

**Certifications of Compliance with  
PHA Plans and Related Regulations  
(Standard, Troubled, HCV-Only, and  
High Performer PHAs)**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Public and Indian Housing  
OMB No. 2577-0226  
Expires 02/29/2016

**PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plan and Related Regulations including  
Required Civil Rights Certifications**

*Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Agency (PHA) listed below, as its Chairman or other authorized PHA official if there is no Board of Commissioners, I approve the submission of the 5-Year and/or ☒ Annual PHA Plan for the PHA fiscal year beginning 2021, hereinafter referred to as "the Plan", of which this document is a part and make the following certifications and agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in connection with the submission of the Plan and implementation thereof:*

1. The Plan is consistent with the applicable comprehensive housing affordability strategy (or any plan incorporating such strategy) for the jurisdiction in which the PHA is located.
2. The Plan contains a certification by the appropriate State or local officials that the Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan, which includes a certification that requires the preparation of an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, for the PHA's jurisdiction and a description of the manner in which the PHA Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan.
3. The PHA has established a Resident Advisory Board or Boards, the membership of which represents the residents assisted by the PHA, consulted with this Resident Advisory Board or Boards in developing the Plan, including any changes or revisions to the policies and programs identified in the Plan before they were implemented, and considered the recommendations of the RAB (24 CFR 903.13). The PHA has included in the Plan submission a copy of the recommendations made by the Resident Advisory Board or Boards and a description of the manner in which the Plan addresses these recommendations.
4. The PHA made the proposed Plan and all information relevant to the public hearing available for public inspection at least 45 days before the hearing, published a notice that a hearing would be held and conducted a hearing to discuss the Plan and invited public comment.
5. The PHA certifies that it will carry out the Plan in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
6. The PHA will affirmatively further fair housing by examining their programs or proposed programs, identifying any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs, addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available and work with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement and by maintaining records reflecting these analyses and actions.
7. For PHA Plans that includes a policy for site based waiting lists:
  - The PHA regularly submits required data to HUD's 50058 PIC/IMS Module in an accurate, complete and timely manner (as specified in PIH Notice 2010-25);
  - The system of site-based waiting lists provides for full disclosure to each applicant in the selection of the development in which to reside, including basic information about available sites; and an estimate of the period of time the applicant would likely have to wait to be admitted to units of different sizes and types at each site;
  - Adoption of a site-based waiting list would not violate any court order or settlement agreement or be inconsistent with a pending complaint brought by HUD;
  - The PHA shall take reasonable measures to assure that such a waiting list is consistent with affirmatively furthering fair housing;
  - The PHA provides for review of its site-based waiting list policy to determine if it is consistent with civil rights laws and certifications, as specified in 24 CFR part 903.7(c)(1).
8. The PHA will comply with the prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age pursuant to the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.
9. The PHA will comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and 24 CFR Part 41, Policies and Procedures for the Enforcement of Standards and Requirements for Accessibility by the Physically Handicapped.
10. The PHA will comply with the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Employment Opportunities for Low-or Very-Low Income Persons, and with its implementing regulation at 24 CFR Part 135.
11. The PHA will comply with acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24 as applicable.

12. The PHA will take appropriate affirmative action to award contracts to minority and women's business enterprises under 24 CFR 5.105(a).
13. The PHA will provide the responsible entity or HUD any documentation that the responsible entity or HUD needs to carry out its review under the National Environmental Policy Act and other related authorities in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58 or Part 50, respectively.
14. With respect to public housing the PHA will comply with Davis-Bacon or HUD determined wage rate requirements under Section 12 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.
15. The PHA will keep records in accordance with 24 CFR 85.20 and facilitate an effective audit to determine compliance with program requirements.
16. The PHA will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, and 24 CFR Part 35.
17. The PHA will comply with the policies, guidelines, and requirements of OMB Circular No. A-87 (Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments), 2 CFR Part 225, and 24 CFR Part 85 (Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State, Local and Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments).
18. The PHA will undertake only activities and programs covered by the Plan in a manner consistent with its Plan and will utilize covered grant funds only for activities that are approvable under the regulations and included in its Plan.
19. All attachments to the Plan have been and will continue to be available at all times and all locations that the PHA Plan is available for public inspection. All required supporting documents have been made available for public inspection along with the Plan and additional requirements at the primary business office of the PHA and at all other times and locations identified by the PHA in its PHA Plan and will continue to be made available at least at the primary business office of the PHA.
22. The PHA certifies that it is in compliance with applicable Federal statutory and regulatory requirements, including the Declaration of Trust(s).

Washington Housing Authority

PHA Name

NC032

PHA Number/HA Code

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5-Year PHA Plan for Fiscal Years 20\_\_ - 20\_\_

I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate. Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802).

Name of Authorized Official  
Alice Mills-Sadler

Title Board Chairperson

Signature

*Alice Mills-Sadler*

Date

7-13-21

**Civil Rights Certification**  
**(Qualified PHAs)**

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**Civil Rights Certification**

**Annual Certification and Board Resolution**

*Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Agency (PHA) listed below, as its Chairman or other authorized PHA official, I approve the submission of the 5-Year PHA Plan for the PHA of which this document is a part, and make the following certification and agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in connection with the submission of the public housing program of the agency and implementation thereof:*

The PHA certifies that it will carry out the public housing program of the agency in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and will affirmatively further fair housing by examining their programs or proposed programs, identifying any impediments to fair housing choice within those program, addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available and working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement and by maintaining records reflecting these analyses and actions.

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Name of Authorized Official      Alice Mills-Sadler

Title Board Chairperson

Signature



Date

7-13-21

**Certification by State or Local  
Official of PHA Plans Consistency  
with the Consolidated Plan or  
State Consolidated Plan  
(All PHAs)**

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**Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plans  
Consistency with the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan**

I, Jonathan Russell, the City Manager  
*Official's Name* *Official's Title*

certify that the 5-Year PHA Plan and/or Annual PHA Plan of the  
Washington Housing Authority

*PHA Name*

is consistent with the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan and the Analysis of  
Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice of the

*Local Jurisdiction Name*

pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91.

Provide a description of how the PHA Plan is consistent with the Consolidated Plan or State  
Consolidated Plan and the AI.

The Washington Housing Authority provides decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing. The  
City of Washington has outlined within our housing goals to promote an adequate supply of safe,  
affordable and suitable housing options to all persons who live and work in Washington should  
rent or purchase decent, accessible, and affordable housing.

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Name of Authorized Official	Title
<u>Jonathan Russell</u>	<u>City Manager</u>
Signature	Date
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>7/1/21</u>

<b>Streamlined Annual PHA Plan</b> <i>(High Performer PHAs)</i>	<b>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing</b>	<b>OMB No. 2577-0226 Expires: 02/29/2016</b>
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**Purpose.** The 5-Year and Annual PHA Plans provide a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the PHA's operations, programs, and services, 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	<b>PHA Name</b> <u>Washington Housing Authority</u> <b>PHA Code:</b> <u>NC032</u> <b>PHA Type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High Performer <b>PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning:</b> (MM/YYYY): <u>10/2021</u> <b>PHA Inventory</b> (Based on Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) units at time of FY beginning, above) <b>Number of Public Housing (PH) Units</b> <u>383</u> <b>Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs)</b> <u>370</u> <b>Total Combined</b> <u>753</u> <b>PHA Plan Submission Type:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual Submission <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Annual Submission														
	<b>Availability of Information.</b> 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.														
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>PHA Consortia:</b> (Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete table below)														
	<b>Participating PHAs</b>	<b>PHA Code</b>	<b>Program(s) in the Consortia</b>	<b>Program(s) not in the Consortia</b>	<b>No. of Units in Each Program</b> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>PH</th> <th>HCV</th> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Lead PHA:</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </table>	PH	HCV	Lead PHA:							
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<b>B.</b>	<b>Annual Plan Elements</b>
<b>B.1</b>	<p><b>Revision of PHA Plan Elements.</b></p> <p>(a) Have the following PHA Plan elements been revised by the PHA since its last <b>Annual PHA Plan</b> submission?</p> <p>Y   N</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial Resources.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rent Determination.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homeownership Programs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety and Crime Prevention.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pet Policy.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantial Deviation.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Amendment/Modification</p> <p>(b) The PHA must submit its Deconcentration Policy for Field Office Review.</p> <p>(c) If the PHA answered yes for any element, describe the revisions for each element below:</p>
<b>B.2</b>	<p><b>New Activities.</b></p> <p>(a) Does the PHA intend to undertake any new activities related to the following in the PHA's current Fiscal Year?</p> <p>Y   N</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hope VI or Choice Neighborhoods.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mixed Finance Modernization or Development.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Demolition and/or Disposition.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conversion of Public Housing to Tenant Based Assistance.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conversion of Public Housing to Project-Based Assistance under RAD.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Based Vouchers.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Units with Approved Vacancies for Modernization.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Capital Grant Programs (i.e., Capital Fund Community Facilities Grants or Emergency Safety and Security Grants).</p> <p>(b) If any of these activities are planned for the current Fiscal Year, describe the activities. For new demolition activities, describe any public housing development or portion thereof, owned by the PHA for which the PHA has applied or will apply for demolition and/or disposition approval under section 18 of the 1937 Act under the separate demolition/disposition approval process. If using Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs), provide the projected number of project based units and general locations, and describe how project basing would be consistent with the PHA Plan.</p>
<b>B.3</b>	<p><b>Progress Report.</b></p> <p>Provide a description of the PHA's progress in meeting its Mission and Goals described in the PHA 5-Year Plan.</p> <p><b>Please see attached.</b></p>

<b>B.4.</b>	<p><b>Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit.</b></p> <p>(a) Were there any findings in the most recent FY Audit?</p> <p>Y   N  <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(b) If yes, please describe:</p>
	<b>Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.</b>
<b>C.1</b>	<b>Certification Listing Policies and Programs that the PHA has Revised since Submission of its Last Annual Plan</b>
<b>C.2</b>	<p><b>Civil Rights Certification.</b></p> <p><b><u>Form 50077-CR</u></b></p>
<b>C.3</b>	<p><b>Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.</b></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>
<b>C.4</b>	<p><b>Certification by State or Local Officials.</b></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>
<b>D</b>	<b>Statement of Capital Improvements.</b> Required in all years for all PHAs completing this form that administer public housing and receive funding from the Capital Fund Program (CFP).
<b>D.1</b>	<p><b>Capital Improvements.</b> 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> <p><b>The most recent received HUD-approved CFP 5 Year Action Plan (HUD-50075.2) was on 01/26/2021.</b></p>





## Progress Report B.3

The Washington Housing Authority has successfully completed the following goals outlined in the Five-Year Annual Plan:

1. Improve website with access to information for residents, applicants, landlords and public.
  - On June 30, 2021, the WHA launched a new website [www.washingtonhousingauthority.org](http://www.washingtonhousingauthority.org) that provides up to date information to all community stakeholders and residents. The site is user-friendly and easy to navigate. During times the wait lists are open, applicants will be able to submit their applications online. WHA can now accept rental payments online. Public Housing residents can now submit work orders and other queries online such as: household composition changes, income changes etc. HCV participants can submit those same documents online as well as request information regarding portability. The site now complies with ADA guidelines as well.
2. Continue resident newsletter publication; but improve consistency with a quarterly publication.
  - Over the last 18 months, WHA has consistently published a newsletter for public housing residents. WHA has met its goal of distributing this newsletter quarterly. However, with the launch of the new website, WHA will be making this publication available online in the next six months.
3. Reintroduce the Annual Report on the health of WHA for the community-at-large.
  - During the February city council meeting, I presented the Annual Report to members of the city council and the public at large. As a result of that presentation, a news story was published in the local newspaper regarding the need to improve the number of landlords needed to participate in the Housing Choice Voucher Program.
4. Keep the public apprised of newsworthy WHA events, programs, and services through the timely distribution of news releases to the local media.
  - The Executive Director completed a news interview with local news station on March 31, 2021, to discussing the Family Self-Sufficiency program as well as the Homeownership program. Additionally, a press release was submitted to the local newspaper regarding the ROSS-SC grant that was awarded to the agency. The press release was published on April 9, 2021.
5. Develop a marketing strategy and develop a brand consistent with our goals.
  - On April 15, 2021, WHA adopted a new slogan "So Much More than Housing" and incorporated this slogan into our enhanced logo.







*So Much More Than Housing*

6. Deliver timely and high-quality management services to the residents of WHA.
  - Staff received a day long customer service training on June 29, 2021. Additional trainings have been scheduled throughout the next fiscal year to continue to improve upon our service delivery.
7. Apply for voucher opportunities as they become available.
  - WHA has applied for the Foster Youth to Independence vouchers. We are currently awaiting the outcome of that application.
8. Improve WHA's resident's access to services that support economic opportunity and quality of life.
  - WHA applied for and received continued funding for the Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator position.
  - WHA applied for and was awarded the ROSS-SC grant to administer for the next 3 years.
  - WHA has expanded partnerships to include the Beaufort County Economic Development, Beaufort County Literacy Council and Beaufort County Community College.



### **PHA Annual Plan Attachment E**

## **Additional Requirements Under Section 603 Title VI Violence Against Women Act and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 Amending Section 5A of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937**

The Washington Housing Authority (WHA) is concerned about the safety of its tenants, and such concern extends to tenants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) provides protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. VAWA protections are not only available to women but are available equally to all individuals regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

Tenants are not denied assistance, terminated from participation, or evicted from public housing because they are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Likewise, any applicant, who is or may have been the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking by a member of their household or any guest, may not be denied rental assistance or occupancy rights under WHA public housing program solely based on criminal activity directly relating to that domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Moreover, in accordance with the VAWA, WHA allows tenants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to request an emergency transfer from the tenant's current unit to another unit. The ability of WHA to honor such request for tenants currently receiving rental assistance, however, may depend upon a preliminary determination that the tenant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and on whether WHA has another dwelling unit that is available and is safe to offer the tenant for temporary or more permanent occupancy.

VAWA protection is available to all victims of domestic violence, dating violence,



sexual assault, and stalking, regardless of sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or age.

WHA has an emergency transfer policy in place to assist a tenant who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, as provided in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR part 5, subpart L, and determined eligible for such emergency transfer.