

5-Year PHA Plan (for All PHAs)	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing	OMB No. 2577-0226 Expires: 03/31/2024
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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. The Form HUD-50075-5Y is to be completed once every 5 PHA fiscal years by all PHAs.

A.	PHA Information.																										
A.1	<p>PHA Name: Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority PHA Code: IA126</p> <p>PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning: (MM/YYYY): 07/01/2025</p> <p>The Five-Year Period of the Plan (i.e. 2019-2023): 2025-2029</p> <p>PHA Plan Submission Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5-Year Plan Submission <input type="checkbox"/> Revised 5-Year Plan 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 on 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 websites. PHAs are also encouraged to provide each resident council a copy of their PHA Plans.</p> <p>The public may view this PHA Plan, plan elements, and obtain information regarding any of the items outlined in this plan at the Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority's Administrative Office located at 7600 Commerce Park, Dubuque, IA 52002. They may also call the administrative office at 563-556-4166 for a copy to be mailed or e-mailed. In addition, the proposed FY 2025 - 2029 Five Year Plan is also available on the website at www.eirha.org.</p> <p>The Resident Advisory Board and residents were mailed notification of the proposed Five-Year Plan along with information on how to access the plan and instructions on how to comment on the plan.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PHA Consortia: (Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete table below.)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Participating PHAs</th> <th rowspan="2">PHA Code</th> <th rowspan="2">Program(s) in the Consortia</th> <th rowspan="2">Program(s) not in the Consortia</th> <th colspan="2">No. of Units in Each Program</th> </tr> <tr> <th>PH</th> <th>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.	Plan Elements. Required for <u>all</u> PHAs completing this form.
B.1	<p>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 for the next five years.</p> <p>The Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority's mission is to provide decent, safe, and affordable rental housing for eligible families, to provide opportunities, and to promote self-sufficiency, economic independence, and homeownership opportunities for Housing Choice Voucher participants, Mainstream Voucher participants, and Public Housing residents.</p>

B.2

Goals and Objectives. Identify the PHA's quantifiable goals and objectives that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families for the next five years.

The Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority (EIRHA) presents the following quantifiable goals and objectives that will enable the EIRHA to serve the needs of low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families for the next five years:

1. Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Mainstream Voucher Program.

Goal 1. Improve customer service and communication between residents, applicants and the agency.

Objectives:

- Respond to all inquiries within a timely manner.
- Continue customer service training for all staff.
- Maintain all paperless files and explore an online certification process.
- Continue to utilize the online HCV application process.

Goal 2: Utilize Affirmative Marketing Plan to reach out to under-represented groups.

Objectives:

- Continue to comply with all fair housing policies and laws and ensure that all staff receive annual training.
- Promote fair housing and equal opportunity.

Goal 3: Continue to promote economic self-sufficiency opportunities through homeownership programs, family self-sufficiency programs, and community partnerships.

Objectives:

- Increase the number of families participating in the HCV Homeownership Program.
- Continue to expand the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program and services and request additional funding for another Service Coordinator.
- Increase the number of partners on the Program Coordinating Committee (PCC).
- Continue to maintain Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved Housing Counseling certification.
- Maintain and update the FSS Action Plan as new regulations are implemented.

Goal 4: Increase assisted housing choices.

Objectives:

- Continue to utilize the 2-year tool and maximize the voucher utilization for both HCV and Mainstream HCV in order to serve as many families as allowed within the budget authority.
- Continue to apply for new voucher allocations as appropriate, and maximize utilization of existing funding.
- Continue to monitor the Payment Standards in order to ensure that the rent burden is not significant to the tenants and request a waiver up to 120% of the Payment Standard, when needed.

Goal 5: Train and cross train staff.

Objectives:

- Cross train staff on all components of the HCV program.
- Ensure all Housing Support staff receive and maintain HCV and National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE-V) certification and receive ongoing training as updated HUD rules and regulations are implemented.

• **Goal 6: Ensure program compliance.**

Objectives:

- The EIRHA HCV Administrative Plan (AP) has been brought current with all changes in accordance with Section 102 and 104 of HOTMA and will be implemented in accordance with the HUD regulatory deadline. In addition, updates will be made as HUD implements any further changes to the policies and procedures.
- The NSPIRE-V inspection process will replace the Housing Quality Standard (HQS) inspection protocol when HUD sets the final implementation date. Staff will continue to be trained on this new process.
- Continue to maintain “High Performer” status under Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) by closely monitoring program performance through regular quality control reviews.

Goal 7: Ensure ongoing compliance with the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) policy.

Objectives:

- Maintain and update the LEP policy and ensure there are adequate interpreters for participants, as they are needed.

Goal 8: Maintain compliance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

Objectives:

- Continue to ensure that the VAWA policies have been updated and implemented to comply with the most recent regulations.

Goal 9: End homelessness for veterans, people experiencing chronic homelessness, families, youth and children.

Objectives:

- Work closely with homeless assistance service providers and make referrals to further assist this population.
- Continue to serve on the Community Solutions of Eastern Iowa (CSEI) board to stay abreast of services that are offered for this population.

Goal 10: Ensure sustainable investments in affordable housing.

Objectives:

- Continue to provide data and support to the developers and syndicators of affordable housing.

2. Public Housing Program

Goal 1. Improve customer service and communication between residents, applicants and the agency.

Objectives:

- Respond to all inquiries within a timely manner.
- Continue customer service training for all staff.
- Maintain the site-based waiting lists for all Public Housing sites.
- Maintain all paperless files and explore an online certification process.
- Continue to utilize the online Public Housing application process.

Goal 2: Utilize Affirmative Marketing Plan to reach out to under-represented groups.

Objectives:

- Continue to comply with all fair housing policies and laws and ensure that all staff receive annual training.
- Promote fair housing and equal opportunity.

Goal 3: Continue to promote economic self-sufficiency opportunities through homeownership programs, elderly self-sufficiency programs, and community partnerships.

Objectives:

- Increase the number of families participating in the Public Housing Homeownership Program.
- Continue to expand the Elderly Self-Sufficiency (ESS) Program and services to further enhance the residents to age in place.
- Increase the number of partners on the Program Coordinating Committee (PCC).
- Continue to maintain HUD approved Housing Counseling certification.
- Maintain and update the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Action Plan as new regulations are implemented.

Goal 4: Train and cross train staff.

Objectives:

- Cross train staff on all components of the Public Housing, Homeownership and Housing Counseling programs.
- Ensure all Housing Support staff receive and maintain Public Housing Management certification and receive ongoing training when updated HUD rules and regulations are implemented.
- Ensure maintenance staff receive Certified Manager of Maintenance training.

• **Goal 6: Ensure program compliance.**

Objectives:

- The EIRHA Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) has been brought current with all changes in accordance with Section 102 and 104 of HOTMA and will be implemented in accordance with the HUD regulatory deadline. In addition,

updates will be made as HUD implements any further changes to the policies and procedures.

- Continue to work towards a “High Performer” status under the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) score for Physical, Financial, Management, and Capital Fund.
- The National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) inspection process has been implemented with all Public Housing unit fall and spring inspections.

Goal 7: Maintain high lease up and quality units.

Objectives:

- Ensure Public Housing vacant units are turned around in a timely fashion in order to maintain high lease-up of the units. Maintain occupancy rate of 98% or better.
- Continue to keep quality Public Housing units and maintain an NSPIRE score of 90 or above.
- Continue to provide training for maintenance staff.
- Continue to explore additional funding streams such as the Capital Fund Program Housing Related Hazards and Emergency Safety and Security Grants in order to further improve its Public Housing stock and to increase its operating reserve.
- Continue to replace Public Housing roofs as necessary.

Goal 8: Ensure ongoing compliance with the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) policy.

Objectives:

- Maintain and update the LEP policy and ensure there are adequate interpreters for families, as they are needed.

Goal 9: Maintain compliance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

Objectives:

- Continue to ensure that the VAWA policies have been updated and implemented to comply with the most recent guidance.

Goal 10: Achieve High Performer rating under the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS).

Objectives:

- Maintain quick unit turnaround time.
- Complete emergency work orders within 24 hours and routine work orders within 5 days.
- Maintain and manage preventive maintenance plan.
- Ensure units are inspected in the Spring and Fall, and work orders from these inspections are completed in a timely manner.
- Continue to maintain Public Housing units and maintain NSPIRE score of 90 or above.

Goal 11: Improve the quality of life of residents in all communities.

Objectives:

- Upgrade curb appeal to all properties and improve common areas, where applicable.
- Maintain and expand the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program.
- Maintain and expand the Elderly Self-Sufficiency (ESS) program.
- Continue to enforce the Smoke-Free Policy at all Public Housing sites.

- Maintain and expand the Homeownership and Housing Counseling services.
- Continue to offer the single-family Public Housing units for sale through the Public Housing Homeownership program to qualifying families.

Goal 12. Support the recovery of communities from disasters.

Objectives:

- Continue to maintain and update the EIRHA disaster preparedness policies for all rental units in order to be as prepared as possible, should a disaster occur.

Progress Report. Include a report on the progress the PHA has made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5-Year Plan.

Goal 1. Promote the need for affordable housing and access to mortgage financing for the families in the region.

Objectives:

- Worked closely with the Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Corporation Housing Trust Fund (EIRHC HTF) and referred qualifying families to the program for assistance with down payment and housing rehabilitation funds.
- Maintained HUD approved Housing Counseling status in order to continue to provide service to the qualifying families.
- Continued to provide homeownership opportunities through the EIRHA HCV and Public Housing Homeownership Programs.

Goal 2. Ensure equal access to sustainable housing financing and achieve a more balanced housing market.

Objectives:

- Worked closely with the EIRHC HTF and referred qualifying families and developers to the program for financial assistance.
- Promoted Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing by increasing public awareness.

Goal 3. Ensure sustainable investments in affordable housing.

Objectives:

- Provided letters of support to local developers and syndicators on sustainable housing developments.

Goal 4. Preserve quality, affordable rental housing.

Objectives:

- The EIRHA applied for and was awarded the Capital Fund Program Housing Related Hazards Grant, Emergency Safety and Security Grant, and a Lead Risk Assessment Demonstration Grant for HCV assisted landlords. These grants assist with the preservation of Public Housing and HCV units.

Goal 5. End homelessness for veterans, people experiencing chronic homelessness, families, youth, and children.

Objectives:

- The EIRHA received additional HCV and Mainstream Vouchers to assist more individuals from the waiting list.
- The EIRHA expanded the Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinating Committee to include more resources for the populations served.
- The EIRHA expanded the Elderly Self-Sufficiency Program supportive services to the residents in order to further assist them at removing barriers to age in place.
- The EIRHA worked closely with the Community Solutions of Eastern Iowa (CSEI) Emergency Solutions Grant for Rapid Rehousing, which provides assistance to those experiencing homelessness and utilizes the Coordinated Entry System. In addition, an EIRHA staff person now serves on the Board for the CSEI.

Goal 6. Promote advancements in the economic prosperity for residents of HUD assisted housing.

Objectives:

- The EIRHA continues to focus on the expansion of the Family Self-Sufficiency programs for both the HCV and Public Housing Programs in order to work with more families at enhancing their economic independence. The EIRHA now has two FSS Coordinators for HCV and one FSS Coordinator for the Public Housing Program.
- The EIRHA continues to work towards expanding the Housing Counseling and Homeownership Programs to assist additional families.
- The EIRHA continues to work towards expanding the ROSS Elderly Self-Sufficiency Program that links participants to supportive services which enable them to age/remain in place to prevent more costly care.

Goal 7. Promote the health and housing stability of vulnerable populations.

Objectives:

- The FSS and ESS Coordinators and Program Coordinating Committee continue to network and make referrals to appropriate providers in order to further assist the populations served by the EIRHA.
- The EIRHA continues to have a successful HCV and Public Housing homeownership program. In addition, EIRHA maintains its HUD certified Housing Counselor.

Goal 8. Reduce housing discrimination, affirmatively further fair housing, and promote diverse, inclusive communities.

Objectives:

- EIRHA promotes Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing by increasing public awareness.
- Staff continue to receive annual training to stay up to date with all Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing guidelines and regulations.
- Staff continue to receive inclusivity training on an annual basis.

Goal 9. Increase the health and safety of homes and embed comprehensive energy efficiency and healthy housing criteria.

Objectives:

- EIRHA continues to maintain no-smoking policies in all Public Housing units.
- EIRHA continues to monitor energy consumption on an annual basis for its Public Housing units.
- EIRHA has improved its physical inspection score for Public Housing units under the NSPIRE inspection with a score of 94. The Financial, Management, and Capital Fund REAC scores continue to be in the High Performer area.
- EIRHA has replaced the roofs at several Public Housing units/complexes, and intends to continue replacing roofs as necessary which will have a positive impact on energy efficiency.

Goal 10. Support the recovery of communities from disasters.

Objectives:

- EIRHA continues to maintain and update its disaster preparedness policies for all rental units in order to be as prepared as possible, should a disaster occur.

Goal 11. Strengthen community economic health, resilience and access to opportunity.

Objectives:

- EIRHA continues to expand the Family Self-Sufficiency programs in order to address as many of the populations served as possible.
- EIRHA maintains the ROSS Elderly Self-Sufficiency program in order to address as many of the population as possible.

Goal 12. Establish a database of service providers to assist the families affected by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

Objectives:

- The Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinators continue to work with local police departments and the Domestic Violence Programs throughout the seven-county region it serves to further extend its database of services.
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Goal 13. Work with families to maintain housing.

Objectives:

- The Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinators continue to assist the families with referrals to the appropriate services in order to further assist them at maintaining their housing options.
- The Elderly Self-Sufficiency Coordinator continues to work with the Public Housing elderly population to assist them at aging in place.
- EIRHA has a history of meeting “High Performer” status for the administration of the HCV program.

Goal 14. Keep staff up to date with all program changes and regulations.

Objectives:

- The EIRHA continues to provide training for staff through NAHRO, Nan McKay, and other appropriate vendors in order to keep them as up to date as possible with all regulation changes in HOTMA, NSPIRE and NSPRIE-V, amongst other regulatory changes.
- The EIRHA has updated it’s HCV Administrative Plan, FSS Action Plan, and Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy to include all updated regulations, and has a contract with Nan McKay for these continued updates.

B.4

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Goals. Provide a statement of the PHA's goals, activities, objectives, policies, or programs that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

The EIRHA's goal is to continue to update and implement the VAWA policies contained within the Administrative Plan and Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy to comply with VAWA 2022 implementation guidance, set forth in the Federal Register January 4, 2023 which now includes victims of human trafficking. The EIRHA complies with the requirements for applicant and participant notification of rights under VAWA and has established an emergency transfer plan for the HCV and Public Housing Programs.

The EIRHA will continue to develop relationships with domestic violence victim advocates, legal aid services, and law enforcement agencies, to ensure that victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking are provided the necessary support and resources they need.

C.	Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.
C.1	<p>Significant Amendment or Modification. Provide a statement on the criteria used for determining a significant amendment or modification to the 5-Year Plan.</p> <p><u>Substantial Deviation and Significant Amendment Modification.</u></p> <p>EIRHA defines “significant amendment or modification” as changes to its plan or policies which fundamentally alter the mission, goals, or objectives of the Agency including; changes to the rent or admissions policies or organization of the waiting lists; addition of non-emergency work items or changes in use of replacement reserve funds under the Capital Fund; additions of new activities not included in the current Plan; and any change with regard to demolition or disposition, designation, homeownership programs or conversion activities.</p> <p>Substantial deviation/modification shall include any change in the planned or actual use of federal funds for activities that would prohibit or redirect EIRHA’s mission to create affordable, sustainable housing while improving the quality of life for families and encouraging independence; and any single or cumulative annual change in the planned or actual use of federal funds as identified in the 5-Year Plan that exceeds 20% of EIRHA’s annual program budgets for HCV (and Mainstream), Public Housing or Development activities. Examples include: the need to respond immediately to Acts of God for unforeseeable significant events beyond the control of the Housing Authority. Also included are mandates from local government officials, and/or the governing board of the Housing Authority, to modify, revise, or delete the long-range goals and objectives of the program.</p> <p>Any revision to EIRHA plans and/or policies adopted or implemented, as the result of a Presidential Order, Congressional appropriation or legislation, HUD revision to any program regulation governing our programs or funding streams, or editorial changes such as additional detailed language provided for clarification of activities, will not be considered a significant amendment or modification of the 5-Year Plan.</p> <p>Changes made to the Plan, or any component thereof, that do not relate to the above-mentioned definition will not be considered “substantial” or “significant” and will not require public notice or comment.</p>
C.2	<p>Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.</p> <p>(a) Did the RAB(s) have comments to the 5-Year PHA Plan?</p> <p>Y N <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(b) If yes, comments must be submitted by the PHA as an attachment to the 5-Year PHA Plan. PHAs must also include a narrative describing their analysis of the RAB recommendations and the decisions made on these recommendations.</p>
C.3	<p>Certification by State or Local Officials.</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>Refer to attached Form HUD-50077-SL.</p>

C.4

Required Submission for HUD FO Review.

(a) Did the public challenge any elements of the Plan?

Y N

(b) If yes, include Challenged Elements.

D. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).

D.1

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. (Non-qualified PHAs are only required to complete this section on the Annual PHA Plan. All qualified PHAs must complete this section.)

Provide a statement of the PHA's strategies and actions to achieve fair housing goals outlined in an accepted Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) consistent with 24 CFR § 5.154(d)(5). Use the chart provided below. (PHAs should add as many goals as necessary to overcome fair housing issues and contributing factors.) Until such time as the PHA is required to submit an AFH, the PHA is not obligated to complete this chart. The PHA will fulfill, nevertheless, the requirements at 24 CFR § 903.7(o) enacted prior to August 17, 2015. See Instructions for further detail on completing this item.

Fair Housing Goal:

NOTE: The Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority will be conducting an AFH once direction from HUD's Final Rule is released. The EIRHA will fulfill the requirements of 24 CFR 903.7 enacted prior to August 15, 2015.

Describe fair housing strategies and actions to achieve the goal

Strategy: All staff to receive fair housing training on an annual basis.

Action to achieve the goal: Provide fair housing training on an annual basis to all staff through Nan McKay, State of Iowa Civil Rights, and other service providers.

Fair Housing Goal:

Describe fair housing strategies and actions to achieve the goal

Strategy: Ensure all program participants have fair and equal access to services

Action to achieve the goal: Provide online briefings, use translation services, auxiliary aids, and other services depending on the need.

Fair Housing Goal:

Describe fair housing strategies and actions to achieve the goal

Strategy: Promote affordable housing in the EIRHA jurisdiction

Action to achieve the goal: EIRHA will encourage development of subsidized housing through letters of support to developers writing Section 42 Tax Credit, Workforce Housing, and other applications.

Instructions for Preparation of Form HUD-50075-5Y - 5-Year PHA Plan for All PHAs

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

- A.1** Include the full PHA Name, PHA Code, PHA Fiscal Year Beginning (MM/YYYY), Five-Year Period that the Plan covers, i.e. 2019-2023, PHA Plan Submission Type, and the Availability of Information, specific location(s) of all information relevant to the hearing and proposed PHA Plan.

PHA Consortia: Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete the table.

B. Plan Elements.

- B.1 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 for the next five years. (24 CFR § 903.6(a)(1))
- B.2 Goals and Objectives.** Identify the PHA's quantifiable goals and objectives that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families for the next five years. (24 CFR § 903.6(b)(1))
- B.3 Progress Report.** Include a report on the progress the PHA has made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5- Year Plan. (24 CFR § 903.6(b)(2))
- B.4 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Goals.** Provide a statement of the PHA's goals, activities objectives, policies, or programs that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. (24 CFR § 903.6(a)(3)).

C. Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.

- C.1 Significant Amendment or Modification.** Provide a statement on the criteria used for determining a significant amendment or modification to the 5-Year Plan. For modifications resulting from the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program, refer to the 'Sample PHA Plan Amendment' found in Notice PIH-2012-32, REV 2.

C.2 Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments.

- (a) Did the public or RAB have comments?
- (b) If yes, submit 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 § 903.17(b), 24 CFR § 903.19)

C.3 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.

C.4 Required Submission for HUD FO Review.

Challenged Elements.

- (a) Did the public challenge any elements of the Plan?
- (b) If yes, include such information as an attachment to the Annual PHA Plan or 5-Year PHA Plan with a description of any challenges to Plan elements, the source of the challenge, and the PHA's response to the public.

D. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing.

(Non-qualified PHAs are only required to complete this section on the Annual PHA Plan. All qualified PHAs must complete this section.)

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

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

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 PHA Plan. The 5-Year PHA Plan provides the PHA's mission, goals and objectives for serving the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families and the progress made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5-Year Plan.

Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 1.64 hours per year per response or 6.2 hours per response every five years, 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.