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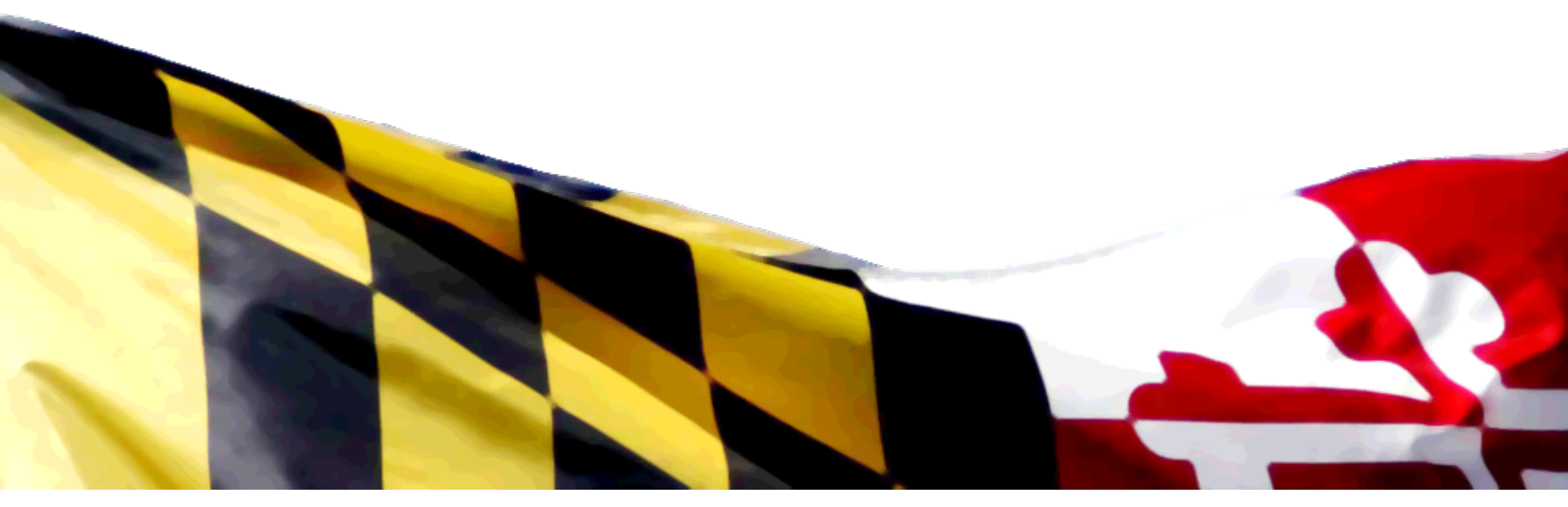


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5-Year PHA Plan
(for All PHAs)

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Purpose. The 5-Year and Annual PHA Plans provide a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the PHA’s operations, programs, and services, and informs HUD, families served by the PHA, and members of the public of the PHA’s mission, goals and objectives for serving the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families

Applicability. The **Form HUD-50075-5Y** is to be completed once every 5 PHA fiscal years by all PHAs.

A.	PHA Information.																		
A.1	<p>PHA Name: <u>Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development</u> PHA Code: <u>MD901</u></p> <p>PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning: (MM/YYYY): <u>07/2025</u> The Five-Year Period of the Plan (i.e. 2019-2023): <u>2026-2030</u> PHA Plan Submission Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5-Year Plan Submission <input type="checkbox"/> Revised 5-Year Plan Submission</p> <p>Availability of Information. In addition to the items listed in this form, PHAs must have the elements listed below readily available to the public. A PHA must identify the specific location(s) where the proposed PHA Plan, PHA Plan Elements, and all information relevant to the public hearing and proposed PHA Plan are available for inspection by the public. Additionally, the PHA must provide information on how the public may reasonably obtain additional information on the PHA policies contained in the standard Annual Plan, but excluded from their streamlined submissions. At a minimum, PHAs must post PHA Plans, including updates, at each Asset Management Project (AMP) and main office or central office of the PHA. PHAs are strongly encouraged to post complete PHA Plans on their official websites. PHAs are also encouraged to provide each resident council a copy of their PHA Plans.</p> <p>Copies of the PHA Annual Plan and the Housing Choice Voucher Program Administrative Plan can be found on the Housing Choice Voucher Program page on the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development website.</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 on Attachment B.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PHA Consortia: (Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete table below.)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Participating PHAs</th> <th rowspan="2">PHA Code</th> <th rowspan="2">Program(s) in the Consortia</th> <th rowspan="2">Program(s) not in the Consortia</th> <th colspan="2">No. of Units in Each Program</th> </tr> <tr> <th>PH</th> <th>HCV</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lead PHA:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					Participating PHAs	PHA Code	Program(s) in the Consortia	Program(s) not in the Consortia	No. of Units in Each Program		PH	HCV	Lead PHA:					
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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

Frederick County Department of Housing and Community Development
5340 Spectrum Drive
Suite A
Frederick, MD 21703
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. Required for <u>all</u> PHAs completing this form.
B.1	Mission. State the PHA's mission for serving the needs of low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families in the PHA's jurisdiction for the next five years. The mission of DHCD as the PHA, is to promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination.

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B.2

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

1. Expand the supply of assisted housing. To accomplish our goal of expanding the supply of assisted housing:

- 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 (180) through 2019. 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. Improve the quality of assisted housing. To accomplish our goal of improving the quality of assisted housing:

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

3. Increase assisted housing choices. To accomplish our goal of increasing assisted housing choices:

- 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. Use Housing as a Platform to Improve Quality of Life and promote self-sufficiency and asset development of assisted households. To accomplish our goal of promoting self-sufficiency and asset development:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

5. Partner with stakeholders to Build Strong, Resilient, and Inclusive Communities and ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing. To accomplish our goal of ensuring Equal Opportunity and affirmatively furthering fair housing:

- Undertake affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability.
- Undertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all varieties of disabilities regardless of unit size required.

Work with 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

B.3

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

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.

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. This can be accomplished on-line or by telephone. MDhousingsearch.org links owners seeking tenants and program participants seeking landlords who own and/or operate decent, safe and affordable housing. The site includes listings for 35 states and the District of Columbia.

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

PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing and continues to build partnerships with participating owners.

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

During the fourth quarter of 2018, the final phase of construction/rehab was completed on Perry Point Veterans Village, a 75-unit project-based site for homeless veterans.

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.

Under the Maryland Bridge Subsidy Demonstration Program, the Department continues to partner with the Mental Hygiene Administration, the Developmental Disabilities Administration, Centers for Independent Living, and The Coordinating Center.

DHCD was awarded 50 new Mainstream housing choice vouchers from the 2017 Mainstream Voucher Program effective 1/1/19.

DHCD was awarded 25 new HUD-VASH Vouchers effective 2/1/19, bringing the total number of VASH vouchers to one hundred and eighty (180).

DHCD in partnership with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Department of Disabilities applied 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. During the last LIHTC funding round, DHCD identified all three hundred (300) units in connection with the Section 811 PRA. Identifying these units helped the Department reach its goal to expend over \$19MM in rental assistance.

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.

3. PHA Goal: Provide or attract supportive services to assist program participants in seeking employment and to increase independence for the elderly and families with disabilities.

DHCD continues to provide mobility counseling at briefings to inform families of expanded housing choices. Provided new maps for assistance to families.

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

Established and maintained Family Self-Sufficiency program escrow accounts. Provided and attracted services to increase independence for elderly and families with disabilities. The FSS Coordinator networked with local colleges and employment agencies to link clients to needed services. And provided assistance under the Non-Elderly Disabled (NED2) Housing Choice Voucher Program.

<p>B.4</p>	<p>Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Goals. Provide a statement of the PHA’s goals, activities, objectives, policies, or programs that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.</p> <p>The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development has adopted a policy to ensure that tenants and applicants are aware of their rights under VAWA, to ensure that DHCD’s procedures are consistent with HUD and to utilize HUD’s new certification form for documenting incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Activities include amending the administrative plan, notifying all owners and families of VAWA and identifying agencies and services to assist individuals and families. DHCD will make referrals to the Department of Social Services offices throughout the State.</p> <p>In Western Maryland, we have identified the Family Crisis Resource Center and the Human Resources Development Commission, Inc. as referral sources.</p>
<p>C. Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.</p>	
<p>C.1</p>	<p>Significant Amendment or Modification. Provide a statement on the criteria used for determining a significant amendment or modification to the 5-Year Plan.</p> <p>In accordance with HUD regulations in 24 CFR 903.7 (r), DHCD has defined below the basic criteria that will be used for determining: (i) substantial deviation from its 5-Year Plan; (ii) significant amendment or modification to the 5-Year and Annual PHA Plans. Prior to implementing changes that meet such criteria, DHCD will submit for HUD’s approval, a revised Plan(s) that meets full public process requirements.</p> <p>(i) Criteria for defining “Substantial Deviation” from the 5-Year Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A major change in the direction of DHCD pertaining to its mission and goals would constitute a “substantial deviation” from the Agency’s 5-Year Plan. • Examples include the undertaking of new program activities, strategies, or initiatives that do not otherwise further DHCD’s stated mission and goals as articulated in the 5-Year Plan. <p>(ii) Criteria for defining “Significant Amendment or Modification” to the 5-Year and Annual PHA Plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to rent, admission policies, or organization of the waiting list(s) in the Housing Choice Voucher Program that will impact more than 10% of applicants and/or households assisted under the Program.
<p>C.2</p>	<p>Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.</p> <p>(a) Did the RAB(s) have comments to the 5-Year PHA Plan?</p> <p>Y N <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(b) If yes, comments must be submitted by the PHA as an attachment to the 5-Year PHA Plan. PHAs must also include a narrative describing their analysis of the RAB recommendations and the decisions made on these recommendations.</p>
<p>C.3</p>	<p>Certification by State or Local Officials.</p> <p>Form HUD-50077-SL, <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> <p>See Attachment A.</p>
<p>C.4</p>	<p>Required Submission for HUD FO Review.</p> <p>(a) Did the public challenge any elements of the Plan?</p> <p>Y N <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(b) If yes, include Challenged Elements.</p>

D. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).

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

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

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E. 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.

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

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%	
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			

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)

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

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

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Income >50% but <80% of AMI	485	2	2	3	2	2	2
Elderly	595	5	3	3	3	3	3
Families with Disabilities	391	5	2	5	2	2	2
Race/Ethnicity White	80.4%						
Race/Ethnicity Black	13.9%						
Race/Ethnicity Am Ind/Alaskan	1.1%						
Race/Ethnicity Asian	1.3%						
Race/Ethnicity Hawaiian/PI	.4%						
Race/Ethnicity Two or More	3.0%						
Race/Ethnicity Hispanic	9.4%						
Race/Ethnicity Non Hisp	73.4%						

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:
- U.S. Census data: the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (“CHAS”) dataset 2017-2021 ACS
- American Housing Survey data
Indicate year:
- Other housing market study
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- Other sources: (list and indicate year of information) www.census.gov/quickfacts.fact/table V2024

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If used, identify which development/subjurisdiction:			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting List total	159		8%
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	106	66.67%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	33	20.75%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	16	10.06%	
Families with children	91	57.23%	
Elderly families	9	5.66%	
Families with Disabilities	37	23.27%	
Race/ethnicity Am Ind/Alaskan	1	.63%	
Race/ethnicity Asian	0	0%	
Race/ethnicity Black	82	51.57%	
Race/ethnicity Nat Haw/Pac Isl	0	0%	
Race/ethnicity White	44	27.67%	
Race/ethnicity Hispanic	7	4.40%	
Race/ethnicity Non Hispanic	151	94.97%	

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)? 24 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)

City of Cumberland

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

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

Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type							
Family Type	Overall	Afford-ability	Supply	Quality	Access-ibility	Size	Loca-tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	1460	5	2	5	N/A	3	1
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	742	4	2	5	N/A	3	1
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	729	3	4	4	N/A	3	1
Elderly	921	3	4	4	4	2	1
Families with Disabilities	704	5	5	5	5	3	1
Race/Ethnicity W	2877	4	3	4	N/A	3	1
Race/Ethnicity B	124	4	3	4	N/A	3	1
Race/Ethnicity H	18	4	3	4	N/A	3	1
Race/Ethnicity							
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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 2
- American Housing Survey data
Indicate year:
- 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	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%	
Race/ethnicity Non-Hispanic	403	94.82%	
Race/ethnicity			
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
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- 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.

Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type							
Family Type	Overall	Afford-ability	Supply	Quality	Access-ibility	Size	Loca-tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	775	2	5	4	5	5	5
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	680	2	4	4	4	4	4
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	405	2	2	2	2	2	2
Elderly	221	5	4	5	4	4	4
Families with Disabilities	515	5	2	5	2	2	2
Race/Ethnicity White	65.9%						
Race/Ethnicity Black	29.5%						
Race/Ethnicity Am Ind/Alaskan	.6%						
Race/Ethnicity Asian	1.2%						
Race/Ethnicity Hawaiian/PI	.1%						
Race/Ethnicity Two or More	2.8%						
Race/Ethnicity Hispanic	6.4%						
Race/Ethnicity Non Hisp	61.3%						

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 2017-2021 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 V2024

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	322		7%
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	218	67.70%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	61	18.94%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	36	11.18%	
Families with children	167	51.86%	
Elderly families	33	10.25%	
Families with Disabilities	76	23.60%	
Race/ethnicity Am Ind/Alaskan	4	1.24%	
Race/ethnicity Asian	0	0%	
Race/ethnicity Black	216	67.08%	
Race/ethnicity Nat Haw/Pac Isl	0	0%	
Race/ethnicity White	44	13.66%	
Race/ethnicity Hispanic	17	5.28%	
Race/ethnicity Non Hispanic	298	92.55%	

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)? 24 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
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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
- 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
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- Community priorities regarding housing assistance
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- Results of consultation with advocacy groups
- Other: (list below)

Elkton County

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

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Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type							
Family Type	Overall	Afford-ability	Supply	Quality	Access-ibility	Size	Loca-tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	745	3	N/A	4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	685	3	N/A	4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	240	2	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Elderly	413	5	4	5	4	4	4
Families with Disabilities	451	5	2	5	2	2	2
Race/Ethnicity White	65.6%						
Race/Ethnicity Black	16.1%						
Race/Ethnicity Am Ind/Alaska	.2%						
Race/Ethnicity Asian	2.6%						
Race/Ethnicity Hawiian/PI	0%						
Race/Ethnicity Two or More	11.7%						
Race/Ethnicity Hispanic	8.1%						
Race/Ethnicity Non-Hisp	62.9%						

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 2017-2021 ACS
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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	260		11%
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	204	78.46%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	47	18.08%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	8	3.08%	
Families with children	172	66.15%	
Elderly families	8	3.08%	
Families with Disabilities	39	15%	
Race/ethnicity Am Ind/Alaskan	2	.77%	
Race/ethnicity Asian	3	1.15%	
Race/ethnicity Black	128	49.23%	
Race/ethnicity Nat Haw/Pac Isl	0	0%	
Race/ethnicity White	52	20%	
Race/ethnicity Hispanic	29	11.15%	

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List

Race/ethnicity Non-Hispanic	230	88.46%	
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)? 5 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
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- 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
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- 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.

Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type							
Family Type	Overall	Afford- ability	Supply	Quality	Access- ibility	Size	Loca- tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	5765	5	4	3	3	3	4
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	4610	5	4	3	3	3	4
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	2940	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: 2017-2021
- 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)

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)

- Section 8 tenant-based assistance
 - Public Housing
 - Combined Section 8 and Public Housing
 - 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	4106		25
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	3435	83.66%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	546	13.30%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	65	1.58%	
Families with children	2894	70.48%	
Elderly families	229	5.58%	
Families with Disabilities	524	12.76%	
American Indian / Alaskan Native	23	.56%	
Asian	16	0.39%	
Black / African American	3625	88.29%	
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Island	6	0.15%	
White	257	6.26%	
Not Specified	179	4.35%	

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)? 120

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 Division of Housing (FC-DOH) has continued to aggressively pursue the rehabilitation of existing and development of additional affordable housing units; seeking new funding sources, the reallocation of existing funding, and forging development partnerships
 - Recently, a Request for Information was put out to gauge interest in developing affordable housing on County owned property.
 - County to identify additional surplus property that could be turned into affordable housing

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)
 - FC-DOH has been aggressively seeking development of additional low-income senior units.

- Should special program vouchers designated for low-income elderly become available, FC-DOH could utilize those vouchers.

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-DOH administers NEDCat2 vouchers.
 - Should special program vouchers designated for low-income disabled become available, FC-DOH 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-DOH 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.

Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type							
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 American Indian	86	5	3	3	3	2	3
Race/Ethnicity Asian	144	5	3	3	3	2	3
Race/Ethnicity Multi Race	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 Hispanic	403	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)

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/sub jurisdiction:		
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	344		2
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	102	29.6%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	19	5%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	42	12.2%	

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Families with children	135	39.2%	
Elderly families	70	20.3%	
Families with Disabilities	103	29.9%	
Race/ethnicity Black/African American	8	2%	
Race/ethnicity White	330	95%	
Race/ethnicity Multi Race	6	1%	
Race/ethnicity			
Race/ethnicity			
Race/ethnicity			
Race/ethnicity			
Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input 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 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)

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.

Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type							
Family Type	Overall	Afford-ability	Supply	Quality	Access-ibility	Size	Loca-tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	555	3	5	4	5	5	5
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	395	2	3	3	3	3	3
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	280	2	2	2	2	2	2
Elderly	401	5	3	5	3	3	3
Families with Disabilities	284	5	2	5	2	2	2
Race/Ethnicity White	81.6%						
Race/Ethnicity Black	14%						
Race/Ethnicity Am Ind/Alaskan	.5%						
Race/Ethnicity Asian	1.5%						
Race/Ethnicity Hawaiian/PI	.1%						
Race/Ethnicity Two or More	2.3%						
Race/Ethnicity Hispanic	5.9%						
Race/Ethnicity Non Hisp	77%						

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 2017-2021 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 V2024

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	129		9%
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	89	68.99%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	22	17.05%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	17	13.18%	
Families with children	77	59.69%	
Elderly families	6	4.65%	
Families with Disabilities	27	20.93%	
Race/ethnicity Am Ind/Alaskan	3	2.33%	
Race/ethnicity Asian	0	0%	

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List

Race/ethnicity Black	82	63.57%	
Race/ethnicity Nat Haw/Pac Isl	0	0%	
Race/ethnicity White	15	11.63%	
Race/ethnicity Hispanic	8	6.20%	
Race/ethnicity Non Hispanic	120	93.02%	
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)? 24 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)

Somerset County

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

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Family Type	Overall	Afford-ability	Supply	Quality	Access-ibility	Size	Loca-tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	435	4	5	3	5	5	5
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	85	2	3	2	3	3	3
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	15	2	2	2	2	2	2
Elderly	481	5	4	2	4	4	4
Families with Disabilities	316	5	2	3	2	2	2
Race/Ethnicity White	54.5%						
Race/Ethnicity Black	40.8%						
Race/Ethnicity Am Ind/Alaskan	.5%						
Race/Ethnicity Asian	1%						
Race/Ethnicity Hawaiian/PI	.1%						
Race/Ethnicity Two or More	3.0%						
Race/Ethnicity Hispanic	4.7%						
Race/Ethnicity Non Hisp	51.3%						

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 2017-2021 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 V2024

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	186		4%
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	128	68.82%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	39	20.97%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	17	9.14%	
Families with children	2	1.08%	
Elderly families	16	8.60%	
Families with Disabilities	49	26.34%	
Race/ethnicity Am Ind/Alaska	1	.54%	
Race/ethnicity Asian	0	0%	

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List

Race/ethnicity Black	129	69.35%	
Race/ethnicity Nat Haw/Pac Isl	0	0%	
Race/ethnicity White	28	15.05%	
Race/ethnicity Hispanic	6	3.23%	
Race/ethnicity Non Hispanic	178	95.70%	
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)? 24 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)

Talbot County

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

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Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type							
Family Type	Overall	Afford-ability	Supply	Quality	Access-ibility	Size	Loca-tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	785	3	4	4	4	4	4
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	500	2	2	3	2	2	2
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	380	2	2	2	2	2	2
Elderly	1315	3	2	3	2	2	2
Families with Disabilities	474	5	2	5	2	2	2
Race/Ethnicity White	83.1%						
Race/Ethnicity Black	12.6%						
Race/Ethnicity Am Ind/Alaska	.4%						
Race/Ethnicity Asian	1.7%						
Race/Ethnicity Hawaiian/PI	0%						
Race/Ethnicity Two or More	2.1%						
Race/Ethnicity Hispanic	4%						
Race/Ethnicity Non Hisp	79.9%						

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 2017-2021ACS
- 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 V2024

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	100		15%
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	67	67%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	23	23%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	9	9%	
Families with children	54	54%	
Elderly families	8	8%	
Families with Disabilities	22	22%	
Race/ethnicity Am Ind/Alaskan	2	2%	
Race/ethnicity	1	1%	

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List

Asian			
Race/ethnicity Black	54	54%	
Race/ethnicity Nat Haw/Pac Isl	0	0%	
Race/ethnicity White	24	24%	
Race/ethnicity Hispanic	1	1%	
Race/ethnicity Non Hispanic	98	98%	
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)? 24 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

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- 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
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Wicomico County

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

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Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type							
Family Type	Overall	Afford-ability	Supply	Quality	Access-ibility	Size	Loca-tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	2735	2	2	4	2	2	2
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	2525	2	2	3	2	2	2
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	1760	2	2	2	2	2	2
Elderly	2821	5	2	5	2	2	2
Families with Disabilities	1394	5	2	5	2	2	2
Race/Ethnicity White	64%						
Race/Ethnicity Black	28%						
Race/Ethnicity Am Ind/Alaskan	.5%						
Race/Ethnicity Asian	3.3%						
Race/Ethnicity Hawaiian/PI	.2%						
Race/Ethnicity Two or More	3.4%						
Race/Ethnicity Hispanic	7.2%						

Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type							
Family Type	Overall	Afford-ability	Supply	Quality	Access-ibility	Size	Loca-tion
Race/Ethnicity Non Hisp	59.2%						

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 2017-2021 ACS
- American Housing Survey data
Indicate year:
- Other housing market study
Indicate year:
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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	147		15%
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	77	52.38%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	46	31.29%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	18	12.24%	
Families with children	100	68.02%	

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List

Elderly families	16	10.88%	
Families with Disabilities	28	19.05%	
Race/ethnicity Am Ind/Alaskan	1	19.05%	
Race/ethnicity Asian	0	0%	
Race/ethnicity Black	126	85.71%	
Race/ethnicity Nat Haw/Pac Isl	0	0%	
Race/ethnicity White	10	6.80%	
Race/ethnicity Hispanic	3	2.04%	
Race/ethnicity Non Hispanic	141	95.92%	
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)? 24 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
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- Other (list below)
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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
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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
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- 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
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Select if applicable

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- Other: (list below)

Strategy 2: Conduct activities to affirmatively further fair housing

Select all that apply

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

(2) Reasons for Selecting Strategies

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Worcester County

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Income <= 30% of AMI	845	2	3	3	3	3	3
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	975	2	2	4	2	2	2
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	635	2	2	2	2	2	2
Elderly	1566	5	3	4	3	3	3
Families with Disabilities	540	5	2	5	2	2	2
Race/Ethnicity White	83.1%						
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Race/Ethnicity Am Ind/Alaskan	.4%						
Race/Ethnicity Asian	1.7%						

Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction by Family Type							
Family Type	Overall	Afford-ability	Supply	Quality	Access-ibility	Size	Loca-tion
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Race/Ethnicity Two or More	21.7%						
Race/Ethnicity Hispanic	4.0%						
Race/Ethnicity Non Hisp	79.9%						

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.)

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If used, identify which development/subjurisdiction:			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	232		5%
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	157	67.67%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	53	22.84%	

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	19	8.19%	
Families with children	117	50.43%	
Elderly families	33	14.22%	
Families with Disabilities	60	25.86%	
Race/ethnicity Am Ind/Alaskan	2	.86%	
Race/ethnicity Asian	2	.86%	
Race/ethnicity Black	120	51.72%	
Race/ethnicity Nat Haw/Pac Isl	0	0%	
Race/ethnicity White	64	27.59%	
Race/ethnicity Hispanic	8	3.45%	
Race/ethnicity Non Hispanic	221	95.26%	
<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)? 24 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>			

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- 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)

LIST OF RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Allegany County

Resident from
LaVale, MD 21502

Cumberland (City of)

Resident from
Cumberland, MD 21502

Eastern Shore Regional

Resident from
1004 Second Street
Resident from
Pocomoke City, MD 21851

Resident from
Cambridge, Maryland

Resident from
Salisbury, Maryland 21804

Resident from
Elkton, MD 21921

Resident from
Hurlock, MD 21643

Frederick County

Resident from
Frederick, MD 21701

Resident from
Frederick, MD 21702

Garrett County

Resident from
Oakland, MD 21550

Resident from
Mtn. Lake Park, MD 21550

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