

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

Baton Rouge City PHA Plans

5 Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2000 - 2004
Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2000

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

**PHA Plan
Agency Identification**

PHA Name: Baton Rouge City

PHA Number: LA219

PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (01/2000)

Public Access to Information

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

- Main administrative office of the PHA (300 Louisiana Ave. Baton Rouge)
- PHA development management offices
- PHA local offices

Display Locations For PHA Plans and Supporting Documents

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

- Main administrative office of the PHA (300 Louisiana Ave. Baton Rouge, LA)
- PHA development management offices
- PHA local offices
- Main administrative office of the local government
- Main administrative office of the County government
- Main administrative office of the State government
- Public library
- PHA website
- Other (list below)

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

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

5-YEAR PLAN
PHA FISCAL YEARS 2000 - 2004
[24 CFR Part 903.5]

A. Mission

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

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

The PHA's mission is: (state mission here)

B. Goals

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

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

PHA Goal: Expand the supply of assisted housing
Objectives:

Apply for additional rental vouchers:

Reduce public housing vacancies:

Leverage private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities:

Acquire or build units or developments

Other (list below) The OCD will support the Housing Authority of Baton Rouge in any application for additional certificates.

PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing
Objectives:

Improve public housing management: (PHAS score)

Improve voucher management: (SEMAP score)

Increase customer satisfaction:

Concentrate on efforts to improve specific management functions:

- (list; e.g., public housing finance; voucher unit inspections)
- Renovate or modernize public housing units:
- Demolish or dispose of obsolete public housing:
- Provide replacement public housing:
- Provide replacement vouchers:
- Other: (list below)

PHA Goal: Increase assisted housing choices
Objectives:

- Provide voucher mobility counseling:
- Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords
- Increase voucher payment standards
- Implement voucher homeownership program:
- Implement public housing or other homeownership programs:
- Implement public housing site-based waiting lists:
- Convert public housing to vouchers:
- Other: (list below)

The Office of Community Development (OCD) will continue to operate home buyer programs under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and its HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME) programs that may be used by tenants of Section 8 housing to move into their own home.

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

PHA Goal: Provide an improved living environment
Objectives:

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

The OCD will continue to work with the HA and non-profits (CHDO's CDC's ,etc.) to the extent possible within budget constraints to provide other low income affordable housing within East Baton Rouge Parish and to provide funding for infrastructure improvements that improves the overall living environment.

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

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

Objectives:

- ____ Increase the number and percentage of employed persons in assisted families:
- ____ Provide or attract supportive services to improve assistance recipients' employability:
- ____ Provide or attract supportive services to increase independence for the elderly or families with disabilities.
- ____ Other: (list below)

HUD Strategic Goal: Ensure Equal Opportunity in Housing for all Americans

____ PHA Goal: Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing

Objectives:

- Undertake affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability:
- ____ Undertake affirmative measures to provide a suitable living environment for families living in assisted housing, regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability:
- Undertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all varieties of disabilities regardless of unit size required:
- ____ Other: (list below)

Other PHA Goals and Objectives: (list below)

The OCD will continue its close association with the Housing Authority (HA). The OCD being the responsible entity for insuring compliance with the Consolidated Plan will support the HA application for additional Section 8 Assistance should it become available and will support its applications for assistance under the HOPE programs.

Annual PHA Plan
PHA Fiscal Year 2000
[24 CFR Part 903.7]

Annual Plan Type:

Select which type of Annual Plan the PHA will submit.

Standard Plan

Streamlined Plan:

High Performing PHA

Small Agency (<250 Public Housing Units)

Administering Section 8 Only

Troubled Agency Plan

Executive Summary of the Annual PHA Plan

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

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

This plan is prepared to comply with new HUD regulations. It applies to the Office of Community Development in that it (OCD) administers a Section 8 Housing Assistance program. The OCD does not own or operate any "public housing" and as such has not included those section in this plan. Most public housing activities in East Baton Rouge Parish are administered by the Housing Authority of Baton Rouge and will be discussed in their PHA plan when it is submitted early next year. This plan is prepared only for the activities administered by the OCD that consist of it's Moderate Rehabilitation and New Construction programs. Waiting list information is contained in this plan for informational purposes but it should be noted that the waiting list is prepared for and maintained by the HA. The Plan restates the priorities assigned to various housing groups that were originally discussed in the 5 Year Consolidated Plan which remains the main source for information on housing programs administered by the OCD.

Annual Plan Table of Contents

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

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

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Attachments

Indicate which attachments are provided by selecting all that apply. Provide the attachment's name (A, B, etc.) in the space to the left of the name of the attachment. Note: If the attachment is provided as a **SEPARATE** file submission from the PHA Plans file, provide the file name in parentheses in the space to the right of the title.

Required Attachments:

- N/A Admissions Policy for Deconcentration
- N/A FY 2000 Capital Fund Program Annual Statement
- N/A Most recent board-approved operating budget (Required Attachment for PHAs that are troubled or at risk of being designated troubled ONLY)

The OCD administers ONLY a Section 8 program therefore none of the above "Required Attachments" apply to this plan. The first two items will be addressed by the Baton Rouge Housing Authority in its PHA plan when it is submitted early next year.

Optional Attachments:

- _____ PHA Management Organizational Chart
- _____ FY 2000 Capital Fund Program 5 Year Action Plan
- _____ Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP) Plan
- _____ Comments of Resident Advisory Board or Boards (must be attached if not included in PHA Plan text)
- _____ Other (List below, providing each attachment name)

Supporting Documents Available for Review

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

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Applicable Plan Component
X	PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	State/Local Government Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	Fair Housing Documentation: Records reflecting that the PHA has examined its programs or proposed programs, identified any impediments to fair housing choice in those programs, addressed or is addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available, and worked or is working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdictions’ initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA’s involvement.	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction/s in which the PHA is located (which includes the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)) and any additional backup data to support statement of housing needs in the jurisdiction	Annual Plan: Housing Needs
NA	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources;
NA	Public Housing Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy Policy (A&O), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP]	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
X	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies

Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Applicable Plan Component
NA	Public Housing Deconcentration and Income Mixing Documentation: PHA board certifications of compliance with deconcentration requirements (section 16(a) of the US Housing Act of 1937, as implemented in the 2/18/99 <i>Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act Initial Guidance; Notice</i> and any further HUD guidance) and 18. Documentation of the required deconcentration and income mixing analysis	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
NA	Public housing rent determination policies, including the methodology for setting public housing flat rents check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
NA	Schedule of flat rents offered at each public housing development check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
X	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
NA	Public housing management and maintenance policy documents, including policies for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation (including cockroach infestation)	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
NA	Public housing grievance procedures check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
X	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
NA	The HUD-approved Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement (HUD 52837) for the active grant year	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
NA	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grant	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
NA	Most recent, approved 5 Year Action Plan for the Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program, if not included as an attachment (provided at PHA option)	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
NA	Approved HOPE VI applications or, if more recent, approved or submitted HOPE VI Revitalization Plans or any other approved proposal for development of public housing	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
NA	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing	Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition
NA	Approved or submitted applications for designation of public housing (Designated Housing Plans)	Annual Plan: Designation of Public Housing

Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Applicable Plan Component
NA	Approved or submitted assessments of reasonable revitalization of public housing and approved or submitted conversion plans prepared pursuant to section 202 of the 1996 HUD Appropriations Act	Annual Plan: Conversion of Public Housing
NA	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans	Annual Plan: Homeownership
NA	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program check here if included in the Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Homeownership
NA	Any cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
NA	FSS Action Plan/s for public housing and/or Section 8	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
NA	Most recent self-sufficiency (ED/SS, TOP or ROSS or other resident services grant) grant program reports	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
NA	The most recent Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHEDEP) semi-annual performance report for any open grant and most recently submitted PHDEP application (PHDEP Plan)	Annual Plan: Safety and Crime Prevention
NA	The most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under section 5(h)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U. S.C. 1437c(h)), the results of that audit and the PHA's response to any findings	Annual Plan: Annual Audit
NA	Troubled PHAs: MOA/Recovery Plan	Troubled PHAs
NA	Other supporting documents (optional) (list individually; use as many lines as necessary)	(specify as needed)

1. Statement of Housing Needs

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (a)]

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

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

Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type							
Family Type	Overall	Afford-ability	Supply	Quality	Access-ibility	2. Size	Loca-tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	12216	5	5	5	n/a	5	n/a
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	8195	5	5	5	n/a	5	n/a
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	9988	3	3	3	n/a	3	n/a
Elderly	1209	5	5	5	n/a	5	n/a
Families with Disabilities	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Race/Ethnicity	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Race/Ethnicity	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Race/Ethnicity	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Race/Ethnicity	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

What sources of information did the PHA use to conduct this analysis? (Check all that apply; all materials must be made available for public inspection.)

- Consolidated Plan of the Jurisdiction/s
Indicate year: 1995
- U.S. Census data: the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy ("CHAS") dataset
- American Housing Survey data
Indicate year: _____
- Other housing market study
Indicate year: _____

_____ Other sources: (list and indicate year of information)

A. Housing Needs of Families on the Public Housing and Section 8 Tenant- Based Assistance Waiting Lists

State the housing needs of the families on the PHA's waiting list/s. **Complete one table for each type of PHA-wide waiting list administered by the PHA.** PHAs may provide separate tables for site-based or sub-jurisdictional public housing waiting lists at their option.

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Waiting list type: (select one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 8 tenant-based assistance			
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Combined Section 8 and Public Housing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing Site-Based or sub-jurisdictional waiting list (optional)			
If used, identify which development/subjurisdiction:			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	3500(Pre-Applications)		
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	502 (100%) Applications		
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)			
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)			
Families with children			
Elderly families			
Families with Disabilities			

Race/ethnicity			
Race/ethnicity			
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Race/ethnicity			
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)			
1BR	522		
2 BR	746		
3 BR	564		
4 BR	179		
5 BR			
5+ BR			
Is the waiting list closed (select one)? No Yes x			
If yes:			
B. How long has it been closed (# of months)? 3			
Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? X No Yes			
Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? x No Yes			

C. Strategy for Addressing Needs

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

(1) Strategies

Need: Shortage of affordable housing for all eligible populations

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

Select all that apply

- n/a Employ effective maintenance and management policies to minimize the number of public housing units off-line
- Reduce turnover time for vacated public housing units
- Reduce time to renovate public housing units
- Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through mixed finance development
- Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through section 8 replacement housing resources

- Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by establishing payment standards that will enable families to rent throughout the jurisdiction
- Undertake measures to ensure access to affordable housing among families assisted by the PHA, regardless of unit size required
- Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by marketing the program to owners, particularly those outside of areas of minority and poverty concentration
- Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by effectively screening Section 8 applicants to increase owner acceptance of program
- Participate in the Consolidated Plan development process to ensure coordination with broader community strategies
- Other (list below)

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

Select all that apply

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

The OCD will support the HA in any applications for additional funding/certificates. Additionally the OCD will continue its programs not covered by this PHA plan (under CDBG and HOME) that create or maintain affordable housing stock in East Baton Rouge Parish as described in detail in its 5 Year Consolidated Plan and Strategy and each subsequent years Action Plan.

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

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

Select all that apply

- Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in public housing
- Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of

AMI in tenant-based section 8 assistance (*Local history indicates 100% or at or below 30% AMI*)

- Employ admissions preferences aimed at families with economic hardships
- Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- Other: (list below)

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

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

Select all that apply

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

B. Need: Specific Family Types: The Elderly

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to the elderly:

Select all that apply

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

The OCD will assist and support the HA in any application for special-purpose vouchers by providing Certificates of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan and Strategy and in other ways as funding and staff limitations allow.

Need: Specific Family Types: Families with Disabilities

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to Families with Disabilities:

Select all that apply

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

The OCD will assist and support the HA in any application for special-purpose vouchers by providing Certificates of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan and Strategy and in other ways as funding and staff limitations allow. Additionally the OCD has been informed that it will qualify for the federally funded HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS) in the coming year. The OCD will co-operate and co-ordinate with the HA on any additional funding /vouchers that may become available for use with this program.

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

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

Select if applicable

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

Strategy 2: Conduct activities to affirmatively further fair housing

Select all that apply

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

The OCD will assist and support the HA in development for deconcentrating poverty/minority housing.

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

(2) Reasons for Selecting Strategies

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

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

* The OCD, as stated elsewhere in this plan, only administers a limited (Mod Rehab and New) Section 8 program and as such its strategy and considerations are limited to its needs in those areas. The OCD realizing the broader needs for affordable housing in East Baton Rouge has and will continue to work closely with the HA and support the HA in its efforts to provide affordable low income housing.

Statement of Financial Resources

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (b)]

List the financial resources that are anticipated to be available to the PHA for the support of Federal public housing and tenant-based Section 8 assistance programs administered by the PHA during the Plan year.

Note: the table assumes that Federal public housing or tenant based Section 8 assistance grant funds are expended on eligible purposes; therefore, uses of these funds need not be stated. For other funds, indicate the use for those funds as one of the following categories: public housing operations, public housing capital improvements, public housing safety/security, public housing supportive services, Section 8 tenant-based assistance, Section 8 supportive services or other.

Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses		
Sources	Planned \$	Planned Uses
1. Federal Grants (FY 2000 grants)		
a) Public Housing Operating Fund	n/a	
b) Public Housing Capital Fund	n/a	
c) HOPE VI Revitalization	n/a	
d) HOPE VI Demolition	n/a	
e) Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance	n/a	

Sources	Planned \$	Planned Uses
f) Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (including any Technical Assistance funds)	n/a	
g) Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants	n/a	
h) Community Development Block Grant	**	0
i) HOME	**	0
Other Federal Grants (list below)		
2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below)		
3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income	n/a	n/a
4. Other income (list below)		
4. Non-federal sources (list below)		
Total resources		0

** The OCD administers both a CDBG and HOME program. While no funds from either of these programs are scheduled to assist Section 8 directly the OCD will use funds for these programs to help create and retain affordable housing in East Baton Rouge Parish. Funds will be budgeted for First Time Homebuyers , and Rehabilitation activities.

3. PHA Policies Governing Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (c)]

A. Public Housing N/A

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

B. Section 8

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer section 8 are not required to complete sub-component 3B. **Unless otherwise specified, all questions in this section apply only to the tenant-based section 8 assistance program (vouchers, and until completely merged into the voucher program, certificates).**

(1) Eligibility

- a. What is the extent of screening conducted by the PHA? (select all that apply)
- Criminal or drug-related activity only to the extent required by law or regulation
- Criminal and drug-related activity, more extensively than required by law or regulation
- More general screening than criminal and drug-related activity (list factors below)
- Other (list below)
- b. Yes No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?
- c. Yes No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?
- d. Yes No: Does the PHA access FBI criminal records from the FBI for screening purposes? (either directly or through an NCIC-authorized source)
- e. Indicate what kinds of information you share with prospective landlords? (select all that apply)
- Criminal or drug-related activity
- Other (describe below):
Damage claims, moving history, previous landlords.

(2) Waiting List Organization

- a. With which of the following program waiting lists is the section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting list merged? (select all that apply)
- None
- Federal public housing
- Federal moderate rehabilitation
- Federal project-based certificate program
- Other federal or local program (list below)
- b. Where may interested persons apply for admission to section 8 tenant-based

assistance? (select all that apply)

PHA main administrative office

Other (list below):

This administrative is made at the time the list is opened. Last applications were taken via the phone bank.

(3) Search Time

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

If yes, state circumstances below:

Hardship.

(4) Admissions Preferences

a. Income targeting

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

Local history shows that all applicants are at or below 30% of median.

b. Preferences

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

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

Former Federal preferences

Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)

Victims of domestic violence

Substandard housing

Homelessness

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

Other preferences (select all that apply)

Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability

- Veterans and veterans' families
- Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction
- Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- Other preference(s) (list below):
Elderly/Disabled over other single applicants

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

Date and Time

Former Federal preferences

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

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- 5 Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- 1 Veterans and veterans' families
- Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction
- Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- 1 Other preference(s) (list below):
Elderly/Disabled over other single applicants

4. Among applicants on the waiting list with equal preference status, how are

applicants selected? (select one)

Date and time of application

Drawing (lottery) or other random choice technique

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

This preference has previously been reviewed and approved by HUD

The PHA requests approval for this preference through this PHA Plan

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

The PHA applies preferences within income tiers

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

(5) Special Purpose Section 8 Assistance Programs

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

The Section 8 Administrative Plan

Briefing sessions and written materials

Other (list below)

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

Through published notices

Other (list below): ***Through service providers***

4. PHA Rent Determination Policies

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (d)]

A. Public Housing **N/A**

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

B. Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance

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

(1) Payment Standards

Describe the voucher payment standards and policies.

a. What is the PHA's payment standard? (select the category that best describes your standard)

- At or above 90% but below 100% of FMR
- 100% of FMR
- Above 100% but at or below 110% of FMR
- Above 110% of FMR (if HUD approved; describe circumstances below)

b. If the payment standard is lower than FMR, why has the PHA selected this standard? (select all that apply)

- FMRs are adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment of the FMR area
- The PHA has chosen to serve additional families by lowering the payment standard
- Reflects market or submarket
- Other (list below)

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

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

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

- Annually (**At least 60 days after receipt of new FMR**)
- Other (list below)

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

- Success rates of assisted families
- Rent burdens of assisted families

_____ Other (list below)

(2) Minimum Rent

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

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

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

5. Operations and Management

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (e)]

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

A. PHA Management Structure

Describe the PHA's management structure and organization.

(select one)

- _____ An organization chart showing the PHA's management structure and organization is attached.
- x A brief description of the management structure and organization of the PHA follows:

The OCD's Section 8 Certificate, Voucher and Mod Rehab programs are under the direct supervision of the Urban Development Director. Under the immediate supervision of the Housing Program Manager, the Housing Program Officer supervises and coordinates daily program activities to ensure compliance with federal regulations. The following employees report directly to the Housing Program Officer. Senior Housing Program Specialist, Housing Program Specialist Clerical Support Staff, Inspection Manager and Student Interns. Senior Housing Program Specialist and Housing Program Specialists certifies and recertifies eligibility under the appropriate programs. Maintains records of each participant, calculates monthly housing assistance payments to owners and executes HAP lease/contracts.

Inspection Manager - Inspects units for compliance with HQS and City-Parish Code Standards.

Clerical Support Staff - Types documents as needed..

B. HUD Programs Under PHA Management

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

Program Name	Units or Families Served at Year Beginning	Expected Turnover
Public Housing	N/A	
Section 8 Vouchers	77	15%
Section 8 Certificates	88	15%
Section 8 Mod Rehab	143	20%
Special Purpose Section 8 Certificates/Vouchers (list individually)	N/A	
Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP)	N/A	
Other Federal Programs(list individually)	N/A	

C. Management and Maintenance Policies

List the PHA’s public housing management and maintenance policy documents, manuals and handbooks that contain the Agency’s rules, standards, and policies that govern maintenance and management of public housing, including a description of any measures necessary for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation (which includes cockroach infestation) and the policies governing Section 8 management.

- (1) Public Housing Maintenance and Management: (list below) N/A
- (2) Section 8 Management: (list below)
 - 1) Section 8 Housing Payments program Handbook 7420.3
 - 2) Section 8 Rental Certificate Rental Voucher and Mod Rehab 7420.8
 - 3) Housing Assistance Payments Program Accounting 7420.6

4) Section 8 Housing Quality Standards and City-Parish building code.

6. PHA Grievance Procedures N/A

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (f)]

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

A. Public Housing

B. Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance

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

If yes, list additions to federal requirements below:

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

___x___ PHA main administrative office

___ Other (list below)

7. Capital Improvement Needs N/A

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (g)]

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

8. Demolition and Disposition N/A

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (h)]

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

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

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (i)]

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

10. Conversion of Public Housing to Tenant-Based Assistance

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (j)] **N/A**

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

11. Homeownership Programs Administered by the PHA

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (k)]

The OCD does not administer any Section 8 Homeownership programs, however, it does administer such programs under its CDBG and HOME programs. The programs and the associated activities are discussed in detail in the 5 Year Consolidated Plan and Strategy and in each subsequent Action Plan. Section 8 homeownership activities administered by the HA will be discussed in their plan when it is submitted early next year.

A. Public Housing N/A

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

B. Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance

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

2. Program Description:

a. Size of Program

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

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

- ___ 25 or fewer participants
- ___ 26 - 50 participants
- ___ 51 to 100 participants
- ___ more than 100 participants

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

b. Economic and Social self-sufficiency programs

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

Services and Programs				
Program Name & Description (including location, if appropriate)	Estimated Size	Allocation Method (waiting list/random selection/specific criteria/other)	Access (development office / PHA main office / other provider name)	Eligibility (public housing or section 8 participants or both)

(2) Family Self Sufficiency program/s

a. Participation Description

Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Participation		
Program	Required Number of Participants (start of FY 2000 Estimate)	Actual Number of Participants (As of: DD/MM/YY)
Public Housing		
Section 8		

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

C. Welfare Benefit Reductions N/A

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

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

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

13. PHA Safety and Crime Prevention Measures N/A

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (m)]

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

14. RESERVED FOR PET POLICY

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (n)] N/A

15. Civil Rights Certifications

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (o)]

Civil rights certifications are included in the PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations.

16. Fiscal Audit

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (p)]

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

17. PHA Asset Management N/A

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (q)]

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

18. Other Information

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

A. Resident Advisory Board Recommendations N/A

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

2. If yes, the comments are: (if comments were received, the PHA **MUST** select one)

Attached at Attachment (File name)

Provided below:

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

Considered comments, but determined that no changes to the PHA Plan were necessary.

The PHA changed portions of the PHA Plan in response to comments

List changes below:

Other: (list below)

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

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

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

3. Description of Resident Election Process

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

Candidates were nominated by resident and assisted family organizations

Candidates could be nominated by any adult recipient of PHA assistance

Self-nomination: Candidates registered with the PHA and requested a place on ballot

Other: (describe)

b. Eligible candidates: (select one)

Any recipient of PHA assistance

Any head of household receiving PHA assistance

Any adult recipient of PHA assistance

Any adult member of a resident or assisted family organization

Other (list)

c. Eligible voters: (select all that apply)

All adult recipients of PHA assistance (public housing and section 8 tenant-

- _____ based assistance)
- _____ Representatives of all PHA resident and assisted family organizations
- _____ Other (list)

C. Statement of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

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

1. Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge
2. The PHA has taken the following steps to ensure consistency of this PHA Plan with the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction: (select all that apply)

- The PHA has based its statement of needs of families in the jurisdiction on the needs expressed in the Consolidated Plan/s.
- The PHA has participated in any consultation process organized and offered by the Consolidated Plan agency in the development of the Consolidated Plan.
- The PHA has consulted with the Consolidated Plan agency during the development of this PHA Plan.
- Activities to be undertaken by the PHA in the coming year are consistent with the initiatives contained in the Consolidated Plan. (list below)
 - 1) Section 8 and development and retention of affordable housing.

Other: (list below):

The OCD which is also the PHA is the local agency that is responsible for writing the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction. We consulted with the HA in the development of local needs for affordable during this process and as such maintained oversight of the entire process for this PHA plan.

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

“The City-Parish will encourage and support all efforts by the PHA to obtain more assistance in the form of certificates and vouchers” (Page 124, 5 Year CPS, 1995)

D. Other Information Required by HUD

Use this section to provide any additional information requested by HUD.

Attachments

Use this section to provide any additional attachments referenced in the Plans.

