**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.

А.	PHA Information.					
A.1	PHA Name:       Santa Monica Housing Authority       PHA Code:       CA 111         PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning:       (MM/YYYY):       07/01/2021         PHA Inventory (Based on Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) units at time of FY beginning, above)       Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs)       1319         PHA Plan Submission Type:       Annual Submission       Revised Annual Submission         Availability of Information.       In addition to the items listed in this form, PHAs must have the elements listed below readily available to the public. A PHA must identify the specific location(s) where the proposed PHA Plan, PHA Plan Elements, and all information relevant to the public hearing and proposed PHA Plan are available for inspection by the public. Additionally, the PHA must provide information on how the public may reasonably obtain additional information of the PHA policies contained in the standard Annual Plan, but excluded from their streamlined					
	submissions. At a minimum, PHAs must post PHA Plans, including updates, at the main office or central office of the PHA. PHAs are strongly encouraged to post complete PHA Plans on their official website.					
	<b>Participating PHAs</b>	PHA Code	Program(s) in the Consortia	Program(s) not in the Consortia	No. of Units in Each Program	
	Lead HA:					

В.	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?					
	<ul> <li>Y N</li> <li>M Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs.</li> <li>M Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions.</li> <li>M Financial Resources.</li> <li>M Rent Determination.</li> <li>M Operation and Management.</li> <li>M Informal Review and Hearing Procedures.</li> <li>M Homeownership Programs.</li> <li>M Self Sufficiency Programs and Treatment of Income Changes Resulting from Welfare Program Requirements.</li> <li>M Substantial Deviation.</li> <li>M Significant Amendment/Modification.</li> </ul>					
	(b) If the PHA answered yes for any element, describe the revisions for each element(s): The PHA made a change to the waitlist procedures to prioritize HOME voucher program participants transferring to the HCV program. Rental assistance through the HOME program is intended for a short duration (up to 24 months). The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program does not have a term limit for rental assistance and transferring HOME voucher participants to the HCV program would provide long-term housing stability for these households. Additionally, transitioning HOME voucher participants to the HCV program would allow increased and ongoing availability in the HOME voucher program, which prioritizes senior and disabled households at risk of losing their existing housing.					
B.2	New Activities <ul> <li>(a) Does the PHA intend to undertake any new activities related to the following in the PHA's current Fiscal Year?</li> </ul>					
	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. – The City of Santa Monica has invested housing capital for the development of supportive housing targeting persons experiencing homelessness, and the Housing Authority intends attach approximately 65 project-based vouchers to two developments to ensure that tenant portions of rent are affordable and the ongoing financial feasibility of the properties.					
B.3	Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit.					
	(a) Were there any findings in the most recent FY Audit?					
	$\begin{array}{c c} Y & N & N/A \\ \hline & \boxtimes & \Box \end{array}$					
	(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.					
	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.					
B.6	Progress Report.					
	Progress Report is attached					

<b>B.</b> 7	Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.			
	(a) Did the RAB(s) provide comments to the PHA Plan?			
	<ul> <li>Y N</li> <li>X □</li> <li>*Comments provided by RAB will be submitted with the Annual Plan.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul>			

## **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. (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 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. (<u>24 CFR §903.7(c)</u>)

**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. (24 CFR §903.7(k))

□ 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)(iii)).

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)

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**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

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.

# SMHA 5-Year Plan Progress Report

Below are the goals and objectives identified in the SMHA 5-year Plan, approved by the Housing Authority Board on October 13, 2020. The updates include progress made in the 4 months since the Plan was approved.

- Expand access to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) by attaching project-based vouchers to PSH apartments.
  - One supportive housing development targeting persons experiencing homelessness has received its City housing trust fund financing commitment, and land use and design approvals, and is preparing to apply for the final portion of development financing from the State of California Tax Credit Allocation Committee; another development targeting young adults at risk of homelessness or experiencing homelessness is in the process of obtaining its land use and design approvals; for both pending developments, the SMHA intends to allocate approximately 65 project-based vouchers.
- Increase voucher applicant diversity by outreaching to the Santa Monica workforce with the goal of reaching employees who work 25 hours a week or more in Santa Monica.
  - Of the 600 applicants pulled from the waitlist in 2021, 74% (444) indicated they work 25 hours a week or more in Santa Monica.
- Apply for mainstream vouchers, as they are available, to assist non-elderly persons living with disabilities. No updates to report since the Housing Authority Board approval of this Plan on 10/13/20
- Continue to serve veterans and individuals experiencing homelessness by applying for Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing and Continuum of Care vouchers, as they are available.
  - SMHA has 35 VASH vouchers, 20 of which were awarded 2/1/2020. 25 of the vouchers are being utilized and the SMHA works closely with the Veterans Administration to connect veterans to available vouchers.
  - SMHA was awarded additional Continuum of Care funds in the amount of \$534,000 beginning June 1, 2021, which will allow the SMHA to issue more vouchers.
- Reduce barriers to housing by establishing a funding source to provide insurance to property owners who lease apartments to voucher holders with poor credit. No updates to report since the Housing Authority Board approval of this Plan on 10/13/20
- Explore options for outsourcing annual eligibility recertification work and shift staff focus to new admissions with the goal of fully utilizing the PHA's budget authority and maintaining program quality.
  - SMHA contracted with Nan McKay (NMA) to conduct 500 annual recertifications, assisting the SMHA with an increased workload due to pandemic-related income loss affecting households and the associated interim

reexaminations. As of this report NMA has completed 464 annual recertifications.

- SMHA expanded the contract with Nan McKay to include eligibility determination for 300 waitlist applicants. In February 2021, 33 vouchers were issued, and tenants leased-up, through this collaboration.
- Establish relationships with agencies that provide volunteer opportunities and employment services to assist participants who are unemployed or underemployed. No updates to report since the Housing Authority Board approval of this Plan on 10/13/20
- Expand opportunities to apply for housing by opening waitlists for the Housing Choice Voucher, Affordable Housing, and Preserving Our Diversity (POD) programs and keeping them open continuously.
  - On May 1, 2020 the SMHA opened waitlists for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. As of this report the HCV waitlist has 13,977 applicants.
  - On May 1, 2020 the Below Market Housing (BMH) program waitlist opened. As of this report the BMH waitlist has 4,063 applicants.
- Maintain housing of low-income households by using available resources to prevent homelessness and support well-being of participants.
  - In an effort to continue to operate and provide critical housing services during the COVID-19 pandemic, SMHA implemented the waivers and alternative requirements published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- Coordinate with Human Services and service providers to prevent eviction and displacement.
  - SMHA staff work closely with other city departments (Human Services, City Attorney's office, Code Enforcement, Rent Control) to prevent eviction and displacement.
  - The City of Santa Monica's Covid Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) provided rental assistance to approximately 600 households
- Conduct extensive marketing of the programs and provide education that reduces the stigma of needs-based programs. No updates to report since the Housing Authority Board approval of this Plan on 10/13/20
- Develop a client-focused customer service policy; No updates to report since the Housing Authority Board approval of this Plan on 10/13/20
- Increase community integration for persons with disabilities; No updates to report since the Housing Authority Board approval of this Plan on 10/13/20
- Promote civic engagement of recipients; No updates to report since the Housing Authority Board approval of this Plan on 10/13/20
- Reduce barriers to housing by increasing total supply of housing for voucher holders to potentially access. No updates to report since the Housing Authority Board approval of this Plan on 10/13/20