

B.	Plan Elements.
B.1	<p>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?</p> <p>Y N <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Resources. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rent Determination. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homeownership Programs. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety and Crime Prevention. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pet Policy. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantial Deviation. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Amendment/Modification.</p> <p>(b) If the PHA answered yes for any element, describe the revisions for each revised element(s):</p> <p>Financial Resources. Annual Contributions by Program: Housing Choice Voucher Program \$205,990,193. Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinators \$429,864. Mainstream Voucher Program \$3,250,892. Emergency Housing Voucher Program \$12,084,649. Total: \$221,755.598</p> <p>(c) The PHA must submit its Deconcentration Policy for Field Office review.</p>
B.2	<p>New Activities. (a) Does the PHA intend to undertake any new activities related to the following in the PHA's current Fiscal Year?</p> <p>Y N <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hope VI or Choice Neighborhoods <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mixed Finance Modernization or Development. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Demolition and/or Disposition. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conversion of Public Housing to Tenant Based Assistance. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conversion of Public Housing to Project-Based Rental Assistance or Project-Based Vouchers under RAD. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Based Vouchers. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Units with Approved Vacancies for Modernization. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Capital Grant Programs (i.e., Capital Fund Community Facilities Grants or Emergency Safety and Security Grants).</p> <p>(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 portion thereof, owned by the PHA for which the PHA has applied or will apply for demolition and/or disposition approval under section 18 of the 1937 Act under the separate demolition/disposition approval process. If using Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs), provide the projected number of project-based units and general locations, and describe how project basing would be consistent with the PHA Plan</p>
B.3	<p>Progress Report. Provide a description of the PHA's progress in meeting its Mission and Goals described in the PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan. See Attachment A B.3 Progress Report</p>
B.4	<p>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.</p>
B.5	<p>Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit. (a) Were there any findings in the most recent FY Audit? Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) If yes, please describe:</p>
C.	Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.

C.1	<p>Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.</p> <p>(a) Did the RAB(s) have comments to the PHA Plan? Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(b) 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.</p>
C.2	<p>Certification by State or Local Officials.</p> <p>Form HUD-50077-SL, <i>Certification by State or Local Officials of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan</i>, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.</p>
C.3	<p>Civil Rights Certification/ Certification Listing Policies and Programs that the PHA has Revised since Submission of its Last Annual Plan.</p> <p>Form HUD-50077-ST-HCV-HP, <i>PHA Certifications of Compliance with PHA Plan, Civil Rights, and Related Laws and Regulations Including PHA Plan Elements that Have Changed</i>, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.</p>
C.4	<p>Challenged Elements. If any element of the PHA Plan is challenged, a PHA must include such information as an attachment with a description of any challenges to Plan elements, the source of the challenge, and the PHA's response to the public.</p> <p>(a) Did the public challenge any elements of the Plan? Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, include Challenged Elements.</p>
D.	<p>Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).</p>
D.1	<p>Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).</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>

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B.3 Progress Report

Goal 1. Open the Housing Choice Voucher Program Waiting List.

- OCHA opened the Housing Choice Voucher Program waiting list during Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/2024
- OCHA's waiting list is currently closed.

Goal 2. Enhance accessibility for disabled and limited English proficient persons.

- OCHA's website was updated with the functionality to support two additional languages, Arabic and Farsi.
- OCHA continued to contract with Language Line Services, which provided interpretation and translation services in 163 different languages.
- OCHA continued to prioritize the hiring of bilingual staff who are competent in reading, writing, and speaking Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese to remove a barrier to information for limited English proficient persons.
- During this FY 2024/2025 we hired thirteen (13) bilingual staff.
- American Sign Language interpreters and the California Relay Service continue to be used to communicate with those who are hard of hearing.

Goal 3. Expand efforts to affirmatively further fair housing.

- OCHA routinely held collaborative meetings with partners for our Special Purpose Voucher programs where we educated partner agencies on the Reasonable Accommodation options available that help to provide choice for persons with disabilities.
- OCHA offered security deposit assistance for participants in Special Purpose Voucher homeless programs who do not have access to other funding opportunities using HOME funds.
- OCHA conducted landlord engagement activities to provide education and outreach to area landlords on the Housing Choice Voucher Program.
- OCHA administered a landlord incentive program offering up to \$1,000 signing bonus for landlords, double security deposits, as applicable, and refrigerator assistance for tenants. The program was intended to complement existing community landlord incentive programs and support voucher holders with limited access to support service dollars.
- Extended search times were provided to allow program participants the time necessary to obtain sufficient information regarding their housing options to make an informed housing choice.
- OCHA is continuing to evaluate its expansion of efforts. Meanwhile, OCHA continues to comply with 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 5.150

Goal 4. Identify and utilize technology to enhance operational effectiveness and efficiency in delivery of housing assistance services.

- Began a pilot program to allow community service providers access to the Assistance Connect portal to upload client documentation.

- All new Housing Choice Voucher Program files continued to be digital.
- All newly created historical records continued to be imaged to prevent creation of physical files.
- The Assistance Connect portal continued to be available for applicant and landlord use to communicate with staff and transmit documents as needed.
- DocuSign seats and Adobe Pro licenses continued to be utilized to eliminate need for original signatures in certain instances.
- Remote Virtual Inspections use was expanded to include Biennial Inspections as well as new move-ins.
- OCHA continued to utilize virtual briefings and electronic reexaminations.
- Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) briefings use the virtual briefing format which allows a broader attendance level and a more interactive experience.
- Support for completion of electronic reexaminations and initial applications using smartphones was provided to encourage the use of technology.
- The public has the option of using the technologies provided but are not required to do so. Appointments for individual service are always available.

Goal 5. Expand the supply of affordable housing by applying for additional housing assistance funding and programs that may become available.

In response to Notice PIH 2024-18 Registration of Interest for HUD-VASH vouchers, OCHA applied for and was awarded 50 HUD-VASH vouchers.

Project Based Voucher (PBV) update:

OCHA entered into a HAP agreement and leased five (5) projects during FY 24/25. Those projects include: Crossroads at Washington, which offered 43 PBV units dedicated to Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) applicants in the City of Santa Ana; Villa St. Joseph, which offered 18 MHSA units in the City of Orange; Pelican Harbor, which offered 33 units, 21 MHSA and 12 for those experiencing homelessness in the City of Huntington Beach; Orchard View, which offered 8 units for those experiencing homelessness in the City of Buena Park; and Salida del Sol, which offered 40 units, 24 MHSA, 10 VASH, and 6 for those experiencing homelessness in the City of San Juan Capistrano.

In addition to the above projects there are four (4) projects in progress which will continue into the next reporting period. In response to Notices of Funding Availability, an additional nine (9) projects are under review. OCHA will continue to explore the use of project-based vouchers as opportunities become available and upon notification of HUD to meet the local need for affordable housing.

Consistent with the PHA Plan and the Administrative Plan, OCHA's project-based activities promote deconcentration, expand housing choice and address the need for long-term, affordable housing. Further, the activities contribute to the achievement of the goals OCHA set forth in Section B.2 of the Five-Year PHA Plan.

Goal 6. Promote Family Self-Sufficiency

- OCHA applied for renewal of its Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinator funding and was awarded \$429,864.
- OCHA routinely conducted recruitment to all Housing Choice Voucher holders and performed targeted recruitment for households participating in the Family Unification, Veteran’s Affairs Supportive Housing, and Emergency Housing Voucher programs.
- In 2024, OCHA invited 2,206 households to attend the FSS briefing using the virtual FSS briefing platform.
- As a result of the FSS program, 8 households increased earned income by obtaining full time employment and stopped receiving public welfare benefits.
- 36 households, including 68 children, participated in a holiday toy distribution event hosted by OCHA in partnership with Operation Santa Claus.