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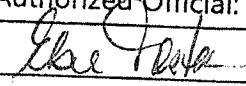
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I, Elsie Foster, the Mayor of Highland Park certify that the 5-Year PHA Plan for fiscal years 2025-2029 and/or Annual PHA Plan for fiscal year 2025 of the NJ044 - Highland Park Housing Authority is consistent with the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan including the Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice or Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) as applicable to the The Borough of Highland Park pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91 and 24 CFR § 903.15.

Provide a description of how the PHA Plan's contents are consistent with the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan.

The Highland Park Housing Authority is consistent with the consolidated plan or State Consolidated Plan: The Highland Park Housing Authority has fully implemented the HUD RAD Program Project Based Voucher Program and continues to manage the on-going operations of 24 family (Park Terrace) apt. units and 100 Senior (S.J. Kronman) apt units as well as oversees the management of 269 conventional Section 8 vouchers.

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:	Elsie Foster	Title:	Mayor of Highland Park
Signature:		Date:	<u>12/23/2024</u>

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 is collected to ensure consistency with the consolidated plan or state consolidated plan.

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5-Year PHA Plan

(for All PHAs)

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

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

A.	PHA Information.																					
A.1	<p>PHA Name: Highland Park Housing Authority PHA Code: NJ044 PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning: (MM/YYYY): 04/2025 The Five-Year Period of the Plan (i.e., 2019-2023): 2025-2029 Plan Submission Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5-Year Plan Submission <input type="checkbox"/> Revised 5-Year Plan Submission</p> <p>Availability of Information. In addition to the items listed in this form, PHAs must have the elements listed below readily available to the public. A PHA must identify the specific location(s) where the proposed PHA Plan, PHA Plan Elements, and all information relevant to the public hearing and proposed PHA Plan are available for inspection by the public. Additionally, the PHA must provide information on how the public may reasonably obtain additional information on the PHA policies contained in the standard Annual Plan, but excluded from their streamlined submissions. At a minimum, PHAs must post PHA Plans, including updates, at each Asset Management Project (AMP) and the main office or central office of the PHA. PHAs are strongly encouraged to post complete PHA Plans on their official websites. PHAs are also encouraged to provide each resident council a copy of their PHA Plans.</p> <p>How the public can access this PHA Plan: Plan will be made available Monday through Friday at the Highland Park Housing Authority. The administrative office will have on hand two (2) copies of the plan made available to the public between the business hours of operation 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Also, a copy will be available on the website.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PHA Consortia: (Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete table below.)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2" style="width: 25%;">Participating PHAs</th> <th rowspan="2" style="width: 5%;">PHA Code</th> <th rowspan="2" style="width: 25%;">Program(s) in the Consortia</th> <th colspan="2" style="width: 45%;">Program(s) not in the Consortia</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="width: 20%;">No. of Units in Each Program</th> <th style="width: 25%;"></th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">PH</td> <td style="text-align: center;">HCV</td> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					Participating PHAs	PHA Code	Program(s) in the Consortia	Program(s) not in the Consortia		No. of Units in Each Program					PH	HCV					
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B.	Plan Elements. Required for all PHAs completing this form.																					
B.1	<p>Mission. State the PHA's mission for serving the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families in the PHA's jurisdiction for the next five years.</p> <p>Our aim is to ensure safe, decent and affordable housing; create opportunities for residents' self-sufficiency and economic independence; and assure fiscal integrity by all program participants. In order to achieve this mission, we will: Recognize the residents as our ultimate customer. Improve PHA management and service delivery efforts through oversight, assistance, and selective intervention by highly skilled, diagnostic, and results-oriented field personnel. Seek problem-solving partnerships with PHA, resident, community, and government leadership. Act as an agent for change when performance is unacceptable and we judge that local leadership is not capable or committed to improvement. Efficiently apply limited HUD resources by using risk assessment techniques to focus our oversight efforts</p>																					
B.2	<p>Goals and Objectives. Identify the PHA's quantifiable goals and objectives that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of low- income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families for the next five years.</p> <p>The Highland Park Housing Authority's (HPHA) quantifiable goals and objectives for the next five years aim to serve the needs of low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families by fostering a safe and supportive environment where families can thrive and enjoy an enhanced quality of life. This will be achieved through the provision of wellness, educational, and health-focused programs. Key initiatives include: - **Policy Updates**: The HPHA will revise its Administrative (ADMIN) Plan to incorporate new INSPiRE regulations, HOTMA provisions, and updates to the Domestic Violence Policy. - **Capital Improvements**: Planned upgrades include repairing sidewalks around Park Terrace and S.J. Kronman properties, as well as removing the outdated rooftop HVAC unit from the Kronman Building. Install 24 new water heaters at Part Terrace Property, Add ventilation system to every unit on the first floor at Kronman Property, update cameras and fire alarm for Park Terrace Property. - **Resident Services**: In response to resident feedback, the authority will explore options to enable online rent payments to improve convenience and accessibility. These actions reflect HPHA's commitment to improving living conditions and providing comprehensive support for its residents.</p>																					
B.3	<p>Progress Report. Include a report on the progress the PHA has made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5-Year Plan.</p> <p>The previous Five-Year Plan include the following goals that have been completed: The completion of the walk-in showers, which included seating capability and sliding shower doors for all 100 senior housing units at the S.J. Kronman building. Also, provision was made for the Project Based Voucher Holders having the opportunity to exercise the option to sign up for the traditional Housing Choice Vouchers at least one year, after attaining the Project Based Voucher via the HUD RAD conversion.</p>																					

B.4	<p>Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Goals. Provide a statement of the PHA's goals, activities objectives, policies, or programs that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.</p> <p>The Highland Park Housing Authority (HPHA) is committed to supporting the rights and protections afforded under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) to applicants and participants in the Housing Choice Voucher Program. The following measures will be implemented to ensure compliance with VAWA and to provide clear communication of its provisions: Information Accessibility The HPHA will make the following information available in its offices, on its website, and upon request: 1. Summary of Rights: A summary of rights and protections under VAWA for applicants and participants who are or have been victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking (refer to Exhibits 16-1 and 16-2). 2. Definitions: Definitions of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking as outlined in VAWA (see Exhibits 16-1 and 16-2). 3. Documentation Requirements: Details on documentation that may be required by the HPHA from individuals claiming protections under VAWA (included in Exhibits 16-1 and 16-2). 4. Certification Form: A copy of HUD-50066, *Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking*. 5. Confidentiality Policy: A statement of HPHA's obligation to keep victim information confidential unless: - Written consent is provided by the victim. - The information is required for an eviction proceeding. - The release is mandated by law (included in Exhibits 16-1 and 16-2). 6. National Domestic Violence Hotline: Contact information for the National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY) (included in Exhibits 16-1 and 16-2). 7. Local Advocacy Contacts: Contact information for local victim advocacy groups and service providers. Participant and Applicant Notifications 1. Participants: - All participants will be notified of their rights and protections under VAWA at the time of admission and during annual reexaminations. - Notices will outline VAWA protections, confidentiality requirements, and provide contact information for local victim advocacy resources. - Assistance termination notices will include a statement regarding termination protection under VAWA. 2. Applicants: - Applicants will be informed of their rights and protections under VAWA upon requesting housing assistance. - Notices will include explanations of VAWA protections, confidentiality requirements, and contact information for local victim advocacy resources. - Notices of denial will include a statement on protections against denial provided by VAWA. Owner and Manager Responsibilities The HPHA will educate property owners and managers on their responsibilities regarding screening and termination policies under VAWA. This will be achieved through: 1. Day-to-day interactions with owners and managers. 2. Inserts in Housing Assistance Payments (HAP), 1099s, and during owner workshops, classes, orientations, or newsletters. 3. Notices in HPHA offices and/or mass mailings, which will include model VAWA certification forms. By implementing these measures, HPHA ensures a robust and supportive framework to uphold the rights and safety of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.</p>
C.	<p>Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.</p>
C.1	<p>Significant Amendment or Modification. Provide a statement on the criteria used for determining a significant amendment or modification to the 5-Year Plan.</p> <p>Presently, there is no significant amendment to the five-year plan.</p>
C.2	<p>Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.</p> <p>(a) Did the RAB(s) have comments to the 5-Year PHA Plan? Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(b) If yes, comments must be submitted by the PHA as an attachment to the 5-Year PHA Plan. PHAs must also include a narrative describing their analysis of the RAB recommendations and the decisions made on these recommendations Yes met with RAB Board. They requested the following was mentioned: -Repair sidewalks -Request to have pay rent online service -Consider additional parking space behind the Kronman Building. -Consider solution for Kronman Building loop in front of building, making it safer for residents, as people still speed through the loop.</p>
C.3	<p>Certification by State or Local Officials.</p> <p>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.</p>
C.4	<p>Required Submission for HUD FO Review.</p> <p>(a) Did the public challenge any elements of the Plan? Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(b) If yes, include Challenged Elements.</p>
D.	<p>Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).</p>
D.1	<p>Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. (Non-qualified PHAs are only required to complete this section on the Annual PHA Plan. All qualified PHAs must complete this section.)</p> <p>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.</p>