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<b>Streamlined Annual PHA Plan (HCV Only PHAs)</b>	<b>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing</b>	<b>OMB No. 2577-0226 Expires 03/31/2024</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, including changes to these policies, 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-HCV is to be completed annually by **HCV-Only PHAs**. PHAs that meet the definition of a Standard PHA, Troubled PHA, High Performer PHA, Small PHA, or Qualified PHA do not need to submit this form. Where applicable, separate Annual PHA Plan forms are available for each of these types of PHAs.

**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 the most recent Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) assessments if administering both programs, or PHAS if only administering public housing.
- (2) **Small PHA** - A PHA that is not designated as PHAS or SEMAP troubled, that owns or manages less than 250 public housing units and any number of vouchers where the total combined units exceed 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 exceed 550, and that was designated as a standard performer in the most recent PHAS and 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.

<b>A.</b>	<b>PHA Information.</b>
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<b>A.1</b>	<b>PHA Name:</b> <u>Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development</u> <b>PHA Code:</b> <u>MD901</u> <b>PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning:</b> (MM/YYYY): <u>07/2024</u> <b>PHA Inventory</b> (Based on Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) units at time of FY beginning, above) <b>Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs)</b> <u>2,701</u> <b>PHA Plan Submission Type:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual Submission <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Annual Submission												
	<p><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 the main office or central office of the PHA. PHAs are strongly encouraged to post complete PHA Plans on their official website.</p> <p>A copy of the PHA Annual Plan can be found online at  <a href="https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Residents/Documents/Draft-PHA-Annual-Plan-FY-2021.pdf">https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Residents/Documents/Draft-PHA-Annual-Plan-FY-2021.pdf</a></p> <p>A copy of the Housing Choice Voucher Program Administrative Plan can be found online at  <a href="https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Residents/Documents/DHCD FY21 HCVPA Administrative Plan.pdf">https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Residents/Documents/DHCD FY21 HCVPA Administrative Plan.pdf</a></p> <p>These documents are on file at the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, 7800 Harkins Road, Lanham, MD 20706; as well as, the program administrative offices listed below.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>PHA Consortia:</b> (Check box if submitting a joint Plan and complete table below)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Participating PHAs</th><th>PHA Code</th><th>Program(s) in the Consortia</th><th>Program(s) not in the Consortia</th><th>No. of Units in Each Program</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lead HA:</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	Lead HA:			
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## LIST OF SUBCONTRACTORS AND REGIONAL OFFICES

### Allegany County

Human Resources Development Commission  
125 Virginia Avenue  
Cumberland, MD 21502  
301-783-1880

### City of Cumberland

Human Resources Development Commission  
125 Virginia Avenue  
Cumberland, MD 21502  
301-783-1880

### Frederick County

Division of Housing, Frederick County Government  
401 Sagner Avenue  
Frederick, MD 21701  
301-600-1061

### Garrett County

Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc.  
104 East Center Street  
Oakland, MD 21550  
301-334-9431

### Eastern Shore Regional Office (Caroline County, Dorchester County, Kent County, Somerset County, Talbot County, Worcester County, Wicomico County)

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development  
411A Dorchester Avenue, Suite 202  
Cambridge, MD 21613  
410-901-4080

**B.**

**Plan Elements.**

<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 Annual Plan submission?</p> <p>Y   N</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 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"/> Operation and Management.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informal Review and Hearing Procedures.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homeownership Programs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs and Treatment of Income Changes Resulting from Welfare Program Requirements.</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) If the PHA answered yes for any element, describe the revisions for each element(s):</p>
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## **Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (a)]

### **Allegany County**

#### **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.

<b>Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type</b>							
Family Type	Overall	Afford- ability	Supply	Quality	Access- ibility	Size	Loca- tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	3006	5	4	4	3	2	3
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	1833	5	4	4	3	2	3
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	1768	5	4	4	3	2	3
Elderly	1895	5	4	4	3	2	3
Families with Disabilities	1577	5	4	4	3	2	4
Race/Ethnicity	6231	5	4	4	3	2	3
Race/Ethnicity	350	5	4	4	3	2	4
Race/Ethnicity	33	5	4	4	3	2	4

Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type							
Family Type	Overall	Afford- ability	Supply	Quality	Access- ibility	Size	Loca- tion
Race/Ethnicity	13	4	4	4	3	2	4
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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: 2016-2020
- ☒ U.S. Census data: the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (“CHAS”) dataset
- ☐ American Housing Survey data  
Indicate year: 2021
- ☐ Other housing market study  
Indicate year:
- ☐ Other sources: (list and indicate year of information)

## B. 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	172		9
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	85	49.42%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	0	0%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	0	0%	

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Families with children	82	47.67%	
Elderly families	20	11.63%	
Families with Disabilities	54	31.40%	
Race/ethnicity White	161	93.60%	
Race/ethnicity Black	8	4.65%	
Race/ethnicity American Indian	1	0.58%	
Race/ethnicity Hawaiian	0	0%	
Race/ethnicity Hispanic	1	0.58%	
Race/ethnicity Non Hispanic	169	98.26%	
Race/ethnicity			

Is the waiting list closed (select one)? ☒ No ☐ Yes

If yes:

How long has it been closed (# of months)?

Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? ☐ 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

- ☐ 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)

**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
- ☐ 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)

**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)

**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)

**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)

**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)

## **Caroline County**

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Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	670	5	4	4	3	3	3
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	440	5	4	3	3	3	3
Elderly	623	5	4	4	4	3	3
Families with Disabilities	387	5	4	4	4	3	3
Race/Ethnicity White	80.7%	4	4	4	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity Black	13.8%	4	4	4	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity Asias	1%	4	4	4	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity Nat Am/Pac Isl	1.2%	4	4	4	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity Hispanic	8.9%	4	4	4	3	3	3
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Extremely low income <=30% AMI	113	65.70%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	37	21.51%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	17	9.88%	
Families with children	97	56.40%	
Elderly families	8	4.65%	
Families with Disabilities	39	22.67%	
Race/ethnicity Black	92	53.49%	

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Race/ethnicity White	46	26.74%	
Race/ethnicity Asian	0	0%	
Race/ethnicity Hispanic	7	4.07%	
Race/ethnicity Am Ind/Pac Isl	1	0.58%	
Race/ethnicity Non Hispanic	164	95.36%	
Race/ethnicity			

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- ☒ 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) Implementing semi-annual landlord meetings and establish a landlord advisory committee to enhance communication and collaboration between the PHA, tenants, and landlords.

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

Select all that apply

- ☒ Apply for additional section 8 units should they become available
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- ☐ Employ admissions preferences aimed at families with economic hardships
- ☐ Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- ☐ Other: (list below) Promote engagement in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, where families can establish household improvement goals to enhance economic stability, ultimately reducing reliance on welfare and subsidies.

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Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	742	5	4	4	3	3	3
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	729	5	4	4	3	3	3
Elderly	921	5	4	4	3	2	3
Families with Disabilities	704	5	4	4	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity W	2877	5	4	4	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity B	124	5	4	4	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity H	18	5	4	4	3	3	3
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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:

- ☒ U.S. Census data: the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (“CHAS”) dataset 2
- ☐ American Housing Survey data 2016-2020  
Indicate year: 2021
- ☐ Other housing market study  
Indicate year:
- ☐ Other sources: (list and indicate year of information)

#### D. 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	425		3
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	206	48.4%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	0	0%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	0	0%	
Families with children	185	43.53%	
Elderly families	38	8.94%	
Families with Disabilities	133	31.29%	
Race/ethnicity White	342	80.47%	
Race/ethnicity Black/African AMERICAN	71	16.71%	
Race/ethnicity Native Hawaiian	1	0.24%	
Race/ethnicity Hispanic	13	3.06%	



Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Race/ethnicity Non-Hispanic	403	94.82%	
Race/ethnicity			
Race/ethnicity			
<p>Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>If yes:</p> <p>How long has it been closed (# of months)?</p> <p>Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>			

### 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

- ☐ 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)

**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
- ☐ 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)

**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)

**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)

**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)

**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)

## **Dorchester County**

### **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.

<b>Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type</b>							
Family Type	Overall	Afford- ability	Supply	Quality	Access- ibility	Size	Loca- tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	975	4	4	4	4	5	5
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	650	4	4	4	4	4	4
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	375	4	4	4	4	4	4
Elderly	1004	4	4	4	4	4	4
Families with Disabilities	559	4	4	4	4	4	4
Race/Ethnicity White	66.4%	4	4	4	4	4	4
Race/Ethnicity Black	29.2%	4	4	4	4	4	4
Race/Ethnicity Asian	1.1%	4	4	4	4	4	4
Race/Ethnicity Nav Am/Pac Isl	0.6%	4	4	4	4	4	4
Race/Ethnicity Hispanic	6.4%	4	4	4	4	4	4
Race/Ethnicity							
Race/Ethnicity							
Race/Ethnicity							

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:
- ☒ U.S. Census data: the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy

- ☐ (“CHAS”) dataset 2016-2020 ACS
- ☐ American Housing Survey data  
Indicate year:
- ☐ Other housing market study  
Indicate year:
- ☒ Other sources: (list and indicate year of information) [www.census.gov/quickfacts.fact/table](http://www.census.gov/quickfacts.fact/table) V2022

### E. 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	347		39%
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	232	66.86%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	68	19.60%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	41	11.82%	
Families with children	186	53.60%	
Elderly families	31	8.93%	
Families with Disabilities	78	22.48%	
Race/ethnicity Black	239	68.88%	
Race/ethnicity White	46	13.26%	
Race/ethnicity Asian	0	0%	
Race/ethnicity Hispanic	18	5.19%	
Race/ethnicity Nat Am/Pac Isl	4	1.15%	

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Race/ethnicity	322	92.80%	
Non Hispanic			
Race/ethnicity			
<p>Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>If yes:</p> <p>How long has it been closed (# of months)?</p> <p>Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>			

### 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

- ☐ 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) Implementing semi-annual landlord meetings and establish a landlord advisory committee to enhance communication and collaboration between the PHA, tenants, and landlords.

**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)

**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
- ☐ Employ admissions preferences aimed at families with economic hardships
- ☐ Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- ☒ Other: (list below) Promote engagement in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, where families can establish household improvement goals to enhance economic stability, ultimately reducing reliance on welfare and subsidies.

**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) Promote engagement in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, where families can establish household improvement goals to enhance economic stability, ultimately reducing reliance on welfare and subsidies.

**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)

**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)

**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)

**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)

## **Elkton County**

### **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.

<b>Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type</b>							
Family Type	Overall	Afford- ability	Supply	Quality	Access- ibility	Size	Loca- tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	785	3	3	4	3	3	3
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	605	3	3	4	3	3	3
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	285	3	3	4	3	3	3
Elderly	394	3	3	4	3	3	3
Families with Disabilities	335	3	3	4	4	3	3
Race/Ethnicity White	67.6%	3	3	4	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity Black	15.8%	3	3	4	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity Asian	1.6%	3	3	4	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity Nav Am/Pac Isl	0%	1	1	1	1	1	1
Race/Ethnicity Hispanic	7.4%	3	3	4	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity							
Race/Ethnicity							
Race/Ethnicity							

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:
- ☒ U.S. Census data: the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (“CHAS”) dataset 2016-2020 AC
- ☐ American Housing Survey data
- Indicate year:
- ☐ Other housing market study
- Indicate year:
- ☒ Other sources: (list and indicate year of information) [www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table](http://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table) V2022

## F. 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	0		
Extremely low income <=30% AMI			
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)			
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)			
Families with children			
Elderly families			
Families with Disabilities			
Race/ethnicity Black			
Race/ethnicity White			
Race/ethnicity Other			
Race/ethnicity Hispanic			

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Race/ethnicity			
Race/ethnicity			
Race/ethnicity			
<p>Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>If yes:</p> <p>How long has it been closed (# of months)? 32 months</p> <p>Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>			

### 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

- ☐ 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) Implementing semi-annual landlord meetings and establish a landlord advisory committee to enhance communication and collaboration between the PHA, tenants, and landlords.

**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)

**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
- ☐ 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)

**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)

**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)

**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)

**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)

## **Frederick County**

### **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.

<b>Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type</b>							
Family Type	Overall	Afford- ability	Supply	Quality	Access- ibility	Size	Loca- tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	5230	5	4	3	3	3	4
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	3100	5	4	3	3	3	4
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	1015	5	3	3	3	3	4
Elderly	2067	5	5	4	5	3	4
Families with Disabilities	1160	5	5	4	5	3	4
Race/White	8672	5	4	3	3	3	4
Race/Black	1927	5	4	3	3	3	4
Race/Asian	241	5	4	3	3	3	4
Race/Hispanic	843	5	4	3	3	3	4
Race/Other	361	5	4	3	3	3	4

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: 2016-2020
- ☐ U.S. Census data: the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy ("CHAS") dataset
- ☐ American Housing Survey data  
Indicate year:
- ☒ Other housing market study  
Indicate year: 2016 Frederick County Housing Needs Study
- ☐ Other sources: (list and indicate year of information)

### **G. 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	5343		
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	4451	83.31%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	733	13.72%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	83	1.55%	
Families with children	3702	69.29%	
Elderly families	299	5.6%	
Families with Disabilities	756	14.15%	
Black / African American	4536	84.90%	
American Indian / Alaskan Native	31	0.58%	
Asian	25	0.47%	
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Island	6	0.11%	
White	493	9.23%	
Not Specified	252	4.71%	

### Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List

Is the waiting list closed (select one)? ☐ No ☒ Yes

If yes:

How long has it been closed (# of months)? 96

Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? ☒ No ☐ Yes

Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? ☒ 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

- ☐ 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)
  - *Frederick County Housing (FC-DHCD) has been aggressively pursuing the rehabilitation of existing and development of additional affordable housing units; seeking new funding sources, the reallocation of existing funding, and forging development partnerships.*
  - *FC-DHCD has made inroads with partnerships and will again be sponsoring a Housing Fair when deemed safe. The Fair creates a cooperative opportunity for non-profits, developers, mortgage lenders, program managers, etc. to engage with one another and the public who uses and/or needs their services. This effort is proving helpful to facilitating of increasing affordable housing options.*

**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
- ☐ 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)

**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)
  - *FCDHCD has been aggressively seeking development of additional low-income senior units.*

- *Should special program vouchers designated for low-income elderly become available, FCDHCD could utilize those vouchers.*
- *FCDHCD is researching the creation of a rent buy-down program for low-income seniors.*

### **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)
  - *FC-DHCD administers NEDCat2 vouchers.*
  - *Should special program vouchers designated for low-income disabled become available, FCDHCD could utilize those vouchers.*
  - *Discussions of initiatives to increase the availability of affordable housing continues to highlight the specific need for suitable housing for the disabled population*

### **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)
  - *FC-DHCD conducts on-going public outreach to teach and advise real estate/property management/unit owner community about both the Voucher Program and local fair housing requirements through Website and on-site information, briefings, spot-checking advertised units, client briefings, program documents, staff email, and media.*

### **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
  - *Frederick County provides funding to several social services agencies who specialize in programs specifically targeting homeless and/or emergency housing.*
- ☒ 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)

## **Garrett County**

### **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.

<b>Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type</b>							
Family Type	Overall	Afford- ability	Supply	Quality	Access- ibility	Size	Loca- tion
Income ≤ 30% of AMI	765	5	5	3	3	2	3
Income >30% but ≤50% of AMI	670	5	5	3	3	2	3
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	670	5	5	3	3	2	3
Elderly	6,942	5	5	3	3	2	3
Families with Disabilities	3,427	5	4	3	3	2	3
Race/Ethnicity White	27,970	5	4	3	3	2	3
Race/Ethnicity Black	288	5	3	3	3	2	3
Race/Ethnicity Hispanic	403	5	3	3	3	2	3
Race/Ethnicity Multi-Racial	316	5	3	3	3	2	3

Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type							
Family Type	Overall	Afford- ability	Supply	Quality	Access- ibility	Size	Loca- tion
Race/Ethnicity Asian	144	5	3	3	3	2	3
Race/Ethnicity American Indian	86	5	3	3	3	2	3
Race/Ethnicity							
Race/Ethnicity							

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: 2020
- ☐ 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)

#### H. 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/sub jurisdiction:			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	499		89
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	144	No info provided	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	31	No info provided	
Low income	62	No info provided	

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
(>50% but <80% AMI)			
Families with children	179	35.8%	
Elderly families	64	12.8%	
Families with Disabilities	162	32.46%	
Race/ethnicity Asian	1	0.2%	
Race/ethnicity Black/African American	9	1.8%	
Race/ethnicity White	483	96.79%	
Race/ethnicity Multi Race	4	0.2%	
Race/ethnicity Other	2	0.8%	
Race/ethnicity			
Race/ethnicity			
<p>Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>If yes:</p> <p>How long has it been closed (# of months)?</p> <p>Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>			

### 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

- ☐ 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)

**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
- ☐ 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)

**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)

**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)

**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)

## 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)

## **Kent County**

### **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.

<b>Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type</b>							
Family Type	Overall	Afford- ability	Supply	Quality	Access- ibility	Size	Loca- tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	545	4	4	3	3	3	4
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	405	4	4	3	3	3	4
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	225	4	4	3	3	3	4
Elderly	713	4	4	3	4	3	4
Families with Disabilities	275	4	4	3	4	3	4
Race/Ethnicity White	81.5%	4	4	3	3	3	4
Race/Ethnicity Black	14.2%	4	4	3	3	3	4
Race/Ethnicity Asian	1.5%	4	4	3	3	3	4



Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type							
Family Type	Overall	Afford- ability	Supply	Quality	Access- ibility	Size	Loca- tion
Race/Ethnicity Nav Am/Pac Isl	0.6%	4	4	3	3	3	4
Race/Ethnicity Hispanic	5%	4	4	3	3	3	4
Race/Ethnicity							
Race/Ethnicity							
Race/Ethnicity							

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:
- ☒ U.S. Census data: the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (“CHAS”) dataset 2016-2020 ACS
- ☐ American Housing Survey data  
Indicate year:
- ☐ Other housing market study  
Indicate year:
- ☒ Other sources: (list and indicate year of information) [www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table](http://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table) V2022

## I. 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	141		29%
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	97	68.79%	
Very low income	24	17.02%	

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
(>30% but <=50% AMI)			
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	19	13.48%	
Families with children	87	61.70%	
Elderly families	6	4.26%	
Families with Disabilities	27	19.15%	
Race/ethnicity Black	89	63.12%	
Race/ethnicity White	16	11.35%	
Race/ethnicity Asian	0	0%	
Race/ethnicity Am Ind/Pac Isl	4	2.84%	
Race/ethnicity Hispanic	11	7.80%	
Race/ethnicity Non- Hispanic	129	91.49%	
Race/ethnicity			
<p>Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>If yes:</p> <p>How long has it been closed (# of months)?</p> <p>Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>			

### 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

- ☐ 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) Implementing semi-annual landlord meetings and establish a landlord advisory committee to enhance communication and collaboration between the PHA, tenants, and landlords.

**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)

**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
- ☐ Employ admissions preferences aimed at families with economic hardships
- ☐ Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- ☒ Other: (list below) Promote engagement in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, where families can establish household improvement goals to enhance economic stability, ultimately reducing reliance on welfare and subsidies.

**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) Promote engagement in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, where families can establish household improvement goals to enhance economic stability, ultimately reducing reliance on welfare and subsidies.

**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)

**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)

**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)

**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)

**Somerset County**

**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.

<b>Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type</b>							
Family Type	Overall	Afford- ability	Supply	Quality	Access- ibility	Size	Loca- tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	995	4	5	5	5	5	5
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	560	3	4	3	2	2	2
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	4	1	1	1	1	1	1

Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type							
Family Type	Overall	Afford- ability	Supply	Quality	Access- ibility	Size	Loca- tion
Elderly	522	4	5	5	5	5	5
Families with Disabilities	351	4	5	5	5	5	5
Race/Ethnicity White	55%	4	3	3	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity Black	40.5%	4	3	3	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity Asian	0.9%	3	2	3	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity Nav Am/Pac Isl	0.6%	3	2	3	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity Hispanic	4.3%	3	2	3	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity							
Race/Ethnicity							
Race/Ethnicity							

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:
- ☒ U.S. Census data: the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy  
("CHAS") dataset 2016-2020 ACS
- ☐ American Housing Survey data  
Indicate year:
- ☐ Other housing market study  
Indicate year:
- ☒ Other sources: (list and indicate year of information) [www.census.gov/quickfacts.fact/table](http://www.census.gov/quickfacts.fact/table) V2022

#### J. 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	193		46%
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	134	69.43%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	40	20.73%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	17	8.81%	
Families with children	110	56.00%	
Elderly families	14	7.25%	
Families with Disabilities	51	26.42%	
Race/ethnicity Black	135	69.95%	
Race/ethnicity White	30	15.54%	
Race/ethnicity Asian	0	0%	
Race/ethnicity Hispanic	7	3.63%	
Race/ethnicity Nat Am/Pac Isl	1	0.52%	
Race/ethnicity Non Hispanic	184	95.34%	
Race/ethnicity			

### Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List

Is the waiting list closed (select one)? ☐ No ☒ Yes

If yes:

How long has it been closed (# of months)?

Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? ☐ No ☒ Yes

Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? ☐ 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

- ☐ 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) Implementing semi-annual landlord meetings and establish a landlord advisory committee to enhance communication and collaboration between the PHA, tenants, and landlords.



**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)

**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
- ☐ Employ admissions preferences aimed at families with economic hardships
- ☐ Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- ☒ Other: (list below) Promote engagement in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, where families can establish household improvement goals to enhance economic stability, ultimately reducing reliance on welfare and subsidies.

**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) Promote engagement in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, where families can establish household improvement goals to enhance economic stability, ultimately reducing reliance on welfare and subsidies.

**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)

**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)

**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)

**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)

## **Talbot County**

### **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.

<b>Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type</b>							
Family Type	Overall	Afford- ability	Supply	Quality	Access- ibility	Size	Loca- tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	990	4	4	3	3	3	4
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	555	4	4	3	3	3	4
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	455	4	4	3	3	3	4
Elderly	1476	4	4	3	3	3	4
Families with Disabilities	547	4	4	4	3	3	4
Race/Ethnicity White	82.8%	4	4	3	3	3	4
Race/Ethnicity Black	12.8%	4	4	3	3	3	4
Race/Ethnicity Asian	1.5%	3	3	3	3	3	4
Race/Ethnicity Nav Am/Pac Isl	0.8%	3	3	3	3	3	4
Race/Ethnicity Hispanic	7.9%	4	3	3	3	3	4
Race/Ethnicity							
Race/Ethnicity							
Race/Ethnicity							

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:
- ☒ U.S. Census data: the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy  
("CHAS") dataset 2016-2020ACS
- ☐ American Housing Survey data  
Indicate year:
- ☐ Other housing market study  
Indicate year:

☒ Other sources: (list and indicate year of information) [www.census.gov/quickfacts.fact/table](http://www.census.gov/quickfacts.fact/table) V2022

### K. 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	117		53%
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	77	65.81%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	29	24.79%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	10	8.55%	
Families with children	64	54.70%	
Elderly families	9	7.69%	
Families with Disabilities	26	22.22%	
Race/ethnicity Black	67	57.26%	
Race/ethnicity White	28	23.93%	
Race/ethnicity Asian	1	0.85%	
Race/ethnicity Hispanic	1	0.85%	
Race/ethnicity Nat Am/Pac Isl	2	1.71%	
Race/ethnicity Non Hispanic	114	97.44%	

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Race/ethnicity			
Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes			
If yes:			
How long has it been closed (# of months)?			
Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes			
Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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

- ☐ 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) Implementing semi-annual landlord meetings and establish a landlord advisory committee to enhance communication and collaboration between the PHA, tenants, and landlords.

**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)

**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
- ☐ Employ admissions preferences aimed at families with economic hardships
- ☐ Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- ☒ Other: (list below) Promote engagement in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, where families can establish household improvement goals to enhance economic stability, ultimately reducing reliance on welfare and subsidies.

**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) Promote engagement in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, where families can establish household improvement goals to enhance economic stability, ultimately reducing reliance on welfare and subsidies.

**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)

**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)

**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)

**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)

## **Wicomico County**

### **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.

<b>Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type</b>							
Family Type	Overall	Afford- ability	Supply	Quality	Access- ibility	Size	Loca- tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	2855	3	3	3	3	3	3
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	2660	3	3	3	3	3	3
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	1465	3	3	3	3	3	3
Elderly	2676	3	3	3	3	3	3
Families with Disabilities	1306	3	3	3	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity White	64.9%	3	3	3	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity Black	28%	3	3	3	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity Asian	3.3%	3	3	3	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity Nav Am/Pac Isl	0.7%	3	3	3	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity Hiapanic	6%	3	3	3	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity							
Race/Ethnicity							
Race/Ethnicity							

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:



- ☒ U.S. Census data: the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (“CHAS”) dataset 2016-2020 ACS
- ☐ American Housing Survey data  
Indicate year:
- ☐ Other housing market study  
Indicate year:
- ☒ Other sources: (list and indicate year of information) [www.census.gov/quickfacts.fact/table](http://www.census.gov/quickfacts.fact/table) V2022

## L. 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	126		80%
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	70	55.56%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	38	30.16%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	16	12.70%	
Families with children	81	64.29%	
Elderly families	12	9.52%	
Families with Disabilities	21	16.67%	
Race/ethnicity Black	111	88.10%	
Race/ethnicity White	6	4.76%	
Race/ethnicity Nat Am/ Pac Isl	1	1.59%	
Race/ethnicity Hispanic	2	1.69%	

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Race/ethnicity Asian	0	0%	
Race/ethnicity Non Hispanic	121	96.03%	
Race/ethnicity			
<p>Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>If yes:</p> <p>How long has it been closed (# of months)? 25 months</p> <p>Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>			

### 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

- ☐ 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) Implementing semi-annual landlord meetings and establish a landlord advisory committee to enhance communication and collaboration between the PHA, tenants, and landlords.

**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)

**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
- ☐ Employ admissions preferences aimed at families with economic hardships
- ☐ Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- ☒ Other: (list below) Promote engagement in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, where families can establish household improvement goals to enhance economic stability, ultimately reducing reliance on welfare and subsidies.

**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) Promote engagement in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, where families can establish household improvement goals to enhance economic stability, ultimately reducing reliance on welfare and subsidies.

**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)

**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)

**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)

**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)

## **Worcester County**

### **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.

<b>Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type</b>							
Family Type	Overall	Afford- ability	Supply	Quality	Access- ibility	Size	Loca- tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	990	4	3	3	3	3	3
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	1010	4	3	3	3	3	3
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	475	4	3	3	3	3	3
Elderly	1596	4	3	3	3	3	3
Families with Disabilities	584	4	3	3	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity White	83.3%	4	3	3	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity Black	12.5%	4	3	3	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity Asian	1.7%	4	3	3	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity Nav Am/Pac Isl	0.4%	4	3	3	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity Hispanic	3.9%	4	3	3	3	3	3
Race/Ethnicity							
Race/Ethnicity							
Race/Ethnicity							

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:
- ☒ U.S. Census data: the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (“CHAS”) dataset 2016-2020 ACS
- ☐ American Housing Survey data  
Indicate year:
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### M. 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	243		51%
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	166	68.31%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	55	22.63%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	19	7.82%	
Families with children	125	51.44%	
Elderly families	33	13.58%	
Families with Disabilities	63	25.93%	
Race/ethnicity Black	126	51.85%	
Race/ethnicity White	68	27.98%	

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Race/ethnicity Asian	2	0.82%	
Race/ethnicity Hispanic	8	3.29%	
Race/ethnicity Nat Am/Pac Isl	2	0.82%	
Race/ethnicity Non Hispanic	232	95.47	
Race/ethnicity			

Is the waiting list closed (select one)? ☐ No ☒ Yes

If yes:

How long has it been closed (# of months)?

Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? ☐ No ☒ Yes

Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? ☐ 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

- ☐ 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) Implementing semi-annual landlord meetings and establish a landlord advisory committee to enhance communication and collaboration between the PHA, tenants, and landlords.

**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)

**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
- ☐ Employ admissions preferences aimed at families with economic hardships
- ☐ Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- ☒ Other: (list below) Promote engagement in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, where families can establish household improvement goals to enhance economic stability, ultimately reducing reliance on welfare and subsidies.

**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) Promote engagement in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, where families can establish household improvement goals to enhance economic stability, ultimately reducing reliance on welfare and subsidies.



**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)

**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)

**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)

**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)

<b>B.2</b>	<b>New Activities.</b> – Not Applicable
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<b>B.3</b>	<b>Progress Report.</b> Provide a description of the PHA's progress in meeting its Mission and Goals described in its 5-Year PHA Plan.
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## Statement of Progress in Meeting the 5-Year Plan Mission and Goals

DHCD continues its efforts to expand the supply of assisted housing by maintaining maximum utilization of housing choice vouchers and leveraging private and public funds to create housing opportunities. Additionally, DHCD will continue with a goal to provide or attract supportive services to assist program participants in seeking employment and to increase independence for the elderly and families with disabilities. DHCD will also continue its efforts to increase customer satisfaction and conduct outreach to potential and participating owners.

### **1. PHA Goal: Expand available housing opportunities and continue its efforts to increase customer satisfaction and will conduct outreach to potential participating owners.**

DHCD and its partners continue to provide comprehensive housing search services for families and property owners. Through the MDhousingsearch.org, an affordable housing database and available unit registry, owners may list available units and program participants may access listings of properties.

DHCD continues to expand its efforts to increase customer satisfaction and recently launched a new landlord advisory committee. Additionally, DHCD continues to update the website to provide customer-friendly information on rental assistance and has expanded referrals to include various subsidized housing programs and social service agencies.

- Apply for additional rental vouchers should they become available. Since 2015, the Department has expanded the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Voucher program from fifteen (15) vouchers to one hundred and eighty (225) through 2020. The Department plans to continue to apply for opportunities to expand the VASH program.
- Leverage additional resources through private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities.
- Explore ways to strategically expand housing in communities of opportunity and revitalization areas in parts of the Eastern Shore and Western Maryland through the Project-Based program e.g. an RFP or the Departments competitive tax credit funding round.

## **2. PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing and continue to build partnerships with participating owners.**

DHCD in partnership with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Department of Disabilities applied for and received awards for \$10,917,383 of Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Demonstration funding to serve 150 individuals with disabilities. In March 2015, HUD announced the award of another round of Section 811 Project Rental Assistance funding. And on November 30, 2020, DHC was awarded an additional \$6.9 million dollars in connection with the Section 811 PRA. Additionally, DHCD applied for new 811 PRA funding in CY 24. DHCD continues to administer the Family Unification Program (FUP) in partnership with Public Child Welfare Agencies (PCWAs) which are responsible for referring FUP families and youths to the PHA for determination of eligibility for rental assistance.

As a part of our goal to improve the quality of assisted housing and build partnerships, DHCD released a RFP to project-base 50 VASH vouchers. Funding was awarded to a project dedicated to housing Veterans and is projected to close in CY24. Additionally, the Department will continue to explore a regional and statewide project-based voucher concept to increase housing opportunities

Additional housing opportunities were created by financing affordable housing developments utilizing the Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC) and state-appropriated loan funds. Over the past three years, the Department has financed 12,500 units statewide.

- Improve voucher management, using the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) scores.
- Increase customer satisfaction.

## **3. PHA Goal: Increase assisted housing choices.**

During CY24, DHCD will work with local PHA's to establish a Statewide Rental Assistance Voucher Program to provide vouchers and housing assistance payments for low-income families that are on a Housing Choice Voucher Program waiting list until they are able to access a Housing Choice Voucher. Additionally, DHCD continues to provide mobility counseling at briefings to inform families of expanded housing choices. Provided new maps for assistance to families.

- Align program with market rate and other housing programs, continue to pilot and implement biennial Inspections (HCV) and other efficiencies. The Department will continue piloting biennial inspections for units that have passed two consecutive inspections. Random quality control inspections will continue to be performed. Other units will be inspected annually.
- Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords. Increase community engagement and involvement through stakeholder meetings focused on developing partnerships and increasing housing opportunities.
- Pilot prescreening application entry system to match applicants to appropriate programs/units based on eligibility criteria, to maximize utilization and increase efficiency.

## **4. PHA Goal: Use housing as a platform to improve quality of life and promote self-sufficiency and asset development of assisted households**

In CY24, DHCD will explore a range of permissive deductions related to HOTMA, including ways to explore increasing FSS participation, mobility and transportation incentives, deductions for service and emotional support animals and rightsizing inequitable policies related to child support.

- DHCD will continue to increase Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program participation and leverage partnerships with the philanthropic and business sectors to connect participants to resources that improve their access to economic opportunities, such as jobs, transportation and affordable mortgages.
- DHCD will continue to encourage enrollment of FUP-eligible participants in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program includes targeted outreach, development of strategic service collaborations with educational institutions/community-based organizations to achieve core asset development and work advancement objectives, and perform extensive tracking of economic stability outcomes. In addition to the enhanced marketing and asset development, if approved, the PHA will expand the time FUP youth can receive housing assistance from 36 to 60 months for FUP youth participating in FSS.
- DHCD will continue to leverage resources to increase opportunities for homeless or formerly homeless individuals and families to access federally funded or locally funded subsidized housing and rental assistance programs including, set aside vouchers for individuals exiting permanent supportive housing. The transition from permanent supportive housing to housing choice vouchers will create new openings in permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless.
- Continue to work with supportive service agencies on a Housing First Initiative to aid chronically homeless households.
- DHCD will community engagement initiatives to promote resources for youth, including the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Initiative, which may expand to self-sufficiency.

#### **5. PHA Goal: Partner with stakeholders to build strong, resilient, and inclusive communities and ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing.**

DHCD is working with the VERA Institute to explore housing policies related to returning citizens, with a goal of increasing eligibility for all households, including.

- Undertaking affirmative measures to ensure access to 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.

DHCD will continue to increase the number of vouchers with partnering agencies including Veterans Affairs, Public Child Welfare, and other referring agencies.

DHCD continues to administer the Family Unification Program (FUP) in partnership with Public Child Welfare Agencies (PCWAs) which are responsible for referring FUP families and youths to the PHA for determination of eligibility for rental assistance.

DHCD continues to partner with the Mental Hygiene Administration, the Developmental Disabilities Administration, Centers for Independent Living, and The Coordinating Center.

DHCD will continue to work referring agencies to maintain full lease up of Family Unification Program and Mainstream Voucher programs and increase Category NED 2 vouchers utilization. DHCD will be utilizing additional flexibility for the NED Category 2 vouchers in accordance with PIH 2013-19. If there are no Category 2 families on the waiting list, the Department will contact its partnering agency as well as conduct outreach through appropriate social service agencies and qualifying institutions before referring other eligible individuals.

- Additionally, in accordance with 24 CFR 982.54(a), DHCD is revised the local residency preference requirements to allow households that have lost employment related income to the COVID-19 pandemic to continue to receive preference if the wages lost were related to the county that qualified them for the local preference between March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. DHCD is also revising the preferences to support the statewide housing voucher program, including establishing preferences that prioritizes households with children, including a pregnant individual, foster child who is at least 18 but less than 23, military veterans, an households experiencing homelessness, disabled households, , and elderly households in accordance with the state's HB826 and related legislation.

<b>B.4</b>	<b>Capital Improvements.</b> – Not Applicable
<b>B.5</b>	<b>Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit.</b> (a) Were there any findings in the most recent FY Audit? Y   N   N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (b) If yes, please describe:
<b>C.</b>	<b>Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.</b>
<b>C.1</b>	<b>Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.</b> (a) Did the RAB(s) provide comments to the PHA Plan? Y   N <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) 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.

## **RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD – FY 2025**

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Resident from Lavale

### **Cumberland (City of)**

Resident from Cumberland

### **Eastern Shore Regional**

Resident from Salisbury

Resident from Cambridge

Resident from Cambridge

Resident from Snow Hill

Resident from Princess Anne

Resident from Elkton

### **Frederick County**

Resident from Frederick

Resident from Frederick

### **Garrett County**

Resident from Oakland

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<b>C.2</b>	<p><b>Certification by State or Local Officials.</b></p> <p><a href="#">Form HUD 50077-SL</a>, <i>Certification by State or Local Officials of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan</i>, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.</p>
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<b>C.3</b>	<p><b>Civil Rights Certification/ Certification Listing Policies and Programs that the PHA has Revised since Submission of its Last Annual Plan.</b></p> <p>Form HUD-50077-ST-HCV-HP, <i>PHA Certifications of Compliance with PHA Plan, Civil Rights, and Related Laws and Regulations Including PHA Plan Elements that Have Changed</i>, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.</p>
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<b>C.4</b>	<p><b>Challenged Elements.</b> If any element of the PHA Plan is challenged, a PHA must include such information as an attachment with a description of any challenges to Plan elements, the source of the challenge, and the PHA's response to the public.</p> <p>(a) Did the public challenge any elements of the Plan? Y   N</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(a) If yes, include Challenged Elements.</p>
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<b>D.</b>	<b>Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).</b>
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**Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).**

**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.**

**D.1**

**Fair Housing Goal:**

**Describe fair housing strategies and actions to achieve the goal**

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