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SCHUYLKILL COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY AGENCY PLAN

2024 – 2028 AGENCY PLAN
NARRATIVE



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AGENCY PLAN NARRATIVE

Background

The Schuylkill County Housing Authority is a Housing Authority created under a charter from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The mission of the Schuylkill County Housing Authority is to promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination. The Authority provides decent, safe and sanitary housing for low-income residents of Schuylkill County, exclusive of the City of Pottsville. The Housing Authority has 609 Public Housing units at nine different sites. It also has a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program of 631 Vouchers. The Authority has a non-profit corporation, Schuylkill County Housing Development Corporation. The purpose is to provide additional housing opportunities to low-income residents of Schuylkill County. There are presently three properties under the auspices of the non-profit, with additional properties to be purchased.

The Public Housing Agency Plan is a plan that informs HUD, residents, and the public of the Schuylkill County Housing Authority's (SCHA) mission for serving the needs of low-income and very low-income families and SCHA's strategy for addressing those needs. The Authority has prepared a 5-year plan (2024-2028) for tenant-based assistance and public housing programs and an annual plan for 2024 to supplement the 5-year plan.

The PHA Plan process was established by section 5A of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.). Section 5A(b) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c-1(b)) was amended by the 2008 Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA), Sections 2701 and 2702, Small Public Housing Authorities Paperwork Reduction Act.

Progress in Meeting Mission, Goals and Objectives

The following summarizes SCHA's quantifiable goals and objectives that will enable SCHA to serve the needs of low-income and very low-income, and extremely low-income families for the next five years. Included in this report on the progress SCHA has made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5-Year Plan.

SCHA Goal: Expand the supply of assisted housing

Objectives:

- Maximize lease-up rates in the Section 8/HCV program subject to budget authority
- Apply for additional rental vouchers:
- Reduce public housing vacancies:
- Leverage private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities:

The Authority has made major improvements to the Schuylkill Haven High Rise to meet the needs of current residents and make the units more marketable, including the replacement of the kitchen cabinets, countertops, sinks and water-saving faucets in 110 units.

The Authority has also worked closely with agencies providing services to those with disabilities which have resulted in expanded services to residents.

The Housing Authority established a nonprofit corporation to expand affordable housing options in the County. During the past several years, the nonprofit has received grants in the amount of \$50,000 from the Schuylkill County Affordable Housing Trust Fund (Act 137) combined with a match of \$120,000 from the Authority, the non-profit corporation was able to renovate three houses that are now being leased to Housing Choice Voucher families. The goal is for these families to become homeowners. The corporation hopes to continue the program with the assistance of additional Act 137 funding, other grants, and by utilizing the sales proceeds when the houses are sold.

- The Authority applied for additional public funds to create additional housing opportunities. Most recently, the authority was awarded an Act 137 grant, in the amount \$50,000 for the removal and installation of new sidewalks consisting of 7,230 square feet; removal and installation of 1,250 lineal feet of curbing; removal and installation of 3,592 yards of new bituminous paving; and 550 lineal feet of bituminous milling and patching for the Shenandoah Family development. In the past, the Authority also received the following Act 137 grants:
- \$60,478 allocated for the Ashland High Rise and Minersville High Rise Roof Replacements.
- \$35,000 allocated to support the Roof Replacement at the Schuylkill Haven High Rise.
- \$39,366 allocated for Ashland High Rise and Shenandoah Family Housing Water Main
- \$40,000 allocated for modernization work at the Minersville High Rise:
- \$39,000 allocated for modernization work at the Schuylkill Haven High Rise;
- \$41,744 which was used in combination with capital funds at the Schuylkill Haven High Rise for the installation of energy efficient improvements to the units and building;
- \$50,000 which was used in combination with capital funds at the Minersville High Rise for elevator modernization; and
- \$20,000 which will be used in combination with capital funds at the Minersville High Rise for the community room renovations.
- \$32,199 used in combination with capital funds at the Shenandoah High Rise for kitchen and roof replacement.

- \$21,117 used in combination with capital funds at the Ashland High Rise for boiler and water heater replacement.

SCHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing

Objectives:

- Rehabilitation of the existing public housing stock in a manner that is sensitive to the need for accessibility to and visitability by persons with disabilities;
- Increase customer satisfaction:
- Maximize the use of Capital Funds and other resources to renovate or modernize public housing units, subject to budget authority and funding levels:
- Improve energy efficiency:

In addition to the improvements noted above, the Housing Authority has upgraded a unit at the Schuylkill Haven Family development to meet ADA standards for persons with disability and installed carbon monoxide detectors in all public housing units in conformance with the Pennsylvania Carbon Monoxide Detector Law.

The Authority has made other significant improvements to sustain the viability and livability of its public housing units and to maximize the ever-shrinking Capital Funds, including:

- Upgraded the fire management systems in all developments including smoke detectors and CO2 detectors as required.
- Installation of new 3" and 6" water mains and laterals serving each unit at the Shenandoah Family Development
- Installation of steel doors at the St. Clair family development;
- Installation of new energy efficient lighting at the Schuylkill Haven family development; installation of energy efficient windows at the Schuylkill Haven family development;
- Elevator upgrades at the Shenandoah High Rise using energy efficient equipment.
- Installation of three modern energy efficient oil-fired boilers along with other energy efficient equipment for the heating and hot water systems.
- Upgrades to 77 bathrooms using energy efficient fixtures.
- Elevator modernization work at the Ashland High Rise using energy efficient equipment. An Act 137 grant in the amount of \$50,000 was awarded and allocated for this work;

- New energy efficient lights have been installed at the Coaldale Development both in all 48 units and the exterior lighting.
- ADA accessible sidewalks and ADA patio furniture – Schuylkill Haven High Rise
- ADA office and community room renovations – Shenandoah High Rise
- Energy efficient lighting and heating system thermostats – Shenandoah High Rise
- Energy efficient windows, community room renovations and ADA office – Minersville High Rise
- Hot water boiler replacement – Minersville High Rise
- Electrical panel modernization – Cass-Minersville Family Development
- Energy efficient lighting at the Cass-Minersville Family Development,
- New kitchens and bathrooms at the Schuylkill Haven Family Development,
- Energy efficient lighting at the Schuylkill Haven High Rise with new windows in the community room
- New thermostats and new windows at the Coaldale Family Development.
- Smoke detector replacement at all developments – all units and common areas.
- Energy Efficiency Lighting Modernization at the Shenandoah Family Development and Ashland High Rise.
- Residential Dwelling Addition at the Schuylkill Haven Family Development – ADA bathroom and one bedroom.
- ADA Renovations to one bathroom at the Schuylkill Haven High Rise.
- Cass-Minersville Family Development – converted two units into a four-bedroom unit.
- Elevator modernization at the Schuylkill Haven High Rise.
- Elevator modernization at the Minersville High Rise
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- d boilers at the Coaldale Housing Development

- ADA sidewalks at Cass-Minersville
- Sewer replacements at Shenandoah Family Development
- New hot water circulating pumps at Ashland High Rise
- New heat exchange and circulating pump at Minersville High Rise

Status: Capital Fund Program is proceeding on schedule.

Capital Fund Program Status as of 07/31/2022		
<i>FFY</i>	<i>% Obligated</i>	<i>% Expended</i>
<i>2019</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>
<i>2020</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>
<i>2021</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>
<i>2022</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>73%</i>
<i>2023</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>11%</i>

SCHA Goal: Increase assisted housing choices

Objectives:

- Increase voucher payment standards
- Provide Project Based Vouchers for the Cherry Street Commons and Frackville Flats LIHTC developments
- Implement voucher homeownership program:

The Authority has also performed the rent reasonableness and HQS inspections for the Emergency Shelter Grant Program through Schuylkill County to ensure consistency with HUD requirements for the Housing Voucher Program.

SCHA Goal: Provide an improved living environment

Objectives:

- Conduct Radon Testing to ensure a safe living environment for the residents
- Implement public housing security improvements:

The Authority completed the Radon Testing, as recommended by the recent environmental review, in its public housing developments with FY 2020 Capital Funds to ensure a safe living environment for the residents.

The Authority is upgrading security cameras at all nine of its family and senior housing developments. The cameras can be viewed via the Internet enabling both the Authority and the Police Departments to monitor activities on the exterior of its buildings. A strong working relationship has been developed with the Schuylkill County Drug Task Force to help eliminate drug activity.

The Authority will evaluate the need to deprogram units with HUD approval, for undercover drug investigative work.

SCHA Goal: Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of assisted households

Objectives:

- Provide or attract supportive services to improve assistance recipients' employability:
- Provide or attract supportive services to increase independence for the elderly or families with disabilities.
- Promote self-sufficiency and assist families to obtain supportive services through the various service agencies with which the Housing Authority has inter-agency agreements.

Food banks have been established and will be continued at all developments for eligible families.

SCHA Goal: Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing

Objectives:

Continue to provide suitable living environments regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or disability. Continue to make special outreach efforts to house disabled persons in handicapped housing through the Anthracite Center for Independent Living. Continue to work closely with Career Link, Schuylkill Community Action, VASH, the REDCo Group, Senior Services, Department of Public Welfare, Service Access Management, Allied Services, Schuylkill MH/MR and LHOT (Local Housing Options Team).

Components of the PHA Plan

Component One: Housing Needs

The first component of the Agency Plan identifies the housing needs of income-eligible families who reside in the jurisdiction served by the Housing Authority, as well as of families who are on the public housing and Section 8 program waiting lists. The component asks for information on categories of income-eligible families, including: families of different income levels, elderly families, families with members with

disabilities, and households of any races or ethnic groups that have greater housing needs than average for the jurisdiction. The final part of this component describes the various strategies the Housing Authority will undertake in the coming year in order to address the needs that have been identified.

Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction/s Served by SCHA

Based upon the information contained in the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) County Profiles, Pennsylvania Comprehensive Housing Study (May 2020) applicable to the jurisdiction, and/or other data available to SCHA, provides a statement of the housing needs in the jurisdiction in the table on the following page.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

SMALL URBAN

	MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME	MEDIAN GROSS RENT	RENT BURDEN	HOME OWNERSHIP
SCHUYLKILL COUNTY	\$53,703	\$710	40.9%	75.2%
STATE AVERAGE	\$63,627	\$958	43.1%	69.0%

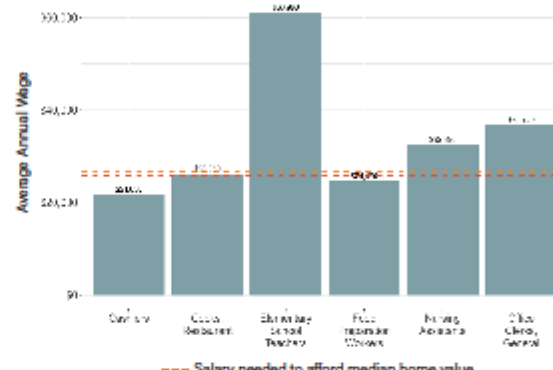


Supply of Affordable Units by Renter Income, 2019



HAMFI* - HUD Area Median Family Income
Source: Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy

Occupational Wages and Housing Affordability, 2020



Source: Center for Workforce Information & Analysis

County Demographics

	2010	2020	% Change	PA Average
Socioeconomics				
Average Household Size	2.3	2.3	-1.7	2.4
Total Population	148,288	141,935	-4.3	12,794,885
Age Under 5 (%)	5.2	4.9	-6.3	5.5
Age 5 to 17 (%)	15.1	14.9	-1.2	15.2
Age 18 to 65 (%)	61.5	59.8	-2.7	61.0
Age 65+ (%)	18.2	20.4	12.0	18.3
Race and Ethnicity				
White (%)	93.7	90.4	-3.5	75.7
Black (%)	2.4	2.7	11.2	10.6
American Indian (%)	0.1	0.1	47.1	0.1
Asian (%)	0.5	0.4	-24.8	3.5
Hawaiian (%)	0.0	0.0	74.1	0.0
Other Races (%)	0.1	0.0	-19.6	0.3
Two or more Races (%)	0.8	1.5	94.3	2.2
Hispanic or Latino	2.4	4.8	100.5	7.6
Disabled (%)	-	18.0	-	14.0
Veterans (%)	13.3	8.9	-33.1	7.2
Families below Poverty Level (%)	8.2	9.0	9.8	8.1
Transportation				
Average Commute Time (mins)	25.0	26.6	6.4	27.1
Commute by Car (%)	92.5	91.8	-0.8	82.6
Commute by Public Transit (%)	0.5	0.5	1.0	5.2
Technology				
Homes with Internet Access (%)	-	79.9	-	84.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

County Housing and Employment

	2010	2020	% Change	PA Average
Housing				
Median Home Value (\$)	106,080	106,100	0.0	187,500
Monthly Rent: 1 Bedroom (\$)	-	518	-	810
Monthly Rent: 2 Bedroom (\$)	-	720	-	984
Vacancy (%)	12.9	16.2	25.6	10.6
Median Year Structure Built	1940	1943	0.2	1963
Housing Units				
Single Family Unit	57,732	58,254	0.9	4,324,764
2 to 4 Units	4,701	4,874	3.7	477,364
5+ Units	4,051	4,088	0.9	691,753
Total Units	69,271	69,965	1.0	5,713,345
Permits Issued				
Total Permits	187	104	-0.4	16,882
Single Family Unit	186	104	-0.4	15,846
Duplex Unit	1	0	-1.0	404
3 to 4 Units	0	0	-	322
5+ Units	0	0	-	310
Employment				
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	5.2	-0.3	5.4
Goods-producing	42,219	57,913	37.2	67,726
Natural resources and mining	35,607	51,528	44.7	61,949
Service-providing	29,981	39,753	32.6	60,756
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,144	39,968	37.1	49,535
Professional and business services	35,755	49,655	38.9	86,971
Education and health services	34,598	44,196	27.7	57,087

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, PolicyMap

Housing Needs of Families on the Public Housing Waiting Lists

The following table represents the characteristics of the families on the Public Housing Waiting List for Schuylkill County:

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Public Housing			
	# of families	% of families	total Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	611		156
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	473	78%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	92	15%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	46	7%	
Families with children	294	48%	
Elderly families	63	10%	
Families with Disabilities	172	28%	
Nondisabled, nonelderly, no children	168	28%	
White – Non-Hispanic	317	52%	
White – Hispanic	94	15%	
Black – Non-Hispanic	119	20%	
Black – Hispanic	15	3%	
Multi-Racial/Non-Hispanic	18	3%	
Multi-Racial/Hispanic	4	<1%	
Unspecified Race/Hispanic	35	6%	
American Indian/Alaska Native/Non-Hispanic	2	<1%	
Unspecified Race/Non-Hispanic	5	<1%	
Asian/Hispanic	1	<1%	
Asian/Non-Hispanic	1	<1%	
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)			
0 BR	5	1%	56
1BR	303	50%	60
2 BR	155	25%	14
3 BR	96	16%	23
4 BR	45	7%	2
5 BR	7	1%	1
5+ BR	0	0	0

Housing Needs of Families on the Section 8 Tenant- Based Assistance Waiting Lists

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Section 8 tenant-based assistance			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	504		124
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	385	76%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	119	24%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	0	0%	
Families with children	248	49%	
Elderly families	63	13%	
Families with Disabilities	155	31%	
Nondisabled, nonelderly, no children	101	20%	
White – Non-Hispanic	269	53%	
White - Hispanic	61	12%	
Black – Non-Hispanic	95	19%	
Black - Hispanic	15	3%	
Multi-racial – Non- Hispanic	14	3%	
Unspecified Race- Hispanic	34	7%	
Unspecified Race-Non- Hispanic	7	1%	
Multi-Racial - Hispanic	3	1%	
American Indian/Alaska Native/Non Hispanic	2	<1%	
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Non-Hispanic	1	<1%	
American Indian/Alaska Native/Hispanic	1	<1%	
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific/Hispanic	1	<1%	
Asian/Non-Hispanic	1	<1%	

Subcomponent C: Strategies for Addressing Needs

SCHA's strategy for addressing the housing needs of families in the jurisdiction and on the waiting list in the upcoming year is described below:

To maximize the number of affordable housing units available to SCHA within its current resources, SCHA plans to:

- Employ effective maintenance and management policies to maximize the number of affordable housing units occupied.
- Conducted Radon Testing to ensure a safe environment for the residents
- Reduce turnover time for vacated affordable housing units.
- Reduce time to renovate affordable housing units.
- Make capital improvements to the current housing stock as funding allows.
- Seek other affordable housing units through mixed finance development.
- Seek affordable housing units utilizing Housing Choice Voucher resources.
- Maintain or increase Housing Choice Voucher lease-up rates by establishing payment standards that will enable families to rent throughout the jurisdiction.
- Undertake measures to ensure access to affordable housing among families assisted by the SCHA, regardless of unit size required.
- Maximize the Housing Choice Voucher lease-up rates and budget utilization subject to budget authority by marketing the program to owners, particularly those outside of areas of minority and poverty concentration.
- Maintain or increase Housing Choice Voucher lease-up rates by effectively screening Housing Choice Voucher applicants to increase owner acceptance of program
- Updated the Energy Audit for all developments to identify short-term and long-term improvements needed to ensure physical and economic viability of SCHA's housing stock.

To increase the number of affordable housing units, the SCHA has or plans to:

- ***Applied for and received 40 Mainstream Vouchers to assist non-elderly families that include a person with disabilities who is at least 18 years old and not yet 62 years old at the effective date of the initial Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Contract. The Housing Authority currently has 146 applicants on its Housing Choice Voucher waiting list who are non-elderly between 18 years of age and under 62 years of age that includes a family member with a disability.***
- **The Housing Authority is a member of the Schuylkill County Response Recovery and Renewal Task Force. The group is made up of leaders in agriculture, business, education, health care, local government, manufacturing, nonprofit, human services as well as state and federal legislative delegates to provide guidance that addresses the County COVID-19 concerns in concert with guidelines provided by the CDC, PA Department of Health and other agencies.**
- **The Housing Authority partnered with Lehigh Valley Health Network and the Pennsylvania Department of Health to assist the elderly, handicapped and families during the COVID-19 pandemic.**
- ***Entered into an interagency agreement with the Pottsville Housing***

Authority authorizing PHA to issue HCV program vouchers within SCHA's jurisdiction in support of Independence Square LIHTC project located in Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County.

- ***Attach Project Based Vouchers to the Cherry Street Commons and Frackville Flats Low-Income Housing Tax Credit development in Frackville.***
- ***Assist other LIHTC Developers with Project Based Vouchers to the extent feasible within the Housing Authority's 20% program baseline.***
- Apply for additional Housing Choice Voucher units should they become available.
- Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed- finance housing.
- Pursue housing resources other than public housing or Housing Choice Voucher tenant-based assistance.
- Explore the use of project-based voucher program to help ensure the viability of mixed-finance projects and other developments.

To target available assistance to Homeless individuals and families:

- Establish an admission preference for chronically homeless applicants who are receiving case management assistance.
- Actively participate in initiatives to end homelessness to assist this population.
- Work collaboratively with community partners such as the Local Housing Options Team (LHOT) to find case management services for disabled formerly homeless individuals in Public Housing and the Housing Choice Voucher Program.
- ***Partner with the Eastern Pennsylvania Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordinated Entry System (CES) to coordinate referral to eligible persons experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness.***
- ***Partner with the Schuylkill County Drug Treatment Court to improve the overall quality of life in the community by providing a court-supervised program for substance dependent offenders that will enhance public safety, reduce recidivism, hold offenders accountable, reduce costs to the community, and ultimately transform offenders into positive, contributing members of the community.***

To target available assistance to Extremely Low-Income families whose incomes do not exceed the higher of the Federal poverty level or 30% of the AMI, the SCHA plans to:

- Employ admissions preferences aimed at families with economic hardships.
- Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work.

To target available assistance to families at or below 50% of AMI, the SCHA plans to:

- Employ admissions preferences aimed at families who are working.
- Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work.

To target available assistance to the elderly, the SCHA plans to:

- Work with local agencies that seek transitional housing for the elderly.
- Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to the elderly, should they become available.

To target available assistance to families with disabilities, the SCHA plans to:

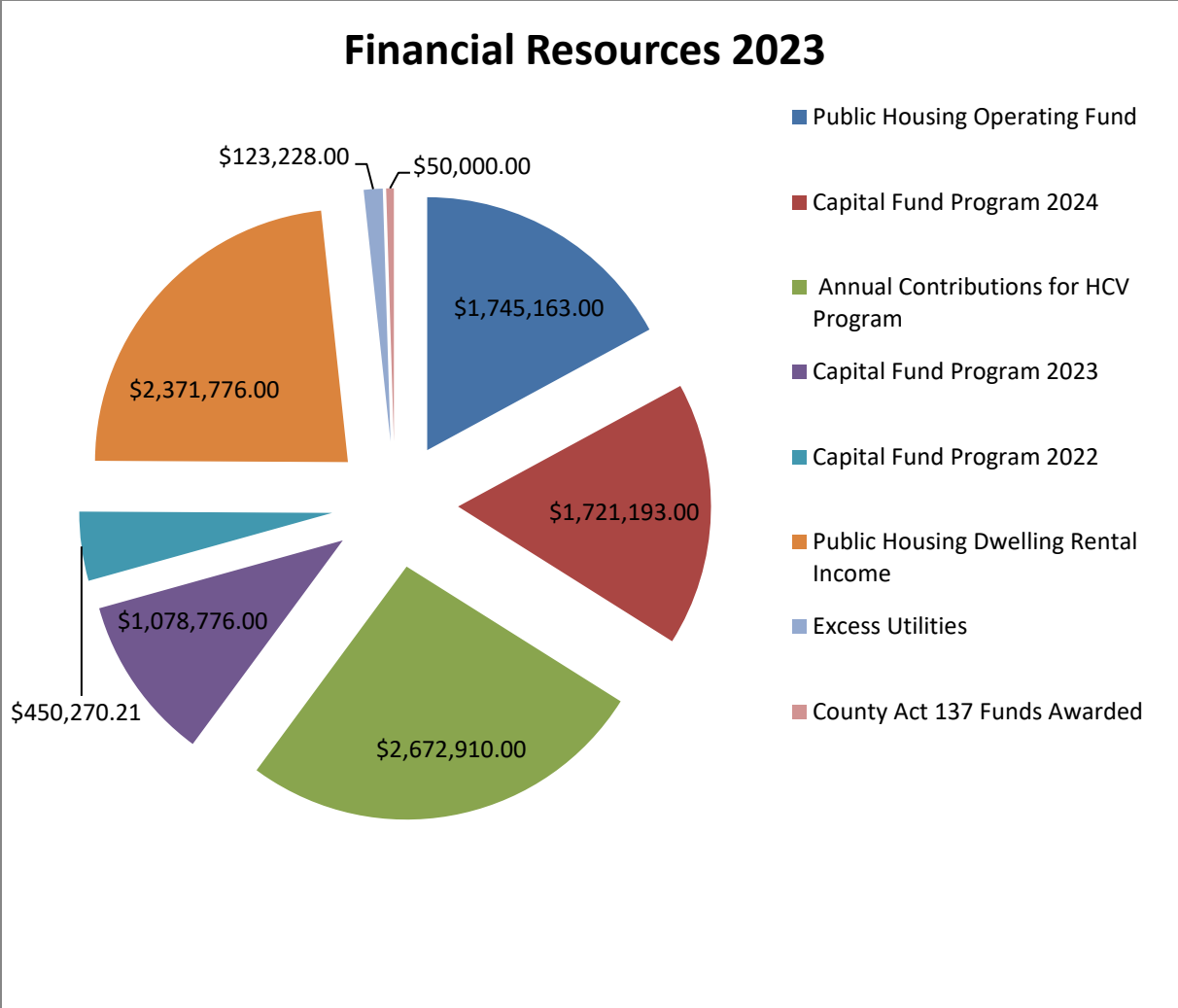
- Carry out the modifications needed in affordable housing based on the Section 504 Needs
- Assessment for Affordable Housing.
- Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to families with disabilities, should they become available.
- Affirmatively market to local non-profit agencies that assist families with disabilities.
- Update SCHA's ADA Needs Assessment and Transition Plan

To conduct activities to affirmatively further fair housing, the SCHA plans to:

- **Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the preparation of the Assessment of Fair Housing in compliance with the requirements for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing found at 24 CFR §§5.150 through 5.180.**
- Counsel Housing Choice Voucher tenants as to location of units outside of areas of poverty or minority concentration and assist them to locate those units.
- Market the Housing Choice Voucher program to owners outside of areas of poverty/minority concentrations.

Component Two: Statement of Financial Resources

In this component, SCHA provides information about the financial resources available to support the housing programs administered by the Authority and described in the Plan.



These include Federal resources such as Public Housing Operating Fund and Capital Fund, and Housing Choice Voucher Tenant-Based Assistance. In addition, SCHA’s financial resources includes public housing rental income, County Act 137 Funding and other income from non-Federal sources.

Component Three: PHA Policies Governing Eligibility

Selection, and Admissions

In this component, the Housing Authority provides information about the various discretionary policies for the eligibility, admissions and occupancy of both public housing and Section 8 tenant-based assistance

The Housing Authority the following is a summary of required changes to the Public Housing Admission and Occupancy Policy and the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan in accordance the updated regulations accordint to the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act (HOTMA).

The Final Rule implementing Sections 102, 103, and 104 of the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA) delivers important benefits to tenants and reduces administrative burdens for public housing agencies (PHAs), multifamily housing owners (MFH owners), and participating jurisdictions. The highlights of the Final Rule are outlined below.

Section 102: Income Reviews

- *Fewer Interim Reexaminations*: HOTMA creates a 10% adjusted income increase/decrease threshold for conducting Interim Reexaminations, and in most cases requires that increases in earned income are not processed until the next Annual Reexamination, allowing families to keep more of their earnings before receiving a rent increase.
- *Streamlined Verifications*: Several provisions will streamline the verification process for housing providers.
 - *Adults Only Need to Sign Consent Form Once*: HOTMA revises the required consent form that all adult household members sign, allowing them to sign the form only once instead of annually.
 - *Use of Income Determinations from Other Programs*: HOTMA allows SCHA to use income determinations made under other federal benefits programs for reexaminations.
 - *Review of EIV Not Required at Interim Reexamination*: HOTMA eliminates the requirement for SCHA to use EIV to verify tenant employment and income information during an interim reexamination, significantly reducing administrative burden.
- *Increased Standard Deduction for Elderly/Disabled Households*: HOTMA increases standard deductions for families with a head, co-head, or spouse who is elderly or a person with a disability.
- *Additional Income Exclusions*: The rule codifies additional income and asset exclusions, including:
 - Amounts received from Medicaid or other state/local programs meant to keep a family member with a disability living at home
 - Veterans' aide and attendant care
 - Distributions of principal from non-revocable trusts, including Special Needs Trusts.
- *Threshold for Claiming Medical/Disability Expenses Increased*: HOTMA increases the allowance for unreimbursed health and medical care expenses from 3% of annual income to 10%, phased-in over two years.

- Higher Threshold for Imputing Asset Income: HOTMA raises the imputed asset threshold from \$5,000 to \$50,000, incentivizing families to build wealth without imputing income on those assets.
- Hardship Relief: HOTMA provides hardship relief for expense deductions, lessening the impact of the increased threshold for medical expenses. HOTMA permits PHAs to grant hardship relief to families unable to pay rent because of unanticipated medical/disability expenses and families who are no longer eligible for the childcare expense deduction.

Section 103: Public Housing Income Limit

- Public Housing Income Limitation: HOTMA imposes continued program participation limits for families exceeding the statutory income limitation in the Public Housing program, also known as the “over-income” provision.

Section 104: Asset Limits

- Asset Limitation: HOTMA imposes a \$100,000 asset limit for eligibility and continued assistance. Families are also ineligible for assistance if they own real property suitable for occupancy. PHAs have the option of delaying enforcement/termination for up to six months if the family is over the asset threshold at the time of annual reexamination.
- Exclusion of Retirement and Educational Savings Accounts: Retirement accounts and educational savings accounts will not be considered a net family asset. This is a major benefit to families, incentivizing savings for important life milestones and opportunities. This will also provide significant administrative relief to PHAs by allowing them to stop verifying and calculating these assets altogether.
- Self-Certification of Assets under \$50,000: HOTMA allows self-certification of net assets if estimated to be at or below \$50,000.

Cross-Cutting

- Adjustments for Inflation: Deductions and the asset limitation will be adjusted for inflation annually, ensuring that deductions do not lose value over time and that families are able to build more wealth without losing program assistance. The current deduction amounts have never been adjusted.

Violence Against Women's Act Update

- Added policies implemented by the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act 2022, including added definitions for Economic Abuse and Technological Abuse, prohibitions against retaliation for reporting, and the right to report crimes from one's own home.

The Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA) statute consists of 14 sections of law that affect the Public Housing and Section rental assistance programs. Section 102 changes requirements related to income reviews and section 104 sets maximum asset limits for both applicants and participants. To comply with HOTMA, SCHA will set its compliance date as early as January 1, 2024, but no later than January 1, 2025 depending on HUD and SCHA's software vendor making system updates and fully converting to making all submissions to HUD's reporting system. SCHA will continue to follow its existing Administrative Plan until the SCHA's software is compliant with HUD's reporting system

The Housing Authority has added an on-line application system to its website at www.schcoha.org to make the application process more accessible to applicants..

Deconcentration Procedures.

Selection Method of the Admission and Occupancy Policy explains that SCHA provides for deconcentration of poverty and encourages income mixing by ensuring that families are housed in a manner that will prevent, to the extent practicable, a concentration of poverty families and/or a concentration of higher income families in any one development. The specific objective of the SCHA is to house no less than 40% of its public housing inventory with families that have income at or below 30% of the area median income by public housing development. In addition, the SCHA will take reasonable actions to ensure that no individual development has a concentration of higher or lower income families in one or more of the developments.

To accomplish the deconcentration goals, the SCHA contemplates taking the following actions:

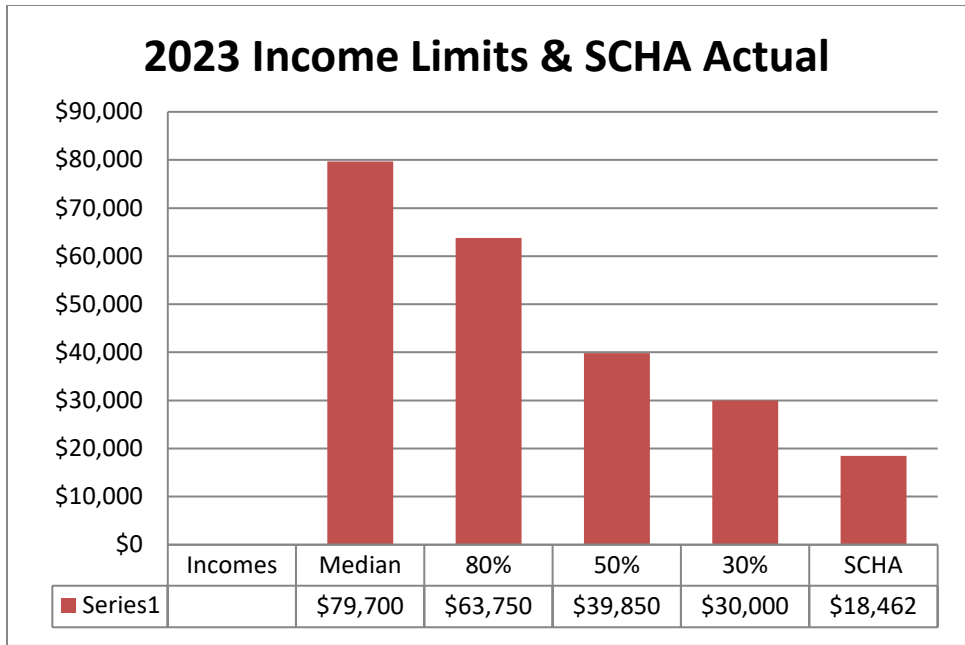
- At the beginning of each SCHA fiscal year, the SCHA will establish a goal for housing 40% of its new admissions with families whose incomes are at or below the area median income. The annual goal will be calculated by taking 40% of the total number of move-ins from the previous SCHA fiscal year.
- Moreover, to accomplish the goals of deconcentration, to the extent practicable, SCHA annually will monitor the average income of all families

residing in all of SCHA's covered developments to determine SCHA's progress in meeting its deconcentration goals and if appropriate, make modifications to address any concerns that arise from the monitoring analysis.

The Regulations indicate that, if all developments have average incomes between 85 and 115 percent of the overall average, then it is presumed that there is no need for further consideration. In the following table, the average incomes at 4 of the 9 developments are within 85 and 115 percent of the overall average and 5 are not. However, when we look at the averages for each AMP, we find that all 3 are within 85 and 115 percent of the overall average.

AMP 1	Units Filled	Total Income	Average Income	% of Average
Shenandoah High Rise	77	\$ 1,168,869.68	\$15,180.13	82%
Shenandoah Family	70	\$ 1,622,589.40	\$23,179.85	126%
Ashland High Rise	50	\$ 764,170.00	\$15,283.40	83%
TOTAL AMP 1	197	\$ 3,555,629.08	\$ 18,048.88	98%
AMP 2				
Minersville High Rise	100	\$ 1,545,846.00	\$ 15,458.46	84%
Cass-Minersville Family	78	\$ 1,540,215.00	\$ 19,746.35	107%
St. Clair Family	35	\$ 725,626.00	\$ 20,732.17	112%
TOTAL AMP 2	213	\$ 3,811,687.00	\$ 17,895.24	97%
AMP 3				
Coaldale Elderly/Family	48	\$ 809,815.00	\$ 16,871.15	91%
Schuylkill Haven High Rise	109	\$ 1,908,817.00	\$ 17,512.08	95%
Schuylkill Haven Family	40	\$ 1,120,273.00	\$ 28,006.83	152%
TOTAL AMP 3	197	\$ 3,838,905.00	\$ 19,486.83	106%
TOTAL ALL AMPS	607	\$ 11,206,221.08	\$ 18,461.65	
Median Income		\$ 79,700.00		

The implementing regulations further indicate that if the average incomes of all family developments are less than the Extremely Low Income level (30 percent of median), then no further action is required even if there is a substantial difference. The 2023 median income for Schuylkill County is \$79,700. HUD has established \$30,000 as the average extremely low income level for Schuylkill County for 2023. The average incomes of all the family developments are below 30 percent of the area median income. The average income of family occupants is 23 percent of the area median.



Waiting List Procedure.

Sections of the Admission and Occupancy Policy outline the SCHA Waiting List Procedure for affordable housing. The SCHA Affordable Housing Program maintains Community-Wide Waiting Lists for all developments. Interested persons may apply for admission to Affordable Housing at the SCHA Administrative Office, 245 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven, PA, at any of the project offices, or may contact the office for a reasonable accommodation.

SCHA maintains separate waiting lists for Housing Choice Voucher Program, as outlined in the Housing Choice Administrative Plan. Interested persons may apply for admission for Housing Choice assistance at the Administrative Offices located at 245 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven, PA when the applicable waiting list is open or may contact the office for a reasonable accommodation.

Component Four: Rent Determination Policies

A family's income is used to calculate the family's rent payment. The SCHA uses the policies and methods described in the Public Housing Admission and Occupancy Policy, as well as HUD regulations, to ensure that only eligible families receive assistance and that no family pays more or less than its obligation under the regulations. Income-based rents are set at the higher of 30% of adjusted monthly income, 10% of unadjusted monthly income, the welfare rent, or minimum rent (less HUD mandatory deductions and exclusions).

The Following is a Summary of SCHA's Rent Determination Policies [24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7(d)]

A. Public Housing

(1) Income Based Rent Policies

The following describes SCHA's income based rent setting policy/ies for public housing using, including discretionary (that is, not required by statute or regulation) income disregards and exclusions:

Use of discretionary policies: SCHA does not employ any discretionary rent-setting policies for income-based rent in public housing. Income-based rents are set at the higher of 30% of adjusted monthly income, 10% of unadjusted monthly income, the welfare rent, or minimum rent (less HUD mandatory deductions and exclusions).

Minimum Rent: SCHA has established \$50.00 as a minimum rent and has adopted the following discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies:

- The family has lost eligibility for or is waiting an eligibility determination for a Federal, State, or local assistance program;
- The family would be evicted as a result of the imposition of the minimum rent requirement;
- The income of the family has decreased because of changed circumstance, including loss of employment;
- A death in the family has occurred; and
- Other circumstances determined appropriate and acceptable by the Housing Authority or the Department of Housing and Urban Development

SCHA does not plan to charge rents at a fixed amount or percentage less than 30% of adjusted income.

Rent re-determinations: Tenants must report changes in income or family composition to SCHA any time the family experiences such changes that may result in an adjustment to rent. Any time a family experiences an income increase above the following threshold amount: interim increase in rent due to a change in income shall only be implemented when the total annual gross income increases three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) or more, except:

- (1) if a new member is added to the lease, an adjustment will be made regardless of the amount of income; or
- (2) if a tenant paying a minimum rent (\$50) obtains income from any source, an adjustment will be made regardless of the amount of income.

SCHA does not plan to implement individual savings accounts for residents (ISA) as an alternative to the required 12 month disallowance of earned income and phasing in of rent increases in the next year.

(2) Flat Rents: In setting the market-based flat rents, SCHA utilizes the Flat Rents approved by the Board which is based on a percentage of the current FMRs to establish a flat rent for each development.

SCHA also utilizes flat rents and ceiling rents, as outlined in Public Housing Admission and Occupancy Policy. Flat rents are market-based rents, which vary by unit size and type and by development location. SCHA has established the Flat Rents for the Public Housing Program effective October 1, 2023 for all new admissions and annual reexaminations with an effective date of November 1, 2023 as follows:

FY 2023-2024 Flat Rents By Occupancy and Unit Bedrooms

		Efficiency	One-Bedroom	Two-Bedroom	Three-Bedroom	Four-Bedroom	Five-Bedroom
ALL	SCHA	\$663	\$663	\$858	\$1,129	\$1,203	\$1,383
Units							

Once each year, only at admission or at the annual recertification, all residents are offered the choice of paying an income-based rent or the flat rent. Flat rents represent the actual market value of SCHA’s housing units. Flat rents provide an incentive for families to remain in affordable housing until they are ready to transition to conventional housing markets or homeownership.

B. Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance

SCHA has established the Payment Standards for the Housing Choice Voucher Program effective October 1, 2023 for all new contracts and annual reexaminations with an effective date of November 1, 2023 as follows:

**PAYMENT STANDARDS-EFFECTIVE 10/1/2023
For 2023-2024 FMRs By Unit Bedrooms**

	Efficiency	One-Bedroom	Two-Bedroom	Three-Bedroom	Four-Bedroom	Five-Bedroom
FY 2023 FMR	\$663	\$663	\$858	\$1,129	\$1,203	\$1,383
Payment Standard	\$663	\$663	\$858	\$1,129	\$1,216	\$1,398

The payment standards are reevaluated annually by SCHA for adequacy. SCHA will consider the success rates of assisted families in locating and leasing affordable housing that meets HQS in its assessment of the adequacy of its payment standard.

SCHA’s minimum rent for the public housing and Section 8 programs is \$50.00. SCHA has adopted a minimum rent hardship exemption policy for residents/participants paying the minimum rent.

SCHA has adopted the following discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies:

- the family has lost eligibility for or is awaiting an eligibility determination for a Federal, State, or local assistance program;
- the family would be evicted as a result of the imposition of the minimum rent requirement;
- the income of the family has decreased because of changed circumstance, including loss of employment;
- a death in the family has occurred; and
- other circumstances determined appropriate and acceptable by the Housing Authority or the Department of Housing and Urban Development .

Component Five: Operations and Management

SCHA maintains its units in accordance with its Admission and Occupancy Policy, Administrative Plan or other governing policy documents, as well as the use of “best practices” prevalent for multi-family housing. As applicable to each housing program, SCHA employs standardized routine and non-routine maintenance protocols, UPCS inspections, Rent Reasonableness determinations, HQS Inspections, Emergency Inspections, Rent Collection, Periodic Pest Eradication Spraying (for owned units only) and Housekeeping practices and policies designed to enhance the livability housing units owned, assisted, or operated by SCHA.

Asset Management. A statement of 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.

The Schuylkill County Housing Authority has adopted an asset management philosophy that seeks to maximize the value of its assets, and guides all decisions for its financial well-being as well as its clients. The Housing Authority’s transformation to asset management, include the following:

Asset Management Plan

1. **Financial Assessment:** Prepare financial assessments of each property based on actual income, repair costs, administrative expenses and utility costs. Monitor income, expenses, and cash flows to track trends in financial performance.
2. **Historical Operating Analysis:** Maintain and analyze the historical operating results for each of the Authority’s asset management properties. Compare the financial performance of each asset management property with indicators from comparable properties in the affordable housing industry. Analyze trends if the property is losing money and develop solutions.

3. **Physical Needs Assessment:** Utilize the recently completed comprehensive Physical Needs Assessment to cure deferred maintenance and physical deterioration. The assessment addresses remaining useful short life components. The PNA identifies functional obsolescence, both curable and incurable and provides information that will assist in the scheduling of future capital expenditures and replacements.
4. **Viability Analysis:** SCHA performed a portfolio evaluation to determine the most appropriate use of each site. Portfolio evaluation is a major asset management planning tool. The Viability Analysis provides SCHA with key benefits to: integrate the physical and financial characteristics of the housing with market conditions to develop highest and best use; evaluate alternative treatments and strategies in light of available resources; and prioritize future actions and clarify strategies going forward.
5. **Energy Performance Audit:** Utilize the recently completed Energy Performance Audit of each of SCHA's public housing developments to reduce utility costs by implement energy cost savings recommendations. Areas addressed in the energy performance audit findings include: reduce operating costs by updating and upgrading the HVAC systems, installing additional insulation and weather stripping where indicated, and installing energy efficient windows, replacing inefficient and wasteful shower heads, faucets, toilets, etc. and revamping lighting and electrical systems with energy/cost saving alternatives.

PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE

1. **Public Housing:** Maintain "High Performer" status under HUD's Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS). Ensure that SCHA properties continue to be managed to the highest possible standards, including thorough and uniform applicant eligibility determination, fair lease enforcement, regular preventative maintenance, prompt responses to maintenance work orders, full occupancy and timely turnover of vacant units, timely and accurate reporting of financial data, and all other components of quality property management and maintenance. Continue implementing "project-based accounting" as required by the new Public Housing Operating Fund rule. Continue to advocate for full funding and program reform.
2. **Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers:** The Authority received a Standard Level of Performance status under HUD's Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP).

The Authority will continue to pursue a High-Performance status in the up-coming year.

3. **Capital Improvements:** Continue renovating public housing properties and making capital improvements which promote fire safety and life safety as well as preserve the asset. Maintain high quality and timely design, bidding and construction. Continue to actively involve residents, staff and the community in planning capital improvements.

EMPLOYEE AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. **Equal Opportunity and Diversity:** Promote and enforce equal employment opportunity and affirmative action. Attract and retain a diverse and qualified work force. Manage workplace diversity by fostering respect for and valuing of diversity.
2. **Employee and Organizational Development:** Promote education, growth and advancement of employees through career planning, training opportunities and other resources. Continue internal rethinking strategies to promote organizational development, continuous improvement, and appropriate responses to budget challenges and program changes.
3. **Safety and Security:** Maintain safety and security at all SCHA housing and work sites for residents, staff and the public. Promote non-violence in all aspects of the SCHA's work. Continue making physical improvements to properties that enhance safety and security.

RESPECTED AND RESPONSIVE COMMUNITY PARTNER

1. **Fair Housing:** Work cooperatively with community representatives and other units of government to ensure non-discrimination in SCHA programs and to affirmatively further fair housing objectives. Promote the value of diversity and respect for differences.
2. **Linking Residents to Community Services:** Promote links to community services through SCHA Community Centers and at other sites to meet the changing needs of SCHA residents, focusing on programs and services that enrich residents' lives, promote independence, increase community involvement and support successful tenancies in public housing. Continue and promote transitional housing and other assisted living programs.
3. **Housing Preservation and Development:** Work with other agencies and organizations to preserve, develop, and/or manage affordable housing and other cooperative and entrepreneurial efforts. Seek out opportunities to produce additional affordable housing with federal resources (such as Replacement Vouchers) and/or other methods.
4. **Leadership Responsibilities:** Continue to advocate for full funding and program reform, including additional reform to HUD's "Asset Management" guidance. Continue to provide assistance to other housing authorities and organizations seeking organizational development, business systems, or program support.

Component Six: PHA Grievance Procedures

The Admission and Occupancy Policy outlines the SCHA's Grievance Procedure for affordable housing applicants and residents. The grievance procedure includes the necessary standards and criteria established for SCHA residents to have a fair opportunity for a hearing or informal conference regarding any SCHA action of failure to act involving residents' lease, rights, duties, welfare, or status.

Component Seven: Capital Improvement Needs

The following Table outlines the Capital Improvement Needs proposed for 2024

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT NEEDS PROPOSED FOR 2024:			
Operations			\$ 430,298.00
Management Improvements			\$ 5,000.00
Administration			\$ 172,119.00
Fees and Costs			\$ 90,000.00
<u>AMP 1</u>			
<u>Shenandoah High Rise</u>			
Replace 10,000 gallon oil tank			\$ 355,000.00
Conversion of two boilers to propane			\$ 40,000.00
Replace two direct-fired hot water tanks			\$ 50,000.00
Install 40 smoke detectors			\$ 1,200.00
<u>Shenandoah Family Development</u>			
Install 200 smoke detectors			\$ 6,000.00
<u>Ashland High Rise</u>			
Install 60 smoke detectors			\$ 750.00
<u>AMP 2</u>			
<u>Minersville High Rise</u>			
Replace lobby flooring			\$ 40,000.00
<u>St. Clair Family Development</u>			
Install 85 smoke detectors			\$ 1,000.00
<u>AMP 3</u>			
<u>Coaldale Housing Development</u>			
Install 75 smoke detectors			\$ 2,000.00
<u>Schuylkill Haven High Rise</u>			
Replace lobby flooring			\$ 80,000.00
Replace air conditioners			\$ 20,000.00
Refurbish and upgrade main electrical Lines			\$ 60,000.00
Replace water lines and plumbing			\$ 367,826.00

	TOTAL	\$ 1,721,193.00	
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The following are the Work Statements for 2025 through 2028

<u>Work Statement for 2025:</u>			
Operations, Management Improvements,			
Administration, Fees and Costs			\$ 697,417.00
<u>AMP 1</u>			
<u>Ashland High Rise</u>			
Replace emergency generator			\$ 255,000.00
<u>AMP 2</u>			
<u>Minersville High Rise</u>			
Install interior security fencing			\$ 100,000.00
<u>Cass-Minersville Family Development</u>			
Replace sidewalks, curbs and stoops			\$ 150,000.00
Replace 160 entrance doors			\$ 365,000.00
Replace 160 Storm doors			\$ 78,776.00
<u>AMP 3</u>			
<u>Coaldale Housing Development</u>			
Replace stoves - 20			\$ 10,000.00
Replace refrigerators - 20			\$ 15,000.00
<u>Schuylkill Haven High Rise</u>			
Replace stoves - 20			\$ 10,000.00
Replace refrigerators - 20			\$ 15,000.00
<u>Schuylkill Haven Family Development</u>			
Replace stoves - 20			\$ 10,000.00
Replace refrigerators - 20			\$ 15,000.00
TOTAL			\$1,721,193.00
<u>Work Statement for 2026:</u>			
Operations, Management Improvements,			
Administration, Fees and Costs			\$ 697,417.00

<u>AMP 1</u>			
<u>Shenandoah High Rise</u>			
Replace stoves - 20			\$ 10,000.00
Replace refrigerators - 20			\$ 15,000.00
Repairs to domestic water lines			\$ 50,000.00
<u>Shenandoah Family Development</u>			
Replace stoves - 20			\$ 10,000.00
Replace refrigerators - 20			\$ 15,000.00
Replace four main electrical transfer boxes			\$ 95,000.00
Replace 140 entrance doors			\$ 75,000.00
Replace 70 storm doors			\$ 30,000.00
Replace 70 electrical closet doors			\$ 50,000.00
<u>Ashland High Rise</u>			
Replace stoves - 20			\$ 10,000.00
Replace refrigerators - 20			\$ 15,000.00
Replace sprinkler flow alarms and heads			\$ 40,000.00
<u>AMP 2</u>			
<u>Minersville High Rise</u>			
Replace patio awning			\$ 83,776.00
<u>AMP 3</u>			
<u>Coaldale Housing Development</u>			
Replace baseboard heater covers - 40 units			\$ 65,000.00
<u>Schuylkill Haven Family Development</u>			
Replace sidewalks - 40 units			\$ 160,000.00
		TOTAL	\$1,721,193.00

<u>Work Statement for 2027:</u>			
Operations, Management Improvements,			
Administration, Fees and Costs			\$ 697,417.00
<u>AMP 1</u>			

<u>Shenandoah High Rise</u>				
Replace lobby flooring			\$	20,000.00
Replace three air conditioning units - office/community room			\$	15,000.00
<u>Shenandoah Family Development:</u>				
Replace outdoor overhead lighting - 20 lights			\$	20,000.00
<u>Ashland High Rise</u>				
Replace lobby flooring			\$	10,000.00
Replace water lines, toilet valves - 50 units			\$	10,000.00
<u>AMP 2</u>				
<u>Minersville High Rise</u>				
Repair and seal brick			\$	80,000.00
Replace four steel doors			\$	8,000.00
<u>Cass-Minersville Family Development</u>				
Underground electric line replacement			\$	50,000.00
Replace outdoor overhead lighting - 20 lights			\$	20,000.00
Replace four main electrical transformers			\$	50,000.00
Install two ADA ramps and railing			\$	10,000.00
Repave three parking lots			\$	75,000.00
Replace roofs - 80 units			\$	60,000.00
Window replacement - 80 units			\$	60,000.00
<u>St. Clair Family Development:</u>				
Underground electric line replacement			\$	70,000.00
Replace outdoor overhead lighting - 10 lights			\$	10,000.00
Replace sidewalks - 35 units			\$	90,000.00
Repave parking lot			\$	35,000.00
Roof replacement - 35 units			\$	40,000.00
<u>AMP 3</u>				
<u>Coaldale Housing Development:</u>				
Sidewalk replacement - 48 units			\$	75,000.00
Repave parking lots - 48 units			\$	20,000.00

Replace underground heating pipes - 48 units		\$ 50,000.00	
Replace entrance doors - 48 units		\$ 27,776.00	
Replace storm doors - 48 units		\$ 10,000.00	
Schuylkill Haven High Rise			
Replace exterior air conditioners		\$ 8,000.00	
Exterior door replacement - 3 doors		\$ 20,000.00	
Repair and seal brick		\$ 80,000.00	
	TOTAL	\$ 1,721,193.00	
<u>Work Statement for 2028:</u>			
Operations, Management Improvements,			
Administration, Fees and Costs		\$ 697,417.00	
<u>AMP 1</u>			
<u>Shenandoah High Rise</u>			
Repair and seal brick		\$ 100,000.00	
Repair and replace 30 windows		\$ 10,000.00	
<u>Shenandoah Family Development</u>			
Roof replacement		\$ 150,000.00	
Replace playground equipment		\$ 45,000.00	
<u>Ashland High Rise</u>			
Replace bathrooms - 50 units		\$ 150,000.00	
Repair and seal brick		\$ 70,000.00	
Replace 50 meter bases		\$ 10,000.00	
<u>AMP 2</u>			
<u>Cass-Minersville Family Development</u>			
Replace playground equipment		\$ 45,000.00	
<u>St. Clair Family Development</u>			
Replace playground equipment		\$ 45,000.00	
Roof replacement - 35 units		\$ 110,000.00	
Siding replacement - 35 units		\$ 150,000.00	
<u>AMP 3</u>			
<u>Coaldale Housing Development</u>			
Roof replacement - 48 units		\$ 138,776.00	

		TOTAL		\$ 1,721,193.00

Component Eight: Demolition and Disposition

Component Nine: Designation of Public Housing

Component Ten: Conversion of Public Housing

Component Eleven: Homeownership

The Housing Authority’s Administrative Plan contains a Homeownership component giving the Authority the option of utilizing its Housing Choice Vouchers if the demand warrants. Currently there are no families participating in the program.

Component Twelve: Community Service and Self-Sufficiency

SCHA has employed a collaborative approach to the provision of programs, services and amenities regarding Community Service and Family Self-Sufficiency activities. SCH A entered into a cooperative agreement with its local Welfare (“TANF”) Agency on to share information and/or target supportive services as contemplated by section 12(d)(7) of the Housing Act of 1937. Other coordination efforts between the SCH A and TANF Agency include: (i) client referrals; (ii) information sharing regarding mutual clients (for rent determinations and otherwise); (iii) coordinating the provision of specific social and self-sufficiency services and programs to eligible families; (iv) other like activities.

In addition, both the Admission and Occupancy Policy and Housing Choice Administrative Plan outline specific guidelines for Community Service and Family Self-Sufficiency Independence initiatives.

Policies or Programs for Economic and Social Self-sufficiency.

SCHA will employ the following discretionary policies to enhance the economic and social self-sufficiency of assisted families:

- Affordable Housing Admissions policies;
- Housing Choice Voucher Program Admissions policies;
- Preferences for families working or engaging in training or education programs for non-housing programs operated or coordinated by the SCH A;
- Preference/eligibility for Affordable Housing homeownership option participation;
- Preference/eligibility for Housing Choice Voucher Program homeownership option participation; and
- Preferences for homeownership units built by SCH A to families who have successfully completed SCH A’s Family Self-Sufficiency and homeownership programs.

The SCHA Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Action Plan describes the policies and procedures for operation of the FSS program. The SCHA FSS Action Plan has been updated and approved by HUD. The FSS Action Plan including procedures concerning the development and approval of the plan, are described in the revised Code of Federal Regulations at 24 CFR 984.201.

Homelessness

The Schuylkill County Housing Authority is an active member/participant in the Local Housing Options Team (LHOT) which is a collaborative of social services agencies and other public and private organizations that serve Schuylkill County and promotes safe, affordable, accessible housing choices for persons with disabilities and homeless persons.

In addition, the Housing Authority has proposed an amendment to the Local Preference Category in both the Admission and Occupancy Policy and Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan to eliminate the following language from the “Resident of Schuylkill County” preference: “Note: Persons residing in shelters or half-way houses are considered temporary residences and therefore do not qualify as a permanent resident of Schuylkill County.”

The Housing Authority will therefore recognize persons residing in shelters or half-way houses in Schuylkill County as qualifying for the “Resident of Schuylkill County” preference.

Other Supportive Service Activities

The Schuylkill County Housing Authority sponsors a Supportive Services Provider Fair at the Schuylkill Haven, Minersville, Ashland, and Shenandoah High Rise developments for the elderly and persons with disabilities. These service providers include:

- *AHEDD*
- *Allied Services*
- *Community Development Block Grant (Fair Housing)*
- *Northwestern Human Services*
- *Nutrition Links*
- *Office of Senior Services*
- *Resources for Human Development*
- *Schuylkill Community Action*
- *Schuylkill Hope Center for Victims of Domestic Violence*
- *Servants to All*
- *Service Access and Management, Inc.*
- *Suicide Prevention Task Force*
- *Supportive Services for Veteran Families*
- *Opportunity House*

In addition, the Penn State Cooperative Extension provides a Nutrition Program at the family developments designed to facilitate positive behavior changes to help build caring, safe and healthy communities. The program provides guidelines for individuals aged 2 and over to improve the quality and content of their diet and lifestyle to lower their risk of chronic diseases and conditions.

Community Service and Income Changes.

SCHA will comply with the community service and treatment of income changes resulting from welfare program requirements in strict accordance with the applicable provisions in

SCHA's Admission and Occupancy Policy, Administrative Plan, Lease and other key program documents.

Component Thirteen: PHA Safety and Crime Prevention

SCHA works closely with law enforcement agencies to ensure the safety of its public housing residents and to promote safety and crime prevention with its public housing developments, including the following:

1. Local police conduct criminal history background checks in an effort to enforce 1 strike policy
2. Local police provide up to date information regarding criminal activity on or near the public housing developments
3. Police cooperation with SCHA in hearings involving drugs and other criminal activities
4. Police cooperate with state and federal (OIG) for local drug and fraud cases involving housing participants
5. Police inform SCHA of registered sex offenders
6. SCHA has installed and updated exterior and interior camera security system in elderly and family developments.

Component Fourteen: Pet Policy

The Public Housing Admission and Occupancy Policy explains SCHA's policies on pet ownership in designated communities. The rules adopted are reasonably related to the legitimate interest of SCHA to provide a decent, safe and sanitary living environment for all residents, and to protect and preserve the physical condition of the property, as well as the financial interest of SCHA. Generally, the rules require that residents: (i) identify all pets, (ii) have pets inoculated and licensed according to state and local laws; (iii) show annual updates on pet certifications; (iv) become subject to increased unit inspections to determine damage to the unit caused by pets; (v) pay a pet deposit; and (vi) ensure that the pet does not become a nuisance to the other residents in the community.

Component Fifteen: Civil Rights Certifications

SCHA is currently updating its ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan and continues to work with local agencies to improve access to its programs and services, through the following activities and actions:

Civil Rights

SCHA 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. SCHA has adopted policies that promote non-discrimination, as outlined in the Public Housing Admission and Occupancy Policy and the Housing Choice Administrative Plan. In accordance to Civil Rights Laws, SCHA prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, disability, handicap, and family status. SCHA policies ensure consistent application of program rules, services, and procedures for all applicants and participants. Further, SCHA ensures that persons with disabilities are provided reasonable accommodation, as described by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

SCHA reviews its policies, at least annually, to identify any impediments to fair housing choice within the programs administered. When it is found that impediments exist, the SCHA revises its policies, redesigns the applicable procedures, and provides training to the staff to address and manage areas of concern or potential exposure.

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing.

SCHA is part of a community partnership which works with the County and advocacy organizations affirmatively to further fair housing by providing training and guidance within the locality. Information is disseminated countywide utilizing local newspapers, radio, television, and other local media. To support the County's commitment to non-discrimination and equal opportunity in housing, the SCHA makes special efforts to assure that housing programs assisted with federal or local funds are made widely known throughout the community.

SCHA affirmatively markets to races and ethnicities shown to have disproportionate housing needs through local service providers. To provide applicants with an alternative form of communication, if required the SCHA procures services from a qualified sign language interpreter, as well as have written materials explained orally by staff either in person or by telephone.

Component Sixteen: Fiscal Audit

Francis J. McConnell, CPA, who conducted an independent audit of the Housing Authority as of March 31, 2023, stated "..., Schuylkill County Housing Authority complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended March 31, 2023."

Component Seventeen: PHA Asset Management

The Schuylkill County Housing Authority management of its public housing developments emphasizes the most cost effective way to operate, manage and maintain its housing portfolio and to provide for present and future tenants and the communities. The Authority has identified 3 Asset Management Properties (AMPs) that are identified as AMP 1 consisting of the Shenandoah High Rise, Shenandoah Family Development and the Ashland High Rise; AMP 2 consisting of Minersville High Rise, Minersville Family Development and St. Clair Family Development; and AMP 3 consisting of Coaldale Housing Development, Schuylkill Haven High Rise and Schuylkill Haven Family Development. The Housing Authority has contracted with Energy Consulting Services to prepare an updated Physical Needs Assessment and Energy Audit for each of its developments which will provide the Authority with framework for the evaluation and prioritization of capital improvements and the long-term sustainability and viability for each development. Upon completion of the PNA and EA, a copy will be submitted to the Philadelphia HUD Office.

Component Eighteen: Other Information

In this component, the SCHA provides information regarding several topics, including its Resident Advisory Board and Resident Membership in the PHA's Governing Board.

Resident Membership on SCHA's Governing Board

Aaron Earlosky (255 Parkway, Apt. 908, Schuylkill Haven, PA) serves as the Resident Member on the Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners.

Resident Advisory Board

SECTION 8

Terry Hafer – 102 Hoffman Boulevard, Ashland, PA 17921

Jodi Scheib – PO Box 542, Valley View, PA 17983

Charles Mims – 54 Wiggan Street, New Philadelphia, PA 17959

Margaret Gerrity – 14 North Nice Street, Apt. 202, Frackville, PA 17931

Lori Kerrigan – 14 East Main Street, Ringtown, PA 17967

Marina Marini – 762 Claremont Avenue, Apt. B, Tamaqua, PA 18252

Renee Arner – 222 East Broad Street, Apt. 804, Tamaqua, PA 18252

Sala Coleman – 68 Lang Street, Apt. 1, Port Carbon, PA 17965

Jacqueline Breeland – 514 East Pine Street, Mahanoy City, PA 17948

PUBLIC HOUSING

16-2 – Coaldale Housing Development:

Joyce Acosta – Unit 313

Eric Ramirez – Unit 319

Shannon Thompson – Unit 338

16-3 – Minersville High Rise:

Polly Petersheim – Unit 1107
Rhonda Weaver – Unit 306

16-5 – Schuylkill Haven High Rise:

Tina Drey – Unit 310
Sarah O'Donnell – Unit 1109
Denise Cresina – Unit 710
Yon Schlear – Unit 810
Aaron Earlosky – Unit 908

16-7 – Shenandoah High Rise:

16-8 Shenandoah Family Development:

Marnie Vargas – Unit 118

16-10 – Cass-Minersville Family Development:

Noel Barber – Unit 690
Jermisha Barber – Unit 690

16-12 – St. Clair Family Development:

16-13 – Schuylkill Haven Family Development:

16-14 – Ashland High Rise:

Patrick Finneran – Unit 510
Joyce Johnson – Unit 404

RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING:

COMMENTS ON ANNUAL PLAN
RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Schuylkill Haven High Rise

November 15, 2023 - 10:00 AM – Six members attended the meeting:

1. Members wanted to discuss background checks.
2. Question about vouchers for Frackville Flats.
3. Question on minimum rent.
4. Minimum rent is too low.
5. Landlord is wonderful. Made so many improvements to building.
6. Need more walk-in showers.

Violence Against Women Act Policy Update

Purpose and Applicability

Notwithstanding its title, this policy is gender-neutral, and its protections are available to males who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking as well as female victims of such violence.

The purpose of this policy (herein called “Policy”) is to implement the applicable provisions of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2022 (“VAWA 2022”) (34 U.S.C. § 12491) and more generally to set forth SCHA’s policies and procedures regarding domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, as hereinafter defined.

This Policy shall be applicable to the administration by SCHA of all its federally subsidized public housing and Section 8 rental assistance programs under the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. §1437 *et seq.*).

Goals and Objectives

This Policy has the following principal goals and objectives:

- A. Maintaining compliance, including training of appropriate staff managing SCHA properties, with all applicable legal requirements imposed by VAWA;
- B. Participating, with others, in protecting the physical safety of victims of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking who are assisted by SCHA;
- C. Providing and maintaining housing opportunities for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking;
- D. Cooperating, with others, in formation and maintenance of collaborative arrangements between SCHA, law enforcement authorities, victim service providers, and others to promote the safety and well-being of victims of actual and threatened domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, who are assisted by SCHA; and
- E. Responding in accordance with SCHA policies and procedures to incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, affecting individuals assisted by SCHA.

Consultation with appropriate stakeholders

“Appropriate stakeholders include but are not limited to, (A) individuals and organizations with expertise in the housing needs and experiences of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking; and (B) individuals and

organizations with expertise in the administration or management of covered housing programs, including industry stakeholders and public housing agencies.

Schuylkill Hope Center for Victims of Domestic Violence Schuylkill Hope Center for Victims of Domestic Violence (formerly known as Schuylkill Women in Crisis) is a private, non-profit organization to provide services to victims of domestic violence in Schuylkill County.

In addition to assisting victims, this agency is working to confront the societal issues that contribute to this problem. The agency provides services to all individuals regardless of gender, especially women and children who are most vulnerable to this problem. These services include, but are not limited to:

- Counseling for individuals and groups related to domestic violence for adults and children.
- Emergency shelter to victims of domestic violence and their children.
- Transitional housing to assist women in becoming socially and economically independent.
- Legal representations, systems advocacy, and courtroom accompaniment for victims of domestic violence.
- 24-hour crisis hotline.
- Community education and prevention presentations.
- Systems advocacy with local policy makers to improve system response to victims.

Schuylkill County Children and Youth Services

SCHA works with the County Children and Youth Services Office to provide the necessary services to help preserve the family unit. The agency will provide temporary, alternative living arrangements for children when necessary, while providing services directed at reunification of troubled families. The Agency's primary concern while providing all services is the safety and well-being of the child.

The Children and Youth Agency provides service to children and families. The Agency offers both In-Home and Placement services.

IN-HOME SERVICES: Service Planning, General Protective Services (Child Abuse), Day Treatment (Operation Plus Program), Homemaker Services, (Individual, Family and Group), Therapeutic Intervention for Families (TIF) and Independent Living Services.

PLACEMENT SERVICES: Foster Care (Specialized and Traditional), Group Home Services (Cloud Home), Contracted Services (Foster, Group and Facility), Adoption Services, Emergency Shelter Services.

Victim-Witness Services, Schuylkill County District Attorney's Office

The Housing Authority also works in partnership with Schuylkill County District Attorney's Office, Victim-Witness Services that offers information on Victims' Rights and Services in the Criminal Justice System and in the Community.

The Schuylkill County Victim/Witness Assistance Program provides services to all victims and witnesses of crime who request such, in accordance and compliance with the Pennsylvania Crime Victims "Bill of Rights," Act 111 of 1998 and the Standards set forth by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The Victim/Witness Assistance Program's goal is to treat all victims and witnesses with respect and dignity and to encourage and support their participation in the criminal justice system to the level and extent they choose however possible.

Definitions as Used in the Violence Against Women Act

The definitions applicable to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) are the following:

Affiliated individual - The term "affiliated individual" means, with respect to an individual--

- A. a spouse, parent, sibling, or child of that individual, or an individual to whom that individual stands in loco parentis; or
- B. any individual, tenant, or lawful occupant living in the household of that individual.

Covered Housing Program(s): For the purposes of this Policy, the term "covered housing program" means: any Federal housing programs providing affordable housing to low- and moderate-income persons by means of restricted rents or rental assistance, or more generally providing affordable housing opportunities, as identified by the appropriate agency through regulations, notices, or any other means, as owned and/or managed by the Schuylkill County Housing Authority (SCHA).

Domestic Violence. -The term 'domestic violence' includes felony or misdemeanor crimes committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim under the family or domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant funding and, in the case of victim services, includes the use or attempted use of physical abuse or sexual abuse, or a pattern of any other coercive behavior committed, enabled, or solicited to gain or maintain power and control over a victim, including verbal, psychological, economic, or technological abuse that may or may not constitute criminal behavior, by a person who-

- A. is a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, or person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim;
- B. is cohabitating, or has cohabitated, with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;

- C. shares a child in common with the victim; or
 - D. commits acts against a youth or adult victim who is protected from those acts under the family or domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction.
- **Economic Abuse.**-The term 'economic abuse', in the context of domestic violence, dating violence, and abuse in later life, means behavior that is coercive, deceptive, or unreasonably controls or restrains a person's ability to acquire, use, or maintain economic resources to which they are entitled, including using coercion, fraud, or manipulation to-(A) restrict a person's access to money, assets, credit, or financial information; (B) unfairly use a person's personal economic resources, including money, assets, and credit, for one's own advantage; or (C) exert undue influence over a person's financial and economic behavior or decisions, including forcing default on joint or other financial obligations, exploiting powers of attorney, guardianship, or conservatorship, or failing or neglecting to act in the best interests of a person to whom one has a fiduciary duty.
 - **Technological Abuse.**-The term 'technological abuse' means an act or pattern of behavior that occurs within domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence or stalking and is intended to harm, threaten, intimidate, control, stalk, harass, impersonate, exploit, extort, or monitor, except as otherwise permitted by law, another person, that occurs using any form of technology, including but not limited to: internet enabled devices, online spaces and platforms, computers, mobile devices, cameras and imaging programs, apps, location tracking devices, or communication technologies, or any other emerging technologies.

Dating violence means violence committed by a person—

- A. who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
- B. where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
 - (i) The length of the relationship.
 - (ii) The type of relationship.
 - (iii) The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Sexual Assault: any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, tribal, or State law, including when the victim lacks capacity to consent.

Stalking: engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person causing a reasonable person to – (A) fear for his or her safety or others; or (B) suffer substantial emotional distress.

Prohibited basis for denial or termination of assistance or eviction

2. **In general:** An applicant for or tenant of housing assisted may not be denied admission to, denied assistance under, terminated from participation in, or evicted from the housing on the basis that the applicant or tenant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, if the applicant or tenant otherwise qualifies for admission, assistance, participation, or occupancy.
3. **Construction of lease terms:** An incident of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking shall not be construed as--
 - A. a serious or repeated violation of a lease for housing by the victim or threatened victim of such incident; or
 - B. good cause for terminating the assistance, tenancy, or occupancy rights to housing of the victim or threatened victim of such incident.
4. **Termination on the basis of criminal activity**
 - A. **Denial of assistance, tenancy, and occupancy rights prohibited** No person may deny assistance, tenancy, or occupancy rights to housing a tenant solely on the basis of criminal activity directly relating to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that is engaged in by a member of the household of the tenant or any guest or other person under the control of the tenant, if the tenant or an affiliated individual of the tenant is the victim or threatened victim of such domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
 - B. **Bifurcation**
 - i. **In general** Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), SCHA may bifurcate a lease for the housing in order to evict, remove, or terminate assistance to any individual who is a tenant or lawful occupant of the housing and who engages in criminal activity directly relating to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking against an affiliated individual or other individual, without evicting, removing, terminating assistance to, or otherwise penalizing a victim of such criminal activity who is also a tenant or lawful occupant of the housing.
 - ii. **Effect of eviction on other tenants:** If public housing agency evicts, removes, or terminates assistance to an individual under clause (i), and the individual is the sole tenant eligible to receive assistance, the public housing agency shall provide any remaining tenant or resident an opportunity to establish eligibility for the housing program. If a tenant or resident described in the preceding sentence cannot establish eligibility, the public housing agency shall provide the tenant or resident a reasonable time, as determined by the appropriate agency, to find new housing or to establish eligibility for housing under another housing program.

- C. Rules of construction:** Nothing in subparagraph (A) shall be construed-
- i. to limit the authority of SCHA, when notified of a court order, to comply with a court order with respect to--
 - I. the rights of access to or control of property, including civil protection orders issued to protect a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; or
 - II. the distribution or possession of property among members of a household in a case;
 - ii. to limit any otherwise available authority of SCHA to evict or terminate assistance to a tenant for any violation of a lease not premised on the act of violence in question against the tenant or an affiliated person of the tenant, if the public housing agency or owner or manager does not subject an individual who is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking to a more demanding standard than other tenants in determining whether to evict or terminate;
 - iii. to limit the authority to terminate assistance to a tenant or evict a tenant from housing program if SCHA can demonstrate that an actual and imminent threat to other tenants or individuals employed at or providing service to the property would be present if the assistance is not terminated or the tenant is not evicted; or
 - iv. to supersede any provision of any Federal, State, or local law that provides greater protection than this section for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

SCHA Confidentiality Requirements – VAWA

All information provided to SCHA regarding domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, including the fact that an individual is a victim of such violence, stalking, or sexual assault must be retained in confidence and may neither be entered into any shared database nor provided to any related entity, except to the extent that the disclosure is:

- Requested or consented to by the individual in writing;
- Required for use in an eviction proceeding; or
- Otherwise required by applicable law.

If disclosure is required for use in an eviction proceeding or is otherwise required by applicable law, SCHA will inform the victim before disclosure occurs so that safety risks can be identified and addressed.

Notification to Applicants and Tenants Regarding Protections Under VAWA

SCHA will provide applicants and tenants with the notifications described in this section of their protections and rights under VAWA.

SCHA will include in all notices of denial a statement explaining the protection against denial provided by VAWA.

SCHA will include in all lease termination notices a statement explaining the protection against termination or eviction provided by VAWA.

SCHA acknowledges that a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault may have an unfavorable history (i.e., a poor credit history, non-payment of rent as a Public Housing tenant, a record of previous damage to an apartment/Public Housing unit, a prior/current arrest record) that would warrant denial or termination under SCHA's policies. Therefore, if SCHA makes a determination to deny admission to an applicant family or terminate assistance to a resident family, SCHA will include in its notice of denial/termination:

- A statement of the protection against denial provided by VAWA;
- A description of SCHA confidentiality requirements; and
- A request that an applicant/head of household wishing to claim this protection submit to SCHA documentation meeting the specifications outlined in the Admission and Continued Occupancy Policy for the Public Housing Program and the Administrative Plan for the Housing Choice Voucher Program with a request for an informal hearing or grievance hearing, whichever is applicable.

Documentation

5. **Request for documentation:** If an applicant for, or tenant of, housing assisted under a covered housing program represents to SCHA that the individual is entitled to protection under subsection (b), SCHA may request, in writing, that the applicant or tenant submit to the Authority a form of documentation described in paragraph (3).
6. **Failure to provide certification**
 - A. **In general:** If an applicant or tenant does not provide the documentation requested under paragraph (1) within 14 business days after the tenant receives a request in writing for such certification from SCHA, nothing in this subpart may be construed to limit the authority of the SCHA to--
 - i. deny admission by the applicant or tenant to the covered program;
 - ii. deny assistance under the covered program to the applicant or tenant;
 - iii. terminate the participation of the applicant or tenant in the covered program; or
 - iv. evict the applicant, the tenant, or a lawful occupant that commits violations of a lease.
 - B. **Extension** SCHA may extend the 14-day deadline under subparagraph (A) at its discretion.
7. **Form of documentation:** A form of documentation described in this paragraph is--

- A. a certification form approved by the appropriate agency that--
 - i. states that an applicant or tenant is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
 - ii. states that the incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that is the ground for protection under subsection (b) meets the requirements under subsection (b); and
 - iii. includes the name of the individual who committed the domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, if the name is known and safe to provide;
 - B. a document that--
 - i. is signed by--
 - I. an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney, a medical professional, or a mental health professional from whom an applicant or tenant has sought assistance relating to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or the effects of the abuse; and
 - II. the applicant or tenant; and
 - ii. states under penalty of perjury that the individual described in clause (i)(I) believes that the incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that is the ground for protection under subsection (b) meets the requirements under subsection (b);
 - C. a record of a Federal, State, tribal, territorial, or local law enforcement agency, court, or administrative agency; or
 - D. at the discretion of SCHA, a statement or other evidence provided by an applicant or tenant.
8. **Confidentiality:** Any information submitted to SCHA under this subsection, including the fact that an individual is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking shall be maintained in confidence by SCHA and may not be entered into any shared database or disclosed to any other entity or individual, except to the extent that the disclosure is--
- A. requested or consented to by the individual in writing;
 - B. required for use in an eviction proceeding under subsection (b); or
 - C. otherwise required by applicable law.
9. **Documentation not required:** Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require SCHA to request that an individual submit documentation of the status of the individual as a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
10. **Compliance not sufficient to constitute evidence of unreasonable act:** Compliance with subsection (b) by SCHA based on documentation received under this subsection, shall not be sufficient to constitute evidence of an unreasonable act or omission by SCHA Nothing in this paragraph shall

be construed to limit the liability of SCHA for failure to comply with subsection (b).

11. **Response to conflicting certification:** If SCHA receives documentation under this subsection that contains conflicting information, SCHA may require an applicant or tenant to submit third-party documentation, as described in subparagraph (B), (C), or (D) of paragraph (3).
12. **Preemption:** Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to supersede any provision of any Federal, State, or local law that provides greater protection than this subsection for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Perpetrator Documentation

If the perpetrator of the abuse is a member of the applicant/resident family, the applicant/Head of Household must provide additional documentation consisting of one of the following:

- A signed statement requesting that the perpetrator be removed from the application or household and certifying that the perpetrator will not be permitted to visit or to stay as a guest in the assisted unit; or
- Documentation that the perpetrator has successfully completed, or is successfully undergoing, rehabilitation or treatment. The documentation must be signed by an employee or agent of a domestic violence service provider or by a medical or other knowledgeable professional from whom the perpetrator has sought or is receiving assistance in addressing the abuse. The signer must attest under penalty of perjury to his or her belief that the rehabilitation was successfully completed or is progressing successfully. The victim and perpetrator must also sign or attest to the documentation.

Perpetrator documentation must be submitted to SCHA within the same timeframe as victim documentation.

Terminating Tenancy of a Domestic Violence Offender

This section does not provide protection for perpetrators of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking. SCHA may terminate assistance to any individual who is a tenant or lawful occupant and who engages in criminal acts of physical violence against family members or others without terminating assistance to, or otherwise penalizing the victim of such violence who is also a tenant or lawful occupant. This authority supersedes any local, State, or other Federal law to the contrary. However, if SCHA chooses to exercise this authority, SCHA will follow any procedures prescribed by HUD or by applicable local, State, or Federal law regarding termination of assistance. When the actions of a participant or other family member result in a decision to terminate the family's assistance and another family member claims that the actions involve criminal acts of physical violence against family members or others, SCHA will request that the victim submit the required certification and supporting documentation in accordance with the stated

timeframe. If the certification and supporting documentation are submitted within the required timeframe, SCHA may bifurcate a lease in order to evict, remove, or terminate assistance to any individual who is a tenant or lawful occupant of the housing and who engages in criminal activity directly related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking against a victim or affiliated individual. If the victim does not provide the certification and supporting documentation, as required, SCHA will proceed with termination of the family's assistance.

If SCHA can demonstrate an actual and imminent threat to other tenants or those employed at or providing service to the property if the participant's tenancy is not terminated, SCHA will bypass the standard process and proceed with the immediate termination of the family's assistance.

Definition of Significant Amendment and Substantial Deviation/Modification to the Agency Plan:

SCHA defines substantial deviation or modification to the Agency Plan as:

- Significant changes to rent or admissions policies or organization of the waiting list except as required by federal and state regulations and laws;
- A substantial change in a goal(s) identified in the Five-Year Plan;
- Significant modifications to major strategies to address housing needs;
- Any change in the planned or actual use of federal funds for activities that would prohibit or redirect the Housing authority's strategic goals of increasing the availability of decent, safe and affordable housing for the citizens of Schuylkill County;
- Additions of non-emergency work items (items not included in the current Annual Statement or Five-year Action Plan) or change in the use of funds that exceeds 20% of the Capital Fund Allocation; and
- Any change with regard to demolition or disposition, designation, homeownership programs or conversion activities.

An exception to this definition will be made for any new activities that are adopted to reflect changes in HUD regulatory requirements, changes in State Law or as result of a declared emergency; such changes will not be considered a substantial deviation or significant amendment or modification by SCHA.

Any significant amendment or substantial deviation/modification to SCHA Plan is subject to the following requirements (including time frames):

- SCHA will consult with the Resident Advisory Board (RAB) (as defined in 24 CFR 903.13);
- The Authority will ensure consistency with the Consolidated Plan of the jurisdiction(s) (as defined in 24 CFR 903.15); and
- SCHA will provide for a review of the amendments/modifications by the public during a 45-day public review period (as defined in 24 CFR 903.17).
- The Housing Authority will adopt the amendment or modification at a duly called a meeting, open to the public, of its Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.
- SCHA will not implement the amendment or modification until notification of the amendment or modification is provided to HUD and approved by HUD in accordance with HUD's plan review procedures (as defined at 24 CFR 903.23).

A Housing Authority may submit a significant amendment or substantial deviation/modification to HUD up until the last day prior to the date when the next year's Agency Plan is due.

Deconcentration Policy

(As contained in the Authority's Admission and Occupancy Policy)

It is the policy of the Schuylkill County Housing Authority (SCHA) to provide for de-concentration of poverty and encourage income mixing by bringing higher income families into lower income developments and lower income families into higher income developments. Toward this end, families will be skipped on the waiting list to reach other families with a lower or higher income. This will be accomplished in a uniform and non-discriminating manner.

The Housing Authority will affirmatively market housing to all eligible income groups. Lower income residents will not be steered toward lower income developments and higher income residents will not be steered toward higher income developments

Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Housing Authority will analyze income levels of families residing in each development, the income levels of census tracts in which developments are located, and the income levels of families on the waiting list. Based on this analysis marketing strategies will be determined and de-concentration incentives implemented

DE-CONCENTRATION INCENTIVES: The Housing Authority may offer one or more incentives to encourage applicant families whose income classification would help to meet the de-concentration goals of a particular development.

Various incentives may be used at different times or under different conditions but will always be provided in a consistent and nondiscriminatory manner.

OFFER OF A UNIT: When a unit becomes available, the Housing Authority will contact the first family on the waiting list who has the highest priority for this type of unit or development and whose income category would help to meet the de-concentration of goal and/or the income targeting goals.

REJECTION OF UNIT: If, in making the offer to the family, the Housing Authority skipped over other families on the waiting list in order to meet a de-concentration goal or offered the family any other de-concentration incentive and the family rejects the unit, the family will not lose its place on the waiting list and will not be otherwise penalized.

STANDARD FORM LLL

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Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1302

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HUD FORM 50070

**Certification for
a Drug-Free Workplace**

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development

Applicant Name
Schuylkill County Housing Authority

Program/Activity/Event/Project/Identifying Funding
Public Housing and Capital Fund Program

Acting on behalf of the above named Applicant as its Authorized Official, I make the following certifications and agreements to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regarding the sites listed below:

I certify that the above named Applicant will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

a. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the Applicant's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition.

b. Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees --

- (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
- (2) The Applicant's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
- (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
- (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace.

c. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph a.

d. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph a. that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will --

- (1) Abide by the terms of the statement, and
- (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

e. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph d.(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee or whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

f. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph d.(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted --

- (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
- (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

g. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraph a. thru f.

2. Sites for Work Performance. The Applicant shall list (on separate pages) the site(s) for the performance of work done in cooperation with the HUD funding of the program/activity shown above. Place of Performance shall include the street address, city, county, State, and zip code. Identify each sheet with the Applicant name and address and the program/activity receiving grant funds.
 SCHIA Main Office-245 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972; Shenandoah High Rise-100 South Main Street, Shenandoah, PA 17876; Shenandoah Family Development-Pioneer Road, Shenandoah, PA 17876; Ashland High Rise-819 Centre Street, Ashland, PA 17921; Minersville High Rise-300 Lewis Street, Minersville, PA 17954; Cass-Minersville Family-North, Carbon, Lewis and Surbury Streets, Minersville, PA 17954; St. Clair Family Development-Cherry Street, St. Clair, PA 17970; Coaldale Housing Development-Ridge Terrace, Coaldale, PA 18218; Schuylkill Haven High Rise-255 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972; Schuylkill Haven Family Development-Fritz Hood Avenue, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17872.

Check here if there are worksheets or files that are not identified on the attached sheets.

I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompanying worksheets, 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. 301, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

Name of Authorized Official Mary Beth Dougherty	Title Chief person
Signature <i>x Mary Beth Dougherty</i>	Date 12/14/2023

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HUD FORM 50071

Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing

OMB Approval No. 2577-0157 (Exp. 11/30/2023)

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Applicant Name

Schuylkill County Housing Authority

Program Activity (Receiving Federal Grant Funding)

Public Housing and Capital Fund Program

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying, in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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, 4910, 1112; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

Person Authorizing Official

Mary Beth Dougherty

Title

Chairperson

Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

12/14/2023

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HUD FORM 50075-HP

Streamlined Annual PHA Plan (High Performer PHAs)	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing	OMB No. 2577-0226 Expires 03/31/2024
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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, 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-HP is to be completed annually by High Performing PHAs. PHAs that meet the definition of a Standard PHA, Troubled PHA, HCV-Only PHA, Small 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 both the most recent Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) assessments.
- (2) **Small PHA** - A PHA that is not designated as PHAS or SEMAP troubled, and 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 HCV's, 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	<p>PHA Name: Schuylkill County Housing Authority _____ PHA Code: PA016 _____</p> <p>PHA Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High Performer</p> <p>PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning: 04/2024: _____</p> <p>PHA Inventory (Based on Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) units at time of FY beginning, above)</p> <p>Number of Public Housing (PH) Units: 609 _____ Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV's): 631 _____</p> <p>Total Combined: 1240</p> <p>PHA Plan Submission Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual Submission <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Annual 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 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 each Asset Management Project (AMP) and main office or central office of the PHA. PHAs are strongly encouraged to post complete PHA Plans on their official website. PHAs are also encouraged to provide each resident council a copy of their PHA Plans.</p> <p>The SCCHA 2024 Annual Plan and 2024-2028 5-Year Plan may be obtained by the public, including updates, at each Asset Management Project (AMP) and the main office of the Authority at 245 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania. SCCHA also provided each Commissioner and Advisory Council member with a copy of its 2024 Annual Plan and 2024-2028 5-Year Plan.</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">Participating PHAs</th> <th rowspan="2">PHA Code</th> <th rowspan="2">Program(s) in the Consortia</th> <th rowspan="2">Program(s) not in the Consortia</th> <th colspan="2">No. of Units in Each Program</th> </tr> <tr> <th>PH</th> <th>HCV</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lead PHA:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <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	Lead PHA:																	
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B.	Plan Elements
B.1	<p>Revision of Existing PHA Plan Elements.</p> <p>(a) Have the following PHA Plan elements been revised by the PHA since its last Annual PHA Plan submission?</p> <p>Y N</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Resources.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Rent Determination.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homeownership Programs.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Safety and Crime Prevention.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pet Policy.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial Deviation.</p> <p><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 element below:</p> <p>(c) The PHA must submit its Deconcentration Policy for Field Office Review. SEE ATTACHED NARRATIVE</p>
B.2	<p>New Activities.</p> <p>(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</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hope VI or Choice Neighborhoods.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mixed Finance Modernization or Development.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Demolition and/or Disposition.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conversion of Public Housing to Tenant Based Assistance.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conversion of Public Housing to Project-Based Rental Assistance or Project-Based Vouchers under RAD.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Based Vouchers.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Units with Approved Vacancies for Modernization.</p> <p><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.</p> <p>Provide a description of the PHA's progress in meeting its Mission and Goals described in the PHA 5-Year Plan. SEE ATTACHED NARRATIVE</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. 1/09/2023</p>
B.5	<p>Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit.</p> <p>(a) Were there any findings in the most recent FY Audit?</p> <p>Y N <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(b) If yes, please describe:</p>
<p>C. Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.</p>	
C.1	<p>Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.</p> <p>(a) Did the RAB(s) have comments to the PHA Plan?</p> <p>Y N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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. SEE ATTACHED AGENCY PLAN NARRATIVE</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 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?</p> <p>Y N <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, include Challenged Elements.</p>

D.	Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).						
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Instructions for Preparation of Form HUD-50075-HP Annual Plan for High Performing 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 Voucher (HCV), 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)(a))

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

B. Plan Elements.

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."

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)(ii))

Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection and Admission: 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 and lower income tenants into higher 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 maintaining 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. (24 CFR §903.7(c))

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))

Homeownership Programs: A description of any homeownership programs (including project number and unit count) administered by the agency or for which the PHA has applied or will apply for approval. For years in which the PHA's 5-Year PHA Plan is also due, this information must be included only to the extent that the PHA participates in homeownership programs under section 8(y) of the 1937 Act. (24 CFR §903.7(k) and 24 CFR §903.12(b))

Safety and Crime Prevention (VAWA). 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; 2) Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by a PHA that helps child and 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, and stalking, or to enhance victim safety in assisted families. (24 CFR §903.7(m)(3))

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

Substantial Deviation. PHA must provide its criteria for determining a "substantial deviation" to its 5-Year Plan. (24 CFR §903.7(y)(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 or discretionary policies 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. 1) A description of any housing (including project name, number (if known) and unit count) for which the PHA will apply for HOPE VI, and 2) A timetable for the submission of applications or proposals. The application and approval process for Hope VI is a separate process. See guidance on HUD's website at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/hops6. (Notice PIH 2011-47)

Mixed Finance Modernization or Development. 1) A description of any housing (including name, 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/hops6/mfph6

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: http://www.hud.gov/offices/vih/centers/sac/demop_dispo/index.cfm. ([24 CFR 903.7\(h\)](#))

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/vih/centers/sac/conversion.cfm>. ([24 CFR 903.7\(i\)](#))

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 Assistance or Project-Based Vouchers under RAD. See additional guidance on HUD's website at: [Notice PIH 2012-32 REV-3, successor RAD Implementation Notices, and other RAD notices.](#)

Project-Based Vouchers. Describe any plans to use HCVs for new project-based vouchers. ([24 CFR 983.37\(b\)\(1\)](#)) 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.

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 980.145\(a\)\(1\)](#).

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

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\(i\)\(1\)](#))

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\(e\)](#))

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 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. ([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.

C.3 Civil Rights Certification/ Certification Listing Policies and Programs that the PHA has Revised since Submission of its Last Annual Plan. Provide 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(c)(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.

D. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing.

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)(3) 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 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. 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.

Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 7.02 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.

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HUD FORM 50075-5Y

5-Year PHA Plan (for All PHAs)	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing	OMB No. 2577-0226 Expires: 03/31/2024
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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-SY is to be completed once every 5 PHA fiscal years by all PHAs.

A.	PHA Information.																																
A.1	<p>PHA Name: <u>Schuylkill County Housing Authority</u> PHA Code: <u>PA016</u> PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning: (MM/YYYY): <u>4/2024</u> The Five-Year Period of the Plan (i.e. 2019-2023): <u>2024-2028</u> PHA 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 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>The SCHA 2024 Annual Plan and 2024-2028 5-Year Plan may be obtained by the public, including updates, at each Asset Management Project (AMP) and the main office of the Authority at 245 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania. SCHA also provided each Commissioner and Advisory Council member with a copy of its 2023 Annual Plan and 2024-2028 5-Year Plan.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PHA Consortia: (Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete table below.)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Participating PHAs:</th> <th rowspan="2">PHA Code</th> <th rowspan="2">Program(s) in the Consortia</th> <th rowspan="2">Program(s) not in the Consortia</th> <th colspan="2">No. of Units in Each Program</th> </tr> <tr> <th>PH</th> <th>HCV</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lead PHA:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <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	Lead PHA:																							
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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>The mission of the Schuylkill County Housing Authority is: To promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination</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>SEE ATTACHED NARRATIVE</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>SEE ATTACHED NARRATIVE</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>SEE ATTACHED NARRATIVE</p>					
C.	Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.					
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>SEE ATTACHED NARRATIVE</p>					
C.2	<p>Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.</p> <p>(a) Did the RAB(s) have comments to the 5-Year PHA Plan?</p> <p>Y N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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.</p> <p>SEE ATTACHED NARRATIVE</p>					
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C.4	<p>Required Submission for HUD FO Review.</p> <p>(a) Did the public challenge any elements of the Plan?</p> <p>Y N <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(b) If yes, include Challenged Elements.</p>
D.	<p>Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).</p>

D.1

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.)

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(e) enacted prior to August 17, 2015. See Instructions for further detail on completing this item.

Fair Housing Goal:

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Instructions for Preparation of Form HUD-50075-5Y - 5-Year PHA Plan for All PHAs

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

- A.1 Include the full PHA Name, PHA Code, PHA Fiscal Year Beginning (MM/YYYY), Five-Year Period that the Plan covers, i.e. 2019-2023, PHA Plan Submission Type, and the Availability of Information, specific location(s) of all information relevant to the hearing and proposed PHA Plan.

PHA Consortia: Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete the table.

B. Plan Elements.

- B.1 **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. (24 CFR § 903.6(a)(1))
- B.2 **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. (24 CFR § 903.6(b)(1))
- B.3 **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. (24 CFR § 903.6(b)(2))
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C. Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.

- C.1 **Significant Amendment or Modification.** Provide a statement on the criteria used for determining a significant amendment or modification to the 5-Year 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 2.

C.2 Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments.

- (a) Did the public or RAB have comments?
- (b) If yes, submit comments as an attachment to the Plan and describe the analysis of the comments and the PHA's decision made on those recommendations. (24 CFR § 903.17(b), 24 CFR § 903.19)

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Challenged Elements.

- (a) Did the public challenge any elements of the Plan?
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D. 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.)

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.

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Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 1.64 hours per year per response or 0.2 hours per response every five years, 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.

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HUD FORM 50077-CR

**Civil Rights Certification
(Qualified PHAs)**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing
OMB Approval No. 2577-0226
Expires 3/31/2024

Civil Rights Certification

Annual Certification and Board Resolution


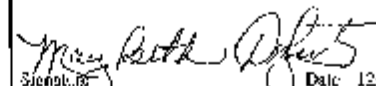
Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Agency (PHA) listed below, as its Chairperson or other authorized PHA official if there is no Board of Commissioners, I approve the submission of the 5-Year PHA Plan, hereinafter referred to as "the Plan", of which this document is a part, and make the following certification and agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024 in which the PHA receives assistance under 42 U.S.C. 1437f as well as 1437g in connection with the mission, goals, and objectives of the public housing 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 (42 U.S.C. 2000d-2000d-7), the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*), and other applicable civil rights requirements and that it will affirmatively further fair housing in the administration of the program. In addition, if it administers a Housing Choice Voucher Program, the PHA certifies that it will administer the program in conformity with the Fair Housing Act, title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other applicable civil rights requirements, and that it will affirmatively further fair housing in the administration of the program. The PHA will affirmatively further fair housing, which means that it will take meaningful actions to further the goals identified in the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) conducted in accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR § 5.150 through 5.180, that it will take no action that is materially inconsistent with its obligation to affirmatively further fair housing, and that it will address fair housing issues and contributing factors in its programs, in accordance with 24 CFR § 903.7(a)(3). The PHA will fulfill the requirements at 24 CFR § 903.7(a) and 24 CFR § 903.15(d). Until such time as the PHA is required to submit an AFH, the PHA will fulfill the requirements at 24 CFR § 903.7(a) promulgated prior to August 17, 2015, which means that it examines its 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 maintains records reflecting these analyses and actions.

Schenck County Housing Authority
PHA Name

PA016
PHA Number/HA Code

I hereby certify that all the information above, as well as any information provided in the accompanying herewith, is true and accurate. Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements, even if they result in minimal administrative penalties. (42 U.S.C. 1401, 1413, 1412, 41 U.S.C. 2029, 2032)

Name of Executive Director: <u>Thomas E. Hite</u>	Name of Board Chairperson: <u>Mary Deft Dougherty</u>
Signature:  Date: <u>12/14/2023</u>	Signature:  Date: <u>12/14/2023</u>

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development is responsible for the information reported to it unless by statute (42 U.S.C. 1401, 1413, 1412, 41 U.S.C. 2029, 2032), or a regulation promulgated the Secretary of HUD in 24 Code of Federal Regulations. In cases in which information is required to obtain a benefit or to retain a benefit, the information requested may be used for the administrative purposes to ensure that PHAs carry out applicable civil rights requirements.

Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 0.15 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Project Collection (0750-0047), Washington, DC 20503.

HUD FORM 50077-ST-HCV-HP

**Certifications of Compliance with
PIA Plan and Related Regulations
(Standard, Troubled, HCV-Only, and
High Performer PHAs)**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing
OMB No. 2577-0226
Expires 3/31/2024

**PHA Certifications of Compliance with PIA Plan, Civil Rights, and Related Laws and Regulations
including PIA Plan Elements that Have Changed**

Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Agency (PHA) listed below, as its Chairperson or other authorized PIA official if there is no Board of Commissioners, I approve the submission of the 5 Year and/or Annual PIA Plan, hereinafter referred to as "the Plan", of which this document is a part, and make the following certification and agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the PIA fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024, 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 PIA is located (24 CFR § 91.2).
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 (AI) to Fair Housing Choice, or Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) when applicable, for the PIA's jurisdiction and a description of the manner in which the PIA Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan (24 CFR §§ 91.2, 91.225, 91.325, and 91.425).
3. The PIA 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 PIA 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 provides assurance as part of this certification that:
 - (i) The Resident Advisory Board had an opportunity to review and comment on the changes to the policies and programs before implementation by the PHA;
 - (ii) The changes were duly approved by the PIA Board of Directors (or similar governing body); and
 - (iii) The revised policies and programs are available for review and inspection, at the principal office of the PIA during normal business hours.
5. 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.
6. 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 (42 U.S.C. 2000c-2000d-4), the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), and other applicable civil rights requirements and that it will affirmatively further fair housing in the administration of the program. In addition, if it administers a Housing Choice Voucher Program, the PHA certifies that it will administer the program in conformity with the Fair Housing Act, title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other applicable civil rights requirements, and that it will affirmatively further fair housing in the administration of the program.
7. The PHA will affirmatively further fair housing, which means that it will take meaningful actions to further the goals identified in the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) conducted in accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR § 8.150 through 8.180, that it will take no action that is material and inconsistent with its obligation to affirmatively further fair housing, and that it will address fair housing issues and contributing factors in its programs, in accordance with 24 CFR § 903.7(c)(3). The PHA will fulfill the requirements at 24 CFR § 903.7(c) and 24 CFR § 903.15(c). Until such time as the PHA is required to submit an AFH, the PHA will fulfill the requirements at 24 CFR § 903.7(c) promulgated prior to August 17, 2015, which means that it examines its programs or proposed programs; identifies any impediments to fair housing choice within these 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 maintains records reflecting these analyses and actions.
8. For PIA Plans that include a policy for site-based waiting lists:
 - The PHA regularly submits required data to HUD's 80088 POCIMS Module in an accurate, complete and timely manner (as specified in PIA Notice 2011-65);

- 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; and
 - 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 903.7(n)(1).
9. The PHA will comply with the prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age pursuant to the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.
 10. In accordance with 24 CFR § 5.102(a)(2), HUD's Equal Access Rule, the PHA will not make a determination of eligibility for housing based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status and will make no inquiries concerning the gender identity, gender or sexual orientation of an applicant for or occupant of HUD-assisted housing.
 11. The PHA will comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and 24 CFR Part 41, Policies and Procedures for Fair Enforcement of Standards and Requirements for Accessibility by the Physically Handicapped.
 12. The PHA will comply with the requirements of Section 5 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Fair Housing, Opportunities for Low- or Very Low Income Persons, and with its implementing regulation at 24 CFR Part 155.
 13. 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.
 14. The PHA will take appropriate affirmative action to award contracts to minority and women's business enterprises under 24 CFR 5.105(u).
 15. 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 53 or Part 50, respectively.
 16. 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.
 17. The PHA will keep records in accordance with 24 CFR 200.333 and facilitate an effective audit to determine compliance with program requirements.
 18. 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.
 19. The PHA will comply with the policies, guidelines, and requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Assistance, including but not limited to submitting the assurances required under 24 CFR §§ 1.5, 3.118, 8.3.0, and 107.25 by submitting an SF-424, including the required assurances in SF-424B or D, as applicable.
 20. 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.
 21. 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).

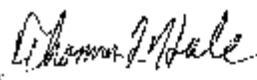
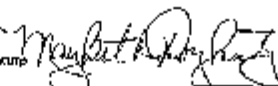
Schuylkill County Housing Authority
PHA Name

PA016
PHA Number/HA Code

Annual PHA Plan for Fiscal Year 2024

5-Year PHA Plan for Fiscal Years 2024-2028

Exactly as filed. This information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompanying attachments, is true and accurate. Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Violation may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1512; 41 U.S.C. 5729, 5832)

Name of Executive Director	Christine J. Hill	Name Board Chairman	Maya Bell-Dompley
Signature: 	Date: 12/16/2023	Signature: 	Date: 12/16/2023

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November 8, 2023

Thomas F. Hale, Executive Director
Housing Authority of Schuylkill County
245 Parkway
Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

Dear Mr. Hale:

The Center for Community and Housing Development has received a request for a Certificate of Consistency with the Pennsylvania Consolidated Plan. The application indicates that the Housing Authority of Schuylkill County manages 609 public housing units and 543 housing units with Section 8 vouchers. Additionally, your housing authority is undertaking appropriate activities to provide housing and support services to very low-income households. The request indicates that the Housing Authority is in full compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Enclosed, please find a Certificate of Consistency with the Pennsylvania Consolidated Plan, executed November 8, 2023.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (717) 720-7404.

Sincerely,

Megan Sieber

Megan Sieber
Center for Community and Housing Development

Enclosures

Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan (All PHAs)	U. S Department of Housing and Urban Development
	Office of Public and Indian Housing
	OMB No. 2577-0226
	Expires 3/31/2024

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

I, Angela Susten, the Director
Official's Name Official's Title

certify that the 5-Year PHA Plan for fiscal years 2024-28 and/or Annual PHA Plan for fiscal
 year 2024 of the Schrylkill County Housing Authority is consistent with the
PHA Name

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


Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Local Jurisdiction Name

pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91 and 24 CFR §§ 903.7(o)(3) and 903.15.

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

Rehabilitation of the existing public housing stock in a manner that is sensitive to the need for
 accessibility to and visitability by persons with disabilities. Resident initiatives, especially those
 aimed at promoting the economic self-sufficiency of public housing residents. Supportive services,
 especially those that support the aging in place of senior residents. Requests for additional Section
 8 vouchers from HUD.

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: <u>Angela Susten</u>	Title: <u>Director, DCED's Center for Community and Housing Development</u>
Signature: 	Date: <u>November 8, 2023</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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