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

**Applicability.** The Form HUD-50075-ST is to be completed annually by **STANDARD PHAs or TROUBLED PHAs.** PHAs that meet the definition of a High Performer PHA, Small PHA, HCV-Only PHA or Qualified PHA do not need to submit this form.

#### Definitions.

- (1) High-Performer PHA A PHA that owns or manages more than 550 combined public housing units and housing choice vouchers, and was designated as a high performer on <u>both</u> the most recent Publi Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) assessments if administering both programs, or PHAS if only administering public housing.
- (2) Small PHA A PHA that is not designated as PHAS or SEMAP troubled, that owns or manages less than 250 public housing units and any number of vouchers where the total combined units exceed 550.
- (3) Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Only PHA A PHA that administers more than 550 HCVs, was not designated as troubled in its most recent SEMAP assessment and does not own or manage public housing.
- (4) *Standard PHA* A PHA that owns or manages 250 or more public housing units and any number of vouchers where the total combined units exceed 550, and that was designated as a standard performer in the most recent PHAS or SEMAP assessments.
- (5) Troubled PHA A PHA that achieves an overall PHAS or SEMAP score of less than 60 percent.
- (6) Qualified PHA A PHA with 550 or fewer public housing dwelling units and/or housing choice vouchers combined and is not PHAS or SEMAP troubled.

A.	PHA Information.							
A.1	PHA Name: Saras	ota Housing A	Authority		PHA Code:	FI 008		
	PHA Type: Standard PH					12000		
	PHA Plan for Fiscal Year B							
			ons Contract (ACC) units at time o	f FY beginning, above)				
	Number of Public Housing	(PH) Units	100 Number of Housing	Choice Vouchers (HCVs)	2290			
	Total Combined 2390							
	PHA Plan Submission Type	: 🗌 Annual Su	bmission 🛛 Revised An	nual Submission				
	available for inspection by the and main office or central offi encouraged to provide each re The PHA plan is available Property Office at 1912 N Monday through Thursda	Availability of Information. PHAs must have the elements listed below readily available to the public. A PHA must identify the specific ocation(s) where the proposed PHA Plan, PHA Plan Elements, and all information relevant to the public hearing and proposed PHA Plan are vailable for inspection by the public. At a minimum, PHAs must post PHA Plans, including updates, at each Asset Management Project (AMP) nd main office or central office of the PHA. PHAs are strongly encouraged to post complete PHA Plans on their official website. PHAs are also ncouraged to provide each resident council a copy of their PHA Plans.         The PHA plan is available for review at SHA Central Office located at 269 S. Osprey Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236 and OCB Property Office at 1912 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota, FL 34234 during regular hours of operation, 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. It can also be viewed on-line at: <a href="https://www.sarasotahousing.org/about.aspx?section=policies">https://www.sarasotahousing.org/about.aspx?section=policies</a> PHA Consortia:       (Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete table below)         Program(s) not in the       No. of Units in Each Program						
	Participating PHAs	PHA Code	Program(s) in the Consortia	Consortia	PH	HCV		
	Lead PHA:							

В.	Plan Elements
B.1	Revision of Existing PHA Plan Elements.         (a) Have the following PHA Plan elements been revised by the PHA since its last Annual PHA Plan submission?         Y       N         Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs.         Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions.         Financial Resources.         Rent Determination.         Operation and Management.         Grievance Procedures.         Homeownership Programs.         Community Service and Self-Sufficiency Programs.         Safety and Crime Prevention.         Pet Policy.         Substantial Deviation.         Significant Amendment/Modification         (b) If the PHA answered yes for any element, describe the revisions for each revised element(s):         The HOTMA law requires PHAs to amend its policies that affect residents on calculations of income, assets and rent.
	<ul><li>Changes to the policies are attached.</li><li>(c) The PHA must submit its Deconcentration Policy for Field Office review.</li></ul>
B.2	New Activities.         (a) Does the PHA intend to undertake any new activities related to the following in the PHA's current Fiscal Year?         Y       N         Hope VI or Choice Neighborhoods.         Mixed Finance Modernization or Development.         Demolition and/or Disposition         Demolition and/or Disposition.         Demolition and/or Disposition.         Conversion of Public Housing to Tonant Based Assistance.         Conversion of Public Housing to Project-Based Rental Assistance or Project-Based Vouchers under RAD.         Occupancy by Over-Income Families.         Conversion of Public Groups (c., Capital Fund Community Facilities Grants or Emergency Safety and Security Grants).         (b) If any of these activities are planned for the current Fiscal Year, describe the activities. For new demolition activities, describe any public housing development or proiset-based units and general locations, and describe how project basing Vouchers (PBVs), provide the project-based units and general locations, and describe how project basing the consistent with the PHA Plan.         The first phase of the redevelopment of the Courts section of AMP 1, which are expected to be leased up in the first quarter of 2024, 1 of these 84 apartments will have project-based vouchers. This property is also the first public housing property to convert to Section 8 under HUD- approved Steamlined Voluntary Conversion plan. The remaining 64 units in the Courts property have conversion of SHA's then remaining 226 public housing units to Section 8 under the streamlined voluntary Conversion property (AMP 1) converted first, then the 25- anit Janie's Gar

B.3	Progress Report. Provide a description of the PHA's progress in meeting its Mission and Goals described in the PHA 5-Year Plan.				
	SHA continues to make progress on several goals. We continue to serve more families each year, through an increased voucher program as well as increased units in our portfolio of affordable housing. In 2018, SHA applied for and received 9 new VASH vouchers and 25 new Mainstream vouchers. In 2019, SHA received 35 additional Mainstream vouchers. In 2020, SHA received another 75 Mainstream Vouchers. In 2021, SHA received 59 Emergency Housing Vouchers. In 2021, SHA also received 147 project-based TPVs for the Jefferson Center in coordination with HUD Miami. In 2022, HUD awarded SHA 17 new fair share vouchers as part of a national, formula-driven allocation of new vouchers appropriated by Congress. In addition, SHA has now received 126 tenant protection vouchers through the Streamlined Voluntary Conversion process. In 2023, SHA received 125 new VASH vouchers and an allocation of 25 Fostering Youth to Independence (FYI) vouchers.				
	Our redevelopments continue to replace obsolete and/or blighted housing and increase housing density which also adds to the affordable housing inventory in our community. Our 9% LIHTC redevelopment of Orange Avenue, now the 84-unit Amaryllis Park Place, and the 84-unit Cypress Square now under construction are increasing the supply of affordable housing. The second phase of the Courts redevelopment will add an additional 108-144 units depending on local government gap funding received.				
	SHA increased accessible housing units with five units at AMP 1/Bertha Mitchell having undergone significant modernization to be fully ADA compliant. SHA is also conducting significant modernization of interiors of vacant units as they turn over in Bertha Mitchell.				
	We continue to increase efforts to have more of our young residents be able to read at or above grade level by the end of third grade.				
B.4.	Capital Improvements. Include a reference here to the most recent HUD-approved 5-Year Action Plan in EPIC and the date that it was approved.				
	See Capital Fund 5-Year Action Plan in EPIC, HUD Form 50075.2, approved by HUD, Victor Atkins, on 08/08/2023.				
B.5	Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit.         (a)       Were there any findings in the most recent FY Audit?         Y       N         ⊠       □				
	(b) If yes, please describe: SHA received an audit finding for failing to abate HAP payments on a few units that had failed an HQS inspection and the owner did not abate the failed item(s) within 30 days. SHA will submit a corrective action plan to HUD to ensure HAP payments going forward will be abated per HUD rules.				
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	<ul> <li>Troubled PHA.</li> <li>(a) Does the PHA have any current Memorandum of Agreement, Performance Improvement Plan, or Recovery Plan in place?</li> <li>Y N N/A</li> <li>X</li> </ul>
	(b) If yes, please describe:
D.	Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).
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D.1	Provide a statement of the PHA's strategies and actions to achieve fair housing goals outlined in an accepted Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) consistent with 24 CFR § 5.154(d)(5). Use the chart provided below. (PHAs should add as many goals as necessary to overcome fair housing issues and contributing factors.) Until such time as the PHA is required to submit an AFH, the PHA is not obligated to complete this chart. The PHA will fulfill, nevertheless, the requirements at 24 CFR § 903.7(o) enacted prior to August 17, 2015. See Instructions for further detail on completing this item.
	Fair Housing Goal:
	Describe fair housing strategies and actions to achieve the goal
	Improve access to quality early childhood education for public housing residents, through on-site early head start classrooms, on-site after-school homework help with certified teachers, life enrichments summer camps, as well as partnerships with Boys & Girls Club, Girls Inc and the Girl Scouts, to name a few.
	Fair Housing Goal:
	Describe fair housing strategies and actions to achieve the goal
	Increase the homeownership rate among low-income residents: 26 Housing Choice Voucher participants have become homeowners through our voucher homeownership program.
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# Instructions for Preparation of Form HUD-50075-ST Annual PHA Plan for Standard and Troubled PHAs

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

A.1 Include the full PHA Name, PHA Code, PHA Type, PHA Fiscal Year Beginning (MM/YYYY), PHA Inventory, Number of Public Housing Units and or Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs), PHA Plan Submission Type, and the Availability of Information, specific location(s) of all information relevant to the public hearing and proposed PHA Plan. (24 CFR §903.23(4)(e))

PHA Consortia: Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete the table. (24 CFR §943.128(a))

**B. Plan Elements.** All PHAs must complete this section.

#### **B.1 Revision of Existing PHA Plan Elements.** PHAs must:

Identify specifically which plan elements listed below that have been revised by the PHA. To specify which elements have been revised, mark the "yes" box. If an element has not been revised, mark "no." (24 CFR §903.7)

**Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs.** Provide a statement addressing the housing needs of low-income, very low-income and extremely low-income families and a brief description of the PHA's strategy for addressing the housing needs of families who reside in the jurisdiction served by the PHA and other families who are on the public housing and Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting lists. The statement must identify the housing needs of (i) families with incomes below 30 percent of area median income (extremely low-income); (ii) elderly families (iii) households with individuals with disabilities, and households of various races and ethnic groups residing in the jurisdiction or on the public housing and Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting lists based on information provided by the applicable Consolidated Plan, information provided by HUD, and other generally available data. The statement of housing needs shall be based on information provided by the applicable Consolidated Plan, information provided by HUD, and generally available data. The identification of housing needs must address issues of affordability, supply, quality, accessibility, size of units, and location. Once the PHA has submitted an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH), which includes an assessment of disproportionate housing needs in accordance with 24 CFR §5.154(d)(2)(iv), information on households with individuals with disabilities and households of various races and ethnic groups residing in the jurisdiction or on the waiting lists no longer needs to be included in the Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs. (24 CFR §903.7(a)).

The identification of housing needs must address issues of affordability, supply, quality, accessibility, size of units, and location. (24 CFR \$903.7(a)(2)(i))Provide a description of the ways in which the PHA intends, to the maximum extent practicable, to address those housing needs in the upcoming year and the PHA's reasons for choosing its strategy. (24 CFR \$903.7(a)(2)(i))

Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions. PHAs must submit a Deconcentration Policy for Field Office review. For additional guidance on what a PHA must do to deconcentrate poverty in its development and comply with fair housing requirements, see 24 CFR 903.2. (24 CFR §903.23(b)) Describe the PHA's admissions policy for deconcentration of poverty and income mixing of lower-income families in public housing. The Deconcentration Policy must describe the PHA's policy for bringing higher income tenants into lower income developments. The deconcentration requirements apply to general occupancy and family public housing developments. Refer to 24 CFR §903.2(b)(2) for developments not subject to deconcentration of poverty and income mixing requirements. (24 CFR §903.7(b)) Describe the PHA's procedures for maintain waiting lists for admission to public housing and address any site-based waiting lists. (24 CFR §903.7(b)) A statement of the PHA's policies that govern resident or tenant eligibility, selection and admission including admission preferences for both public housing and HCV. (24 CFR §903.7(b)) Describe the unit assignment policies for public housing. (24 CFR §903.7(b))

**Financial Resources.** A statement of financial resources, including a listing by general categories, of the PHA's anticipated resources, such as PHA operating, capital and other anticipated Federal resources available to the PHA, as well as tenant rents and other income available to support public housing or tenant-based assistance. The statement also should include the non-Federal sources of funds supporting each Federal program, and state the planned use for the resources. (<u>24 CFR §903.7(c)</u>)

**Rent Determination.** A statement of the policies of the PHA governing rents charged for public housing and HCV dwelling units, including applicable public housing flat rents, minimum rents, voucher family rent contributions, and payment standard policies. (24 CFR §903.7(d))

**Operation and Management.** A statement of the rules, standards, and policies of the PHA governing maintenance and management of housing owned, assisted, or operated by the public housing agency (which shall include measures necessary for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation, including cockroaches), and management of the PHA and programs of the PHA. (24 CFR §903.7(e))

Grievance Procedures. A description of the grievance and informal hearing and review procedures that the PHA makes available to its residents and applicants. (24 CFR §903.7(f))

Homeownership Programs. A description of any Section 5h, Section 32, Section 8y, or HOPE I public housing or Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) homeownership programs (including project number and unit count) administered by the agency or for which the PHA has applied or will apply for approval. (24 CFR §903.7(k))

Community Service and Self Sufficiency Programs. Describe how the PHA will comply with the requirements of (24 CFR §903.7(1)). Provide a description of: 1) Any programs relating to services and amenities provided or offered to assisted families; and 2) Any policies or programs of the PHA for the enhancement of the economic and social self-sufficiency of assisted families, including programs subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (24 CFR Part 135) and FSS. (24 CFR §903.7(1))

□ Safety and Crime Prevention (VAWA). Describe the PHA's plan for safety and crime prevention to ensure the safety of the public housing residents. The statement must provide development-by-development or jurisdiction wide-basis: (i) A description of the need for measures to ensure the safety of public housing residents; (ii) A description of any crime prevention activities conducted or to be conducted by the PHA; and (iii) A description of the coordination between the PHA and the appropriate police precincts for carrying out crime prevention measures and activities. (24 CFR §903.7(m)) A description of: 1) Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by an agency, either directly or in partnership with other service providers, to child or adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; to obtain or maintain housing; and 3) Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by a public housing agency to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, to obtain or maintain housing; and 3) Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by a public housing agency to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, to obtain or maintain housing; and 3) Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by a public housing agency to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, or to enhance victim safety in assisted families. (24 CFR §903.7(m)(5))

**Pet Policy.** Describe the PHA's policies and requirements pertaining to the ownership of pets in public housing. (24 CFR §903.7(n))

Asset Management. State how the agency will carry out its asset management functions with respect to the public housing inventory of the agency, including how the agency will plan for the long-term operating, capital investment, rehabilitation, modernization, disposition, and other needs for such inventory. (24 CFR §903.7(q))

Substantial Deviation. PHA must provide its criteria for determining a "substantial deviation" to its 5-Year Plan. (24 CFR §903.7(r)(2)(i))

**Significant Amendment/Modification**. PHA must provide its criteria for determining a "Significant Amendment or Modification" to its 5-Year and Annual Plan\_For modifications resulting from the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program, refer to the 'Sample PHA Plan Amendment' found in Notice PIH-2012-32 REV-3, successor RAD Implementation Notices, or other RAD Notices.

If any boxes are marked "yes", describe the revision(s) to those element(s) in the space provided.

PHAs must submit a Deconcentration Policy for Field Office review. For additional guidance on what a PHA must do to deconcentrate poverty in its development and comply with fair housing requirements, see 24 CFR 903.2. (24 CFR §903.23(b))

**B.2** New Activities. If the PHA intends to undertake any new activities related to these elements in the current Fiscal Year, mark "yes" for those elements, and describe the activities to be undertaken in the space provided. If the PHA does not plan to undertake these activities, mark "no."

**HOPE VI or Choice Neighborhoods. 1)** A description of any housing (including project number (if known) and unit count) for which the PHA will apply for HOPE VI or Choice Neighborhoods; and **2)** A timetable for the submission of applications or proposals. The application and approval process for Hope VI or Choice Neighborhoods is a separate process. See guidance on HUD's website at:

https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/public\_indian\_housing/programs/ph/hope6 . (Notice PIH 2011-47)

☐ Mixed Finance Modernization or Development. 1) A description of any housing (including project number (if known) and unit count) for which the PHA will apply for Mixed Finance Modernization or Development; and 2) A timetable for the submission of applications or proposals. The application and approval process for Mixed Finance Modernization or Development is a separate process. See guidance on HUD's website at: https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/public\_indian\_housing/programs/ph/hope6/mfph#4

Demolition and/or Disposition. With respect to public housing only, describe any public housing development(s), or portion of a public housing development projects, owned by the PHA and subject to ACCs (including project number and unit numbers [or addresses]), and the number of affected units along with their sizes and accessibility features) for which the PHA will apply or is currently pending for demolition or disposition approval under section 18 of the 1937 Act (42 U.S.C. 1437p); and (2) A timetable for the demolition or disposition. This statement must be submitted to the extent that approved and/or pending demolition and/or disposition has changed as described in the PHA's last Annual and/or 5-Year PHA Plan submission. The application and approval process for demolition and/or disposition is a separate process. Approval of the PHA Plan does not constitute approval of these activities. See guidance on HUD's website at: <a href="http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/centers/sac/demo\_dispo/index.cfm">http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/centers/sac/demo\_dispo/index.cfm</a>. (24 CFR §903.7(h))

Designated Housing for Elderly and Disabled Families. Describe any public housing projects owned, assisted or operated by the PHA (or portions thereof), in the upcoming fiscal year, that the PHA has continually operated as, has designated, or will apply for designation for occupancy by elderly and/or disabled families only. Include the following information: 1) development name and number; 2) designation type; 3) application status; 4) date the designation was approved, submitted, or planned for submission, 5) the number of units affected and; 6) expiration date of the designation of any HUD approved plan. Note: The application and approval process for such designations is separate from the PHA Plan process, and PHA Plan approval does not constitute HUD approval of any designation. (24 CFR §903.7(i)(C))

**Conversion of Public Housing under the Voluntary or Mandatory Conversion programs.** Describe any public housing building(s) (including project number and unit count) owned by the PHA that the PHA is required to convert or plans to voluntarily convert to tenant-based assistance; 2) An analysis of the projects or buildings required to be converted; and 3) A statement of the amount of assistance received to be used for rental assistance or other housing assistance in connection with such conversion. See guidance on HUD's website at:

http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/centers/sac/conversion.cfm. (24 CFR §903.7(j))

Conversion of Public Housing under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. Describe any public housing building(s) (including project number and unit count) owned by the PHA that the PHA plans to voluntarily convert to Project-Based Rental Assistance or Project-Based Vouchers under RAD. See additional guidance on HUD's website at: <u>Notice PIH 2012-32 REV-3</u>, successor RAD Implementation Notices, and other RAD notices.

□ Occupancy by Over-Income Families. A PHA that owns or operates fewer than two hundred fifty (250) public housing units, may lease a unit in a public housing development to an over-income family (a family whose annual income exceeds the limit for a low income family at the time of initial occupancy), if all the following conditions are satisfied: (1) There are no eligible low income families on the PHA waiting list or applying for public housing assistance when the unit is leased to an over-income family; (2) The PHA has publicized availability of the unit for rental to eligible low income families, including publishing public notice of such availability in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction at least thirty days before offering the unit to an over-income family rents the unit on a month-to-month basis for a rent that is not less than the PHA's cost to operate the unit; (4) The lease to the over-income family provides that the family agrees to vacate the unit when needed for rental to an eligible family; and (5) The PHA gives the over-income family at least thirty days notice to vacate the unit when the unit is needed for rental to an eligible family. The PHA may incorporate information on occupancy by over-income families into its PHA Plan statement of deconcentration and other policies that govern eligibility, selection, and admissions. See additional guidance on HUD's website at: <u>Notice PIH 2011-7</u>. (24 CFR 960.503) (24 CFR 903.7(b))

□ Occupancy by Police Officers. The PHA may allow police officers who would not otherwise be eligible for occupancy in public housing, to reside in a public housing dwelling unit. The PHA must include the number and location of the units to be occupied by police officers, and the terms and conditions of their tenancies; and a statement that such occupancy is needed to increase security for public housing residents. A "police officer" means a person determined by the PHA to be, during the period of residence of that person in public housing, employed on a full-time basis as a duly licensed professional police officer by a Federal, State or local government or by any agency of these governments. An officer of an accredited police force of a housing agency may qualify. The PHA may incorporate information on occupancy by police officers into its PHA Plan statement of deconcentration and other policies that govern eligibility, selection, and admissions. See additional guidance on HUD's website at: Notice PIH 2011-7. (24 CFR 960.505) (24 CFR 903.7(b))

□ Non-Smoking Policies. The PHA may implement non-smoking policies in its public housing program and incorporate this into its PHA Plan statement of operation and management and the rules and standards that will apply to its projects. See additional guidance on HUD's website at: Notice PIH 2009-21 and Notice PIH-2017-03. (24 CFR §903.7(e))

**Project-Based Vouchers.** Describe any plans to use Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) for new project-based vouchers, which must comply with PBV goals, civil rights requirements, Housing Quality Standards (HQS) and deconcentration standards, as stated in 983.57(b)(1) and set forth in the PHA Plan statement of deconcentration and other policies that govern eligibility, selection, and admissions. If using project-based vouchers, provide the projected number of project-based units and general locations, and describe how project-basing would be consistent with the PHA Plan (24 CFR §903.7(b)).

Units with Approved Vacancies for Modernization. The PHA must include a statement related to units with approved vacancies that are undergoing modernization in accordance with 24 CFR §990.145(a)(1).

**Other Capital Grant Programs** (i.e., Capital Fund Community Facilities Grants or Emergency Safety and Security Grants).

For all activities that the PHA plans to undertake in the current Fiscal Year, provide a description of the activity in the space provided).

- **B.3** Progress Report. For all Annual Plans following submission of the first Annual Plan, a PHA must include a brief statement of the PHA's progress in meeting the mission and goals described in the 5-Year PHA Plan. (24 CFR §903.7(r)(1))
- **B.4** Capital Improvements. PHAs that receive funding from the Capital Fund Program (CFP) must complete this section (24 CFR §903.7 (g)). To comply with this requirement, the PHA must reference the most recent HUD approved Capital Fund 5 Year Action Plan in EPIC and the date that it was approved. PHAs can reference the form by including the following language in the Capital Improvement section of the appropriate Annual or Streamlined PHA Plan Template: "See Capital Fund 5 Year Action Plan in EPIC approved by HUD on XX/XX/XXXX."
- B.5 Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit. If the results of the most recent fiscal year audit for the PHA included any findings, mark "yes" and describe those findings in the space provided. (24 CFR §903.7(p))

#### C. Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.

- C.1 Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments. If the RAB had comments on the annual plan, mark "yes," submit the comments as an attachment to the Plan and describe the analysis of the comments and the PHA's decision made on these recommendations. (24 CFR §903.13(c), 24 CFR §903.19)
- C.2 Certification by State of Local Officials. Form HUD-50077-SL, Certification by State or Local Officials of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan. (24 CFR §903.15). Note: A PHA may request to change its fiscal year to better coordinate its planning with planning done under the Consolidated Plan process by State or local officials as applicable.
- Civil Rights Certification/ Certification Listing Policies and Programs that the PHA has Revised since Submission of its Last Annual Plan. Provide **C** 3 a certification that the following plan elements have been revised, provided to the RAB for comment before implementation, approved by the PHA board, and made available for review and inspection by the public. This requirement is satisfied by completing and submitting form HUD-50077 ST-HCV-HP, PHA Certifications of Compliance with PHA Plan, Civil Rights, and Related Laws and Regulations Including PHA Plan Elements that Have Changed. Form HUD-50077-ST-HCV-HP, PHA Certifications of Compliance with PHA Plan, Civil Rights, and Related Laws and Regulations Including PHA Plan Elements that Have Changed must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan. This includes all certifications relating to Civil Rights and related regulations. A PHA will be considered in compliance with the certification requirement to affirmatively further fair housing if the PHA fulfills the requirements of §§ 903.7(o)(1) and 903.15(d) and: (i) examines its programs or proposed programs; (ii) identifies any fair housing issues and contributing factors within those programs, in accordance with 24 CFR 5.154 or 24 CFR 5.160(a)(3) as applicable; (iii) specifies actions and strategies designed to address contributing factors, related fair housing issues, and goals in the applicable Assessment of Fair Housing consistent with 24 CFR 5.154 in a reasonable manner in view of the resources available; (iv) works with jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement; (v) operates programs in a manner consistent with any applicable consolidated plan under 24 CFR part 91, and with any order or agreement, to comply with the authorities specified in paragraph (o)(1) of this section; (vi) complies with any contribution or consultation requirement with respect to any applicable AFH, in accordance with 24 CFR 5.150 through 5.180; (vii) maintains records reflecting these analyses, actions, and the results of these actions; and (viii) takes steps acceptable to HUD to remedy known fair housing or civil rights violations. impediments to fair housing choice within those programs; addresses those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available; works with the local jurisdiction to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing; and assures that the annual plan is consistent with any applicable Consolidated Plan for its jurisdiction. (24 CFR §903.7(o)).
- C.4 Challenged Elements. If any element of the Annual PHA Plan or 5-Year PHA Plan is challenged, a PHA must include such information as an attachment to the Annual PHA Plan or 5-Year PHA Plan with a description of any challenges to Plan elements, the source of the challenge, and the PHA's response to the public.
- C.5 Troubled PHA. If the PHA is designated troubled, and has a current MOA, improvement plan, or recovery plan in place, mark "yes," and describe that plan. Include dates in the description and most recent revisions of these documents as attachments. If the PHA is troubled, but does not have any of these items, mark "no." If the PHA is not troubled, mark "N/A." (24 CFR §903.9).

#### D. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).

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

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

This information collection is authorized by Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act, which added a new section 5A to the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, which introduced the 5-Year and Annual PHA Plan.

Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 7.52 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. HUD may not collect this information, and respondents are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

**Privacy Act Notice.** The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to solicit the information requested in this form by virtue of Title 12, U.S. Code, Section 1701 et seq., and regulations promulgated thereunder at Title 12, Code of Federal Regulations. Responses to the collection of information are required to obtain a benefit or to retain a benefit. The information requested does not lend itself to confidentiality.



# **REQUIRED CHANGES**

#### 2024 HCV & Public Housing Plan(s)

The Public Housing Authority (PHA) must define any significant changes to its policies or plans. The PHA defines a "substantial deviation" and "significant amendment/modification" as any change in policy which significantly and substantially alters the Authority's mission and the persons the Authority serves.

New language is indicated in red. Deleted language is shown as strikeout.

Effective January 1, 2024, the Final Rule implementing Sections 102, 103, and 104 of the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA) takes into effect and the updates in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Administrative Plan and Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) meet these HUD requirements for the regulation changes. Additional information can be found on the HUD website: <a href="https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/housing/mfh/hotma#:~:text=Background,to%20income%20calculation%20and%20reviews">https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/housing/mfh/hotma#:~:text=Background,to%20income%20calculation%20and%20reviews</a>.

Updates/changes by chapters below:

# ADMISSIONS AND CONTINUED OCCUPANCY POLICY (ACOP)

# 7.0 TAKING APPLICATIONS (Page 6-7)

HUD 9886 form. After January 1, 2024, an applicant or participant has signed a HUD 9886 form they do not need to sign and submit subsequent consent forms at the next interim or regularly schedule income examination except under the following circumstances:

- 1. When any person 18 years or older becomes a member of the family.
- 2. When a member of the family turns 18 years of age and
- 3. As required by HUD or the PHA in administrative instructions.

If a family revokes or refuses to sign the consent form the PHA is prohibited from requesting and receiving income information and financial records including pulling EIV and using EIV to verify income and the family will not be processed. If revocation occurs the PHA must notify the field office and the family's assistance will be denied or the family will be terminated.

If the family leaves the program then the HUD 9886 form is considered to be terminated and no longer in effect. The HUD 9886 will remain effective until the family is denied assistance, the assistance is terminated or if the family provides written notification to the PHA to revoke consent.

# 8.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION (Page 7-9)

#### 8.2 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- A. Family Status All families must have a Head of Household or Co-Heads of Household. Family includes, but is not limited to, the following, regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status:
  - 8. Live-in aide means a person who resides with one or more elderly persons, or near-elderly persons, or persons with disabilities, and who:
    - a. Is determined to be essential to the care and well-being of the persons;
    - b. Is not obligated for the support of the persons; and
    - c. Would not be living in the unit except to provide the necessary supportive services.

### 11.0 INCOME, EXCLUSIONS, AND DEDUCTIONS FROM INCOME (Page 27-28)

#### *11.1 INCOME*

Annual income means all amounts, monetary or not, that:

- A. Go to (or on behalf of) the family head or spouse (even if temporarily absent) or to any other family member; or
- B. Are anticipated to be received from a source outside the family during the 12-month period following admission or annual reexamination effective date; and
  - (1) All amounts, not specifically excluded in paragraph (B) of this section, received from all sources by each member of the family who is 18 years of age or older or is the head of household or spouse of the head of household, plus unearned income by or on behalf of each dependent who is under 18 years of age, and
  - (2) When the value of net family assets exceeds \$50,000 and the actual returns from a given asset cannot be calculated, imputed returns on the asset will be based on the current passbook savings rate, as determined by HUD.
- C. Are not specifically excluded from annual income.

If it is not feasible to anticipate a level of income over a 12-month period (e.g. seasonal or cyclic income), or the Sarasota Housing Authority believes that past income is the best available indicator of expected future income, the Sarasota Housing Authority may annualize the income anticipated for a shorter period, subject to a redetermination at the end of the shorter period.

Annual income includes, but is not limited to, the amounts specified in the federal regulations currently found in 24 CFR 5.609:

A. The full amount, before any payroll deductions, of wages and salaries, overtime pay, commissions, fees, tips and bonuses, and other compensation for personal services.

- B. The net income from the operation of a business or profession. Expenditures for business expansion or amortization of capital indebtedness are not used as deductions in determining net income. An allowance for depreciation of assets used in a business or profession may be deducted, based on straight-line depreciation, as provided in Internal Revenue Service regulations. Any withdrawal of cash or assets from the operation of a business or profession is included in income, except to the extent the withdrawal is a reimbursement of cash or assets invested in the operation by the family.
- C. Interest, dividends, and other net income of any kind from real or personal property. Expenditures for amortization of capital indebtedness are not used as deductions in determining net income. An allowance for depreciation of assets used in a business or profession may be deducted, based on straight-line depreciation, as provided in Internal Revenue Service regulations. Any withdrawal of cash or assets from an investment is included in income, except to the extent the withdrawal is reimbursement of cash or assets invested by the family. Where the family has net family assets in excess of \$50,000 \$5,000, annual income includes the greater of the actual income derived from all net family assets or a percentage of the value of such assets based on the current passbook savings rate, as determined by HUD. Income that could have been derived from assets worth more than \$1000 that were disposed of for less than fair market value within the past two years will be counted as income.

#### 11.2 ANNUAL INCOME (PAGE 31-36)

Annual income does not include the following amounts specified in the federal regulations currently found in 24 CFR 5.609:

- A. Income from employment of children (including foster children) under the age of 18 years;
- B. Payments received for the care of foster children or foster adults (usually persons with disabilities, unrelated to the tenant family, who are unable to live alone) or payments made under Tribal Kinship, Kin-GAP or similar guardianship care programs for children leaving the juvenile court system;
- C. D, E, etc.....
- H. The amounts received from the following programs:
  - 1. 2, 3, etc....
  - 13. Amounts specifically excluded by any other Federal statute from consideration as income for purposes of determining eligibility or benefits. These exclusions include:
    - a. b, c, etc....
    - aa. ABLE accounts created under the Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014 (ABLE Act) are excluded from the calculation of both income and assets.
    - bb. Financial support provided to the student in the form of a fee for services performed (e.g., a work study or teaching fellowship that is not excluded pursuant to paragraph (b)(9)(i) of this section);

- cc. Income and distributions from any Coverdell education savings account under section 530 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any qualified tuition program under section 529 of such Code; and income earned by government contributions to, and distributions from, "baby bond" accounts created, authorized, or funded by Federal, State, or local government.
- dd. Replacement housing "gap" payments made in accordance with 49 CFR part 24 that offset increased out of pocket costs of displaced persons that move from one federally subsidized housing unit to another Federally subsidized housing unit. Such replacement housing "gap" payments are not excluded from annual income if the increased cost of rent and utilities is subsequently reduced or eliminated, and the displaced person retains or continues to receive the replacement housing "gap" payments.
- ee. Loan proceeds (the net amount disbursed by a lender to or on behalf of a borrower, under the terms of a loan agreement) received by the family or a third party (e.g., proceeds received by the family from a private loan to enable attendance at an educational institution or to finance the purchase of a car).
- ff. Civil rights settlements or judgments, including settlements or judgments for back pay.
- gg. Income received from any account under a retirement plan recognized as such by the Internal Revenue Service, including individual retirement arrangements (IRAs), employer retirement plans, and retirement plans for self-employed individuals; except that any distribution of periodic payments from such accounts shall be income at the time they are received by the family.
- hh. Income earned on amounts placed in a family's Family Self Sufficiency Account.
- ii. Gross income a family member receives through self-employment or operation of a business; except that the following shall be considered income to a family member:
  - 1. Net income from the operation of a business or profession. Expenditures for business expansion or amortization of capital indebtedness shall not be used as deductions in determining net income. An allowance for depreciation of assets used in a business or profession may be deducted, based on straight line depreciation, as provided in Internal Revenue Service regulations; and
  - 2. Any withdrawal of cash or assets from the operation of a business or profession will be included in income, except to the extent the withdrawal is reimbursement of cash or assets invested in the operation by the family.
- 14. Any imputed return on an asset when net family assets total \$50,000 or less (which amount HUD will adjust annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers) and no actual income from the net family assets can be determined.

- 15. The following types of trust distributions:
  - a. For an irrevocable trust or a revocable trust outside the control of the family or household excluded from the definition of net family assets under § 5.603(b):
    - (i) Distributions of the principal or corpus of the trust; and
    - (ii) Distributions of income from the trust when the distributions are used to pay the costs of health and medical care expenses for a minor.
  - b. For a revocable trust under the control of the family or household, any distributions from the trust; except that any actual income earned by the trust, regardless of whether it is distributed, shall be considered income to the family at the time it is received by the trust

#### 11.3 DEDUCTIONS FROM ANNUAL INCOME (PAGE 36-37)

The following deductions will be made from annual income:

- A. \$480 for each dependent;
- B. **\$400 for any elderly family or disabled family;** \$525 for any elderly family or disabled family, which amount will be adjusted by HUD annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$25;
- C. The sum of the following, to the extent the sum exceeds three ten (10) percent of annual income:
  - 1. Unreimbursed medical expenses of any elderly family or disabled family including any fee paid by the participant for the Medicare Prescription Drug Program Allowable medical expenses: 24 CFR 5.609(b)(6) Un-reimbursed (medical expenses not covered by medical insurance [including Medi-Cal], regional centers [for individuals with developmental disabilities], schools [for special education students], or other sources) medical expenses for all family members that exceed 10% of the gross annual income of the family are deducted for elderly and disabled families. Families who are already receiving a deduction for expenses that exceed 3% of gross annual income will now receive a deduction for expenses over 5% gross annual income. The percentage will increase by 2.5% annually until reaching the 10% threshold; and
  - 2. Unreimbursed reasonable attendant care and auxiliary apparatus expenses for each member of the family who is a person with disabilities, to the extent necessary to enable any member of the family (including the member who is a person with disabilities) to be employed, but this allowance may not exceed the earned income received by family members who are 18 years of age or older who are able to work because of such attendant care or auxiliary apparatus. Allowable Disability Assistance Expenses: 24 CFR 5.609(b)(6) Un-reimbursed disability expenses that exceed three percent (10%) of the gross annual income are deducted for attendant care by a non-family member or auxiliary apparatus for persons with disabilities if needed to enable the individual or an adult family member to work. These deductions may not exceed the earned income of the family member who is able to work because of such qualified expense. Families who are already receiving a deduction for expenses that exceed 3% of gross annual income will now receive a deduction for expenses over 5% gross annual income. The percentage will increase by 2.5% annually until reaching the 10% threshold.

# 12.0 VERIFICATION (Page 38)

The Sarasota Housing Authority will verify information related to waiting list preferences, eligibility, admission, and level of benefits prior to admission. Periodically during occupancy, items related to eligibility and rent determination shall also be reviewed and verified. Income, assets, and expenses will be verified, as well as disability status, need for a live-in aide and other reasonable accommodations; full-time student status of family members 18 years of age and older; Social Security numbers; and citizenship/eligible non-citizen status. Age and relationship will only be verified in those instances where needed to make a determination of level of assistance.

For a family with net assets equal to or less than \$50,000 \$5,000, the Sarasota Housing Authority will accept, for purposes of recertification of income, a family's written declaration that it has net assets equal to or less than \$50,000 \$5,000, without taking additional steps to verify the accuracy of the declaration. The declaration must state the amount of income the family expects to receive from such assets; this amount will be included in the family's income. The Sarasota Housing Authority will obtain third-party verification of all family assets every 3 years.

#### 25 CFR 5.618(a)

Families with net assets over \$100,000 (after adjusted for inflation) would be ineligible from public housing. These calculations are subject to due process and the families will have an opportunity to request a review.

Families would be ineligible for assistance, if they own real property suitable for occupancy by that family and meet certain conditions (have an ownership interest, legal right to reside in, and authority to sell the property)

Exceptions may apply:

- A family that receives assistance for the property from the Housing Choice Voucher Program
- Property jointly owned with someone else, and occupied by the other owner who is not a member of the household receiving benefits
- A Victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking
- A family that is offering the property for sale

The PHA cannot waive the asset requirement but may allow the family 6 months before serving a termination of assistance notice and may allow the family to come into compliance during that time.

# **HCV ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN**

# <u>Chapter 3</u> – ELIGIBILITY

# 3-I.B. FAMILY AND HOUSEHOLD [24 CFR 982.201(c); HUD-50058 IB, p. 13; FR Notice 02/03/12]

The terms family and household have different meanings in the HCV program.

# Family

To be eligible for assistance, an applicant must qualify as a family. *Family* as defined by HUD includes, but is not limited to the following, regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status, a single person, who may be an elderly person, disabled person, near-elderly person, or any other single person; or a group of persons residing together. Such group includes but is not limited to a family with or without children (a child who is temporarily away from the home because of placement in foster care is considered a member of the family), an elderly family, a near-elderly family, a disabled family, a displaced family, or the remaining member of a tenant family. An otherwise eligible youth who has attained at least 18 years of age and not more than 24 years of age and who has left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 675(5)(H)). The PHA has the discretion to determine if any other group of persons qualifies as a family.

# **Chapter 4** – APPLICATIONS, WAITING LIST AND TENANT SELECTION

# 4-III.B. SELECTION AND HCV FUNDING SOURCES

# Targeted Funding [24 CFR 982.204(e)]

HUD may award a PHA funding for a specified category of families on the waiting list. The PHA must use this funding only to assist the families within the specified category. Within this category of families, the order in which such families are assisted is determined according to the policies provided in Section 4-III.C.

#### SHA Policy

The SHA currently has special purpose vouchers for the Veterans Assistive Supportive Housing (VASH) Program and the Family Unification Program (FUP), Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) and Mainstream Vouchers for non-elderly disabled families. Prospective tenants for these three programs are referred to SHA by designated agencies and these referrals receive a preference (10 points) in order to fill a predetermined number of assigned vouchers. The funding for these assigned vouchers may not be used for families that have not been referred for these specific programs.

Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) participants are entitled to receive FYI assistance for an additional 24months beyond the 36-month time limit if registered in FSS.

# **Chapter 6** – INCOME AND SUBSIDY DETERMINATIONS

#### 6-I.A. OVERVIEW

The general regulatory definition of annual income shown below is from 24 CFR 5.609.

5.609 Annual income.

(a) Annual income means all amounts, monetary or not, which:

(1) Go to, or on behalf of, the family head or spouse (even if temporarily absent) or to any other family member; or

(2) Are anticipated to be received from a source outside the family during the 12-month period following admission or annual reexamination effective date; and

(3) Which are not specifically excluded in paragraph [5.609(c)].

(4) Annual income also means amounts derived (during the 12-month period) from assets to which any member of the family has access.

(5) When the value of net family assets exceeds \$50,000 (which amount HUD will adjust annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers) and the actual returns from a given asset cannot be calculated, imputed returns on the asset based on the current passbook savings rate, as determined by HUD.

### 6-I.G. ASSETS [24 CFR 5.609(b)(3) and 24 CFR 5.603(b)]

#### Overview

At admission, ownership of net family assets that exceed \$100,000 (as adjusted) or ownership of disqualifying real property require denial of assistance. PHAs do not have the discretion to not enforce or provide limited enforcement of the asset limitation at admission. There is no asset limitation for participation in the HCV program. However, HUD requires that the PHA include in annual income the "interest, dividends, and other net income of any kind from real or personal property" [24 CFR 5.609(b)(3)]. This section discusses how the income from various types of assets is determined. For most types of assets, the PHA must determine the value of the asset in order to compute income from the asset. Therefore, for each asset type, this section discusses:

- How the value of the asset will be determined
- How income from the asset will be calculated

# Imputing Income from Assets [24 CFR 5.609(b)(3)]

When net family assets are \$5,000 \$50,000 or less, the PHA will include in annual income the actual income anticipated to be derived from the assets. When the family has net family assets in excess of \$5,000 \$50,000, the PHA will include in annual income the greater of (1) the actual income derived from the assets or (2) the imputed income. Imputed income from assets is calculated by multiplying the total cash value of all family assets by the current HUD-established passbook savings rate.

For 2024, the passbook rate will be 0.40 percent.

## 6-I.M. ADDITIONAL EXCLUSIONS FROM ANNUAL INCOME

- Amounts specifically excluded by any other federal statute [24 CFR 5.609(c)(17)]. HUD publishes an updated list of these exclusions periodically. It includes:
  - (a) The value of the allotment provided to an eligible household under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2017 (b))
    - (b), (c), etc...
  - (r) Allowances, earnings and payments to individuals participating in programs under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2931)
  - (s) ABLE accounts created under the Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014 (ABLE Act) are excluded from the calculation of both income and assets.
  - (t) Any imputed return on an asset when net family assets total \$50,000 or less (which amount HUD will adjust annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers) and no actual income from the net family assets can be determined.
  - (u) Types of trust distributions include:
    - 1) For an irrevocable trust or a revocable trust outside the control of the family or household excluded from the definition of net family assets under § 5.603(b):
      - i. Distributions of the principal or corpus of the trust; and
      - ii. Distributions of income from the trust when the distributions are used to pay the costs of health and medical care expenses for a minor.
    - 2) For a revocable trust under the control of the family or household, any distributions from the trust; except that any actual income earned by the trust, regardless of whether it is distributed, shall be considered income to the family at the time it is received by the trust:
  - (v) Payments received for the care of foster children or foster adults, or State or Tribal kinship or guardianship care payments.
  - (w) Insurance payments and settlements for personal or property losses, including but not limited to payments through health insurance, motor vehicle insurance, and workers' compensation.
  - (x) Amounts received by the family that are specifically for, or in reimbursement of, the cost of health and medical care expenses for any family member.
  - (y) Any amounts recovered in any civil action or settlement based on a claim of malpractice, negligence, or other breach of duty owed to a family member arising out of law, that resulted in a member of the family becoming disabled.
  - (z) Income and distributions from any Coverdell education savings account under section 530 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any qualified tuition program under section 529 of such Code; and income earned by government contributions to, and distributions from, "baby bond" accounts created, authorized, or funded by Federal, State, or local government.
- (aa) Loan proceeds (the net amount disbursed by a lender to or on behalf of a borrower, under the terms of a loan agreement) received by the family or a third party (e.g., proceeds received by the family from a private loan to enable attendance at an educational institution or to finance the purchase of a car).
- (bb) Payments received by Tribal members as a result of claims relating to the mismanagement of assets held in trust by the United States, to the extent such payments are also excluded from gross income under the Internal Revenue Code or other Federal law.

# Chapter 6 - PART II: ADJUSTED INCOME

# 6-II.C. ELDERLY OR DISABLED FAMILY DEDUCTION

A single deduction of \$400 \$525 is taken for any elderly or disabled family [24 CFR 5.611(a)(2)]. An elderly family is a family whose head, spouse, cohead, or sole member is 62 years of age or older, and a disabled family is a family whose head, spouse, cohead, or sole member is a person with disabilities [24 CFR 5.403].

### 6-II.D. MEDICAL EXPENSES DEDUCTION [24 CFR 5.611(a)(3)(i)]

Unreimbursed medical expenses may be deducted to the extent that, in combination with any disability assistance expenses, they exceed three ten percent of annual income.

Families who are already receiving a deduction for medical expenses that exceed 3% of gross annual income will now receive a deduction for expenses over 5% gross annual income. The percentage will increase by 2.5% annually until reaching the 10% threshold.

### Hardship Exemptions to the Health and Medical Expenses Deduction

The family must have been receiving a deduction from annual income of qualified health and medical expenses exceeding 3 percent of annual income. Two categories of hardship exemption to the 10% threshold for unreimbursed medical expenses.

<u>Category 1</u>: Phased In relief for families already receiving a health and medical deduction.

**Form and duration of the exemption**: Families experiencing a hardship will have a phase in to the new deduction amount over two years:

- 1st year: PHA deducts eligible expenses exceeding 5% of the family's income.
- 2nd year: PHA deducts eligible expenses exceeding 7.5% of the family's income.

After 24 months this hardship exemption expires. The PHA will deduct expenses exceeding 10% of the family's annual income unless the family requests and qualifies for a new exemption under category 2.

#### <u>Category 2</u>: General Financial Hardships.

Families who can demonstrate a financial hardship due to an increase in their qualified expenses or because of a change that would not otherwise trigger an interim reexamination.

**Eligibility:** A family must demonstrate that their applicable expenses increased, or the hardship is a result of a change in circumstances, as defined by the PHA, that would not otherwise trigger an interim reexamination. This relief is available regardless of whether the family previously received health and medical deductions or is currently receiving, or previously received, a hardship exemption under the first category.

#### Form and duration:

- The family may receive a deduction of all eligible expenses exceeding 5% of their annual income.
- The exemption ends when the circumstances that made the family eligible for the exemption no longer apply or after 90 days, whichever comes earlier.
- The PHA may, at their discretion, extend the relief for one or more additional 90-day periods while the family's hardship continues.

#### Category 2 may also include families that qualified under Category 1 but:

- Exhausted that relief (after 24 months), or
- Chose to apply for relief under this category in the 2nd year of receiving a Category 1 deduction. The family would then receive a deduction for their qualifying expenses over 5% of their income instead of those exceeding 7.5% of their income.
- The family will no longer be eligible for a hardship exemption under the first category, even if they had not finished the 24-month period.

## <u>Chapter 7</u> – VERIFICATION

# 7-I.A. FAMILY CONSENT TO RELEASE OF INFORMATION [24 CFR 982.516 AND 982.551, 24 CFR 5.230]

#### **Consent Forms**

It is required that all adult applicants and participants sign form HUD-9886, Authorization for Release of Information. The purpose of form HUD-9886 is to facilitate automated data collection and computer matching from specific sources and provides the family's consent only for the specific purposes listed on the form. HUD and the PHA may collect information from State Wage Information Collection Agencies (SWICAs) and current and former employers of adult family members. Only HUD is authorized to collect information directly from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Social Security Administration (SSA). Adult family members must sign other consent forms as needed to collect information relevant to the family's eligibility and level of assistance.

HUD 9886 form. After January 1, 2024, if an applicant or participant has signed a HUD 9886 form, they do not need to sign and submit subsequent consent forms at the next interim or regularly schedule income examination except under the following circumstances:

- 1. When any person 18 years or older becomes a member of the family.
- 2. When a member of the family turns 18 years of age and
- 3. As required by HUD or the PHA in administrative instructions.

If a family revokes or refuses to sign the consent form the PHA is prohibited from requesting and receiving income information and financial records including pulling EIV and using EIV to verify income and the family will not be processed. If revocation occurs the PHA must notify the field office and the family's assistance will be denied or the family will be terminated.

If the family leaves the program, then the HUD 9886 form is considered to be terminated and no longer in effect. The HUD 9886 will remain effective until the family is denied assistance, the assistance is terminated or if the family provides written notification to the PHA to revoke consent.

#### 7-III.B. BUSINESS AND SELF EMPLOYMENT INCOME

Gross income received through self-employment or operation of a business; with the exception of the following which shall be considered income:

- Net income from the operation of a business or profession. Expenditures for business expansion or amortization of capital indebtedness shall not be used as deductions in determining net income. An allowance for depreciation of assets used in a business or profession may be deducted, based on straight line depreciation, as provided in IRS regulations; and
- Any withdrawal of cash or assets from the operation of a business or profession will be included in income, except to the extent the withdrawal is reimbursement of cash or assets invested in the operation by the family.

### **17-II.F. CAP ON NUMBER OF PBV UNITS IN EACH PROJECT**

#### **25 Percent p**Per Project Cap [24 CFR 983.56(a), FR Notice 11/24/08]

In general, the PHA may not select a proposal to provide PBV assistance for units in a project, or enter into an agreement to enter into a HAP or a HAP contract to provide PBV assistance for units in a project, if the total number of dwelling units in the project that will receive PBV assistance during the term of the PBV HAP contract is more than <u>25 units or</u> 25 percent (whichever is greater)\* of the number of dwelling units (assisted or unassisted) in the project.

\*HOTMA amends the income-mixing requirement for an individual project (i.e., the project cap) so that the limitation on the number of PBVs in a project is now the greater of 25 units or 25 percent of the units in a project.[Notice PIH 2017-21]

### Exceptions to 25 Percent pPer Project Cap [24 CFR 983.56(b), FR Notice 11/24/08]

Exceptions are allowed and PBV units are not counted against the 25 unit total or 25 percent per project cap if:

- The units are in a single-family building (one to four units);
- The units are excepted units in a multifamily building because they are specifically made available for elderly or disabled families or families receiving supportive services (also known as qualifying families).

PHAs must include in the PHA administrative plan the type of services offered to families for a project to qualify for the exception and the extent to which such services will be provided. It is not necessary that the services be provided at or by the project, if they are approved services. To qualify, a family must have at least one member receiving at least one qualifying supportive service. A PHA may not require participation in medical or disability-related services other than drug and alcohol treatment in the case of current abusers as a condition of living in an excepted unit, although such services may be offered.

If a family at the time of initial tenancy is receiving, and while the resident of an excepted unit has received, FSS supportive services or any other supportive services as defined in the PHA administrative plan, and successfully completes the FSS contract of participation or the supportive services requirement, the unit continues to count as an excepted unit for as long as the family resides in the unit.

The PHA must monitor the excepted family's continued receipt of supportive services and take appropriate action regarding those families that fail without good cause to complete their supportive services requirement. The PHA administrative plan must state the form and frequency of such monitoring.

#### **PHA Policy**

The PHA will provide PBV assistance for excepted units. The supportive services requirement will be monitored at recertification for each family.