent units within the program rules or (2) in the case of decreases to the PS, reductions in the budget authority awarded by HUD.
- To make modifications to the Administrative Plan which improve the access to the program by applicants and participants or clarification of new issues in order to provide a consistent implementation of the rules.

- To incorporate new procedures brought about by new regulations or clarification of regulations by HUD.
- To make changes to parts of the plan, which are found to be inconsistent with regulations.
- To make changes required by statute or regulation that need to take place before a consultative process can take place.
- Changes in the Standard Operating Procedures that do not involve policy decisions.

Significant change or modification:

A significant change or modification is defined as discretionary changes in the plan or policies of the housing authority that fundamental changes the mission, goals, objectives or plans of the agency which require the formal approval of the Board of Commissioners.

Other similar circumstances will be treated as defined above. Those items which are considered a substantial deviation would require Board Approval at a Regular Meeting of the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and submission to HUD at the next annual submission, where a report will be given of policies changed since the last submission of the Plan. Where feasible on discretionary issues, the Housing Authority will make an effort to consult with the Resident Advisory Committee prior to bringing the issue to the Board.

SMALL AREA FAIR MARKET RENT (SAFMR)

The Small Area Fair Market Rent (SAFMR) Final Rule was published on November 16, 2016 and became effective on January 17, 2017. Under the final rule, the use of Small Area FMRs is required in the administration of the HCV program for certain metropolitan areas, including San Diego-Carlsbad, CA MSA, beginning on October 1, 2017. Although HUD has suspended the implementation of the SAFMR, it was reinstated effective January 1, 2018. The purpose of this rule is to establish a more effective means for HCV tenants to move into areas of higher opportunity and lower poverty by providing the tenants with a subsidy adequate to make such areas accessible and, consequently, help reduce the number of voucher families that reside in areas of higher poverty concentration.

FY2018 SAFMRsBy Unit Bedrooms				
Efficiency	One-Bedroom	Two-Bedroom	Three-Bedroom	Four-Bedroom
\$1,090	\$1,210	\$1,570	\$2,260	\$2,760
FY2018 Payment Standard				
Efficiency	One-Bedroom	Two-Bedroom	Three-Bedroom	Four-Bedroom
\$1,090	\$1,210	\$1,635	\$2,260	\$2,760

