HUD-50075-HCV ANNUAL PLAN



Sonoma County Community Development Commission

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA

CA085

FY 2022 PHA Annual Plan

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HUD Submission Deadline: April 16, 2022
HUD Approval: Pending





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

Applicability. Form HUD-50075-HCV is to be completed annually by **HCV-Only PHAs**. PHAs that meet the definition of a Standard PHA, Troubled PHA, High Performer PHA, Small PHA, or Qualified PHA <u>do not</u> need to submit this form. Where applicable, separate Annual PHA Plan forms are available for each of these types of PHAs.

Definitions.

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

A.	PHA Information.						
A.1	PHA Name:						
	PHA Consortia: (Check Participating PHAs Lead HA:	PHA Code	g a joint Plan and complete table be Program(s) in the Consortia	low) Program(s) not in the Consortia	No. of Units in Each Program		

B.	Annual Plan.
B.1	Revision of PHA Plan Elements. (a) Have the following PHA Plan elements been revised by the PHA since its last Annual Plan submission? Y N 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. Informal Review and Hearing Procedures. Homeownership Programs. Self Sufficiency Programs and Treatment of Income Changes Resulting from Welfare Program Requirements. Significant Amendment/Modification. (b) If the PHA answered yes for any element, describe the revisions for each element(s):
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 Project Based Vouchers. □ □ (b) If this activity is planned for the current Fiscal Year, describe the activities. Provide the projected number of project-based units and general locations, and describe how project-basing would be consistent with the PHA Plan.
B.3	Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit. (a) Were there any findings in the most recent FY Audit? Y N N/A D D (b) If yes, please describe:
B.4	Civil Rights Certification Form HUD-50077 PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.
B.5	Certification by State or Local Officials. <u>Form HUD 50077-SL</u> 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.
B.6	Progress Report. Provide a description of the PHA's progress in meeting its Mission and Goals described in its 5-Year PHA Plan.
B.7	Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments. (a) Did the RAB(s) provide comments to the PHA Plan? Y N □ □ (a) If yes, comments must be submitted by the PHA as an attachment to the PHA Plan. PHAs must also include a narrative describing their analysis of the RAB recommendations and the decisions made on these recommendations.

Instructions for Preparation of Form HUD-50075-HCV Annual PHA Plan for HCV Only PHAs

A. PHA Information. All PHAs must complete this section. (24 CFR §903.23(4)(e))

A.1 Include the full PHA Name, PHA Code, PHA Type, PHA Fiscal Year Beginning (MM/YYYY), Number of 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.

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

B. Annual Plan. All PHAs must complete this section. (24 CFR §903.11(c)(3))

B.1 Revision of 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."

Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs. Provide a statement addressing the housing needs of low-income, very low-income families who reside in the PHA's jurisdiction and other families who are on the Section 8 tenant-based waiting list. 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 and families with disabilities, and (iii) households of various races and ethnic groups residing in the jurisdiction or on the waiting list based on information provided by the applicable Consolidated Plan, information provided by HUD, and other generally available data. The identification of housing needs must address issues of affordability, supply, quality, accessibility, size of units, and location. (24 CFR \$903.7(a)(1) and 24 CFR \$903.7(a)(2)(i)). Provide a 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. 24 CFR \$903.7(a)(2)(ii)

Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions. A statement of the PHA's policies that govern resident or tenant eligibility, selection and admission including admission preferences for HCV. (<u>24 CFR §903.7(b</u>))

Financial Resources. A statement of financial resources, including a listing by general categories, of the PHA's anticipated resources, such as PHA HCV funding and other anticipated Federal resources available to the PHA, as well as tenant rents and other income available to support 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. (24 CFR §903.7(c))

Rent Determination. A statement of the policies of the PHA governing rental contributions of families receiving tenant-based assistance, discretionary minimum tenant rents , and payment standard policies. (24 CFR §903.7(d))

Operation and Management. A statement that includes a description of PHA management organization, and a listing of the programs administered by the PHA. (24 CFR §903.7(e)(3)(4)).

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

Homeownership Programs. A statement describing any homeownership programs (including project number and unit count) administered by the agency under section 8y of the 1937 Act, or for which the PHA has applied or will apply for approval. (<u>24 CFR §903.7(k</u>))

□ Self Sufficiency Programs and Treatment of Income Changes Resulting from Welfare Program Requirements. A description of any PHA programs relating to services and amenities coordinated, promoted, or provided by the PHA for assisted families, including those resulting from the PHA's partnership with other entities, for the enhancement of the economic and social self-sufficiency of assisted families, including programs provided or offered as a result of the PHA's partnerships with other entities, and activities under section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 and under requirements for the Family Self-Sufficiency Program and others. Include the program's size (including required and actual size of the FSS program) and means of allocating assistance to households. (24 CFR §903.7(1)(i)) Describe how the PHA will comply with the requirements of section 12(c) and (d) of the 1937 Act that relate to treatment of income changes resulting from welfare program requirements. (24 CFR §903.7(1)(ii)).

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. Should the PHA fail to define 'significant amendment/modification', HUD will consider the following to be 'significant amendments or modifications': a) changes to rent or admissions policies or organization of the waiting list; or b) any change with regard to homeownership programs. See guidance on HUD's website at: <u>Notice PIH 1999-51</u>. (24 CFR §903.7(r)(2)(ii))

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

B.2 New Activity. If the PHA intends to undertake new activity using Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) for new Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs) in the current Fiscal Year, mark "yes" for this element, and describe the activities to be undertaken in the space provided. If the PHA does not plan to undertake this activity, mark "no." (24 CFR §983.57(b)(1) and Section 8(13)(C) of the United States Housing Act of 1937.

Project-Based Vouchers (PBV). Describe any plans to use HCVs for new project-based vouchers. If using PBVs, provide the projected number of project-based units and general locations, and describe how project-basing would be consistent with the PHA Plan.

- **B.3** 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 §903.11(c)(3), 24 CFR §903.7(p))
- **B.4 Civil Rights Certification.** Form HUD-50077, *PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulation*, 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 AFFH Certification if: it can document that it examines its programs and proposed programs to identify any 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))
- **B.5** Certification by State or Local Officials. Form HUD-50077-SL, Certification by State or Local Officials of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan, including the manner in which the applicable plan contents are consistent with the Consolidated Plans, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan. (24 CFR §903.15)
- **B.6 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 §903.11(c)(3), 24 CFR §903.7(r)(1))
- **B.7** Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments. If the RAB provided comments to 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)

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 Annual PHA Plan. The Annual PHA Plan provides 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 for serving the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families.

Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 4.5 hour 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

Below is a report on the PHA's progress in achieving the goals and objectives described in the 2020 5-Year Plan

PHA Goal: Maintain High Performer SEMAP score. The Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) enables HUD to identify housing authority capabilities and deficiencies related to the administration of the program. Grading is based on 15 different indicators. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, HUD waived SEMAP ratings for the Fiscal Year ending 2021 and carried the Housing Authority's High Performer score forward. A high performer score indicates that the PHA is effectively utilizing the Section 8 program to provide decent, safe and affordable housing and qualifies the PHA to apply for additional vouchers as they become available.

During calendar year 2021, The Housing Authority adopted several waivers which were available through the CARES Act. These waivers allowed for streamlined operations and delays of certain HUD requirements due to the pandemic. Because many SEMAP indicators may have been directly or indirectly affected due to the adoption of available CARES Act waivers, HUD is allowing a waiver of 2021 SEMAP scoring under PIH Notice 2021-31. The Housing Authority has requested a waiver of SEMAP scoring for the period ending June 30, 2022. If approved, SEMAP scoring will resume for the period ending June 30, 2023. This will allow the Housing Authority time to normalize operations enabling a continued High Performer score.

PHA Goal: Apply for new vouchers as available. The Housing Authority has continued to apply for new vouchers each time they are made available. Since the adoption of its 2020 5 Year Plan, the Housing Authority has received 323 new vouchers - 111 new Mainstream vouchers (CY 2020), 59 Family Unification Program Vouchers (CY 2020), and 153 Emergency Housing Vouchers (2021). These vouchers have been deployed through collaborative efforts with the Sonoma County Continuum of Care, the Sonoma County Coordinated Entry System and local supportive services providers.

In addition to vouchers that are made available through traditional HUD Public and Indian Housing (PIH) Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA), the SCHA was awarded renewal grants for its Special Needs Assistance Programs through HUD Continuum of Care. These grant funds enable SCHA to provide rental assistance to families, individuals, and youth with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness.

The SCHA has continued its successful partnerships with supportive service agencies through the Continuum of Care and Family Unification programs. These partnerships assist some of the hardest to serve clients, including persons with disabilities, homeless families, senior citizens, victims of domestic violence, former foster youth, and families in the process of reunifying with their children. On average, the SCHA assists approximately 3,000 households each month through its various rental assistance programs.

PHA Goal: Expand the supply of affordable housing. The Housing Authority has continued to utilize Project Based Vouchers as a way to address the need for affordable housing in Sonoma County.

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- During calendar year 2020, the Housing Authority awarded 100 project based vouchers to developments throughout Sonoma County. Many of these units are expected to be occupied during calendar year 2022.
- During calendar year 2021, the Housing Authority entered into Housing Assistance Payment Agreements for 16 new project based voucher units in Petaluma (5) and Sonoma (9).
- During calendar year 2022 a request for proposals was released seeking applications for up to 200 new project based voucher units. The request for proposals prioritizes existing units that will be homeless-dedicated permanent supportive housing units.

Attracting new landlords to participate in the Housing Authority's rental assistance programs has continued to be a priority. The landlord engagement program which was implemented in 2019 has continued to be successful, bringing in 113 new landlords in calendar year 2020 and 126 new landlords during calendar year 2021.

Additionally, the Housing Authority's Housing Navigation program has continued to be successful in locating and assisting some of the areas most vulnerable residents in achieving permanent housing. By leveraging Whole Person Care grant funds made available through the Sonoma County Department of Health Services, the Housing Navigation program has assisted 103 highly vulnerable persons who were experiencing homelessness in achieving permanent housing (62 in 2021 and 41 in 2020). These funds, which expired December 31, 2021, provided deposit assistance up to two times the monthly rent and landlord incentives which helped provide a tool for rent negotiations.

PHA Goal: Promote self-sufficiency. Due to COVID-19 and staffing challenges, the Housing Authority was unable to draw names from its Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) waitlist in 2021. This has resulted in a decline in the number of FSS participants. Despite challenges associated with the pandemic, there have been 5 FSS graduates since 2020 (2 in CY 2020 and 3 in CY 2021). Three of these graduates no longer require assistance from the Housing Authority.

The Housing Authority ended 2021 with 22 FSS participants. Because of the low number of program participants, the Housing Authority was unable to apply for funding for an FSS Service Coordinator for calendar year 2022. It is expected that with the hiring of a new FSS Coordinator in 2022 that FSS participation will increase allowing the pursuit of funding for calendar year 2023.

PHA Goal: Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing. The SCHA continues its commitment to ensuring equal opportunity and affirmatively furthering fair housing.

In October 2021, the Housing Authority pulled the last names off of its existing waitlist and reopened a new waitlist lottery. Following the close of the lottery application period, 750 applicants were selected at random to be placed on the Housing Choice Voucher waitlist. All 750 applicants are expected to have an opportunity to receive service within a 24-month period. This

HCV-50075 B.6 Progress Report PHA Annual Plan for Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/2022 new lottery-based system, implemented in 2019, has been very successful in removing any barriers people may have based upon location they reside in at application.

The Housing Authority is actively working with partner agencies to develop a local Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH). This document is expected to be complete mid-2022 and incorporated into the County Housing Element.

During calendar year 2021, a review of the accessibility of all the Housing Authority's programs and services was completed. The Housing Authority is actively working to address deficiencies that were identified during the survey. All work associated with the physical accessibility of the office space is expected to continue through 2024.

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

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

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

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

PHA Name		PHA Number/HA Code
	Annual PHA Plan for Fiscal Year 20	
	5-Year PHA Plan for Fiscal Years 20 20	
I hereby prosecute	certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provie e false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil p	ded in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate. Warning: HUD will enalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802).
Name of	Authorized Official	Title

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Date

Signature

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

I, _____

Official's Name

Official's Title

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

PHA Name

_____, the _____

is consistent with the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan and the Analysis of

Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice of the

pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91.

Local Jurisdiction Name

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

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

Name of Authorized Official	Title
Signature	Date

ATTACHMENT TO HUD-50077-SL

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

There is a great, unmet need for housing in Sonoma County which is detailed in the two Consolidated Plans covering the jurisdiction of the PHA. These needs are identified by income, family type and specific housing problems.

- 1. The Sonoma County 2020 Consolidated Plan states that affordable housing and assisting the County's homeless are high priorities. Specific goals related to these priorities are to make market rate housing units affordable to low income persons through the provision of rental subsidies and to implement strategies for homelessness prevention and intervention county-wide. Activities included within the PHA Five Year Plan are consistent with the priorities contained in the Sonoma County Consolidated Plan, which include providing decent, affordable housing for low-income persons, and coordinated efforts to assist those experiencing homelessness to gain housing.
- 2. The Consolidated Plan for the City of Petaluma includes goals specific to increasing the supply of affordable rental housing for Petaluma's lowest income households, preserving existing affordable housing stock, providing services to special needs populations, and providing housing assistance to low-income person living with HIV/AIDS. Activities included in the PHA Five Year Plan are consistent with the initiatives contained in the City of Petaluma Consolidated Plan which include providing decent, affordable housing for low-income persons and expanding economic opportunities for low-income persons.

The most recent Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing study (AI) found that the lack of affordable housing was a primary barrier faced by persons of protected classes within the jurisdiction of the PHA.

Activities and specific goals included in the PHA Five Year Plan which are consistent with the Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing include:

- a. Applying for additional vouchers as available
- b. Collaboration with local homeless services providers to reach the most vulnerable members of the community
- c. Expanding the supply of affordable housing
- d. Promoting self-sufficiency
- e. Partnering with local supportive services agencies to provide vulnerable clients seeking to exist homelessness housing location and stabilization services
- f. Ensuring equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing.

Civil Rights Certification

Annual Certification and Board Resolution

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

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

Sonoma County Housing Authority

PHA Name

CA085

PHA Number/HA Code

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

Name of Authorized Official	Title
Dave Kiff	Executive Director
Signature	Date