

<b>5-Year PHA Plan (for All PHAs)</b>	<b>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing</b>	<b>OMB No. 2577-0226 Expires 09/30/2027</b>
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**Purpose.** The 5-Year and Annual PHA Plans provide a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the PHA's operations, programs, and services, and informs HUD, families served by the PHA, and members of the public of the PHA's mission, goals, and objectives for serving the needs of low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families.

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

<b>A.</b>	<b>PHA Information.</b>																		
<b>A.1</b>	<p> <b>PHA Name:</b> City of Utica                      <b>PHA Code:</b> NY443  <b>PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning:</b> (MM/YYYY): 04/2025  <b>The Five-Year Period of the Plan (i.e., 2019-2023):</b> 2025-2029  <b>Plan Submission Type</b>    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5-Year Plan Submission    <input type="checkbox"/> Revised 5-Year Plan Submission         </p> <p> <b>Availability of Information.</b> In addition to the items listed in this form, PHAs must have the elements listed below readily available to the public. A PHA must identify the specific location(s) where the proposed PHA Plan, PHA Plan Elements, and all information relevant to the public hearing and proposed PHA Plan are available for inspection by the public. Additionally, the PHA must provide information on how the public may reasonably obtain additional information on the PHA policies contained in the standard Annual Plan, but excluded from their streamlined submissions. At a minimum, PHAs must post PHA Plans, including updates, at each Asset Management Project (AMP) and the main office or central office of the PHA. PHAs are strongly encouraged to post complete PHA Plans on their official websites. PHAs are also encouraged to provide each resident council a copy of their PHA Plans.         </p> <p> <b>How the public can access this PHA Plan:</b> City of Utica website : <a href="http://www.cityofutica.com">www.cityofutica.com</a> and office - Utica City Hall Section 8 Office at 1 Kennedy Plaza 3rd Floor         </p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> PHA Consortia: (Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete table below.)         </p> <table border="1" data-bbox="159 1087 1531 1150"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Participating PHAs</th> <th rowspan="2">PHA Code</th> <th rowspan="2">Program(s) in the Consortia</th> <th colspan="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> <th>PH</th> <th>HCV</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <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	PH	HCV							
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<b>B.</b>	<b>Plan Elements. Required for all PHAs completing this form.</b>																		
<b>B.1</b>	<p> <b>Mission.</b> 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> <b>The PHA's mission is to provide safe, decent and sanitary housing conditions for very low-income families and to manage resources efficiently. The PHA is to promote personal, economic and social upward mobility to provide families the opportunity to make the transition from subsidized to non-subsidized housing.</b> </p>																		
<b>B.2</b>	<p> <b>Goals and Objectives.</b> 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> <b>Increase the availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing PHA Goal: Expand the supply of assisted housing Objectives: Apply for additional rental vouchers: PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing Objectives: Improve voucher management: (SEMAP score) Increase customer satisfaction: PHA Goal: Increase assisted housing choices Objectives: Provide voucher mobility counseling: Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords Implement voucher homeownership program. Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of families and individuals PHA Goal: Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of assisted households Objectives: Increase the number and percentage of employed persons in assisted families: 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. Ensure Equal Opportunity in Housing for all Americans PHA Goal: Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing Objectives: Undertake affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability: Undertake affirmative measures to provide a suitable living environment for families living in assisted housing, regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability: Undertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all varieties of disabilities regardless of unit size required.</b> </p>																		
<b>B.3</b>	<p> <b>Progress Report.</b> 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> <b>Our 5 year plan reinforces our commitment to continue to assist those persons in need to obtain safe, decent, and affordable housing; retain the affordable housing stock while increasing the availability of permanent housing that is affordable to low-income families and have made modifications to meet these goals. Our Administrative Plan includes an option for project-base housing as a tool to promote voucher utilization and expand housing opportunities to very low and extremely low income households in the City of Utica. The City of Utica Section 8 Program has also made several improvements including ensuring compliance with program regulations, overall performance, and continuing to receive a high performer's score on</b> </p>																		

	<p>SEMAP. FSS program: We will continue referrals to workshops that include information on education, employment, childcare needs, transportation needs, credit and homeownership counseling. We have joined with People First (Utica PHA) FSS program to co-chair the 4 required FSS meetings annually to expand outreach of needs and referrals for our FSS participants. We have also in the past and plan to continue to attend informational meetings that will meet throughout the City with neighborhood groups and landlord organizations explaining the Section 8 Program to improve on our goal to market the program, clear up program misconceptions, and to help expand housing opportunities to our program participants.</p>
B.4	<p><b>Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Goals.</b> 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><b>Violence against Woman Reauthorization Act of 2013 Required Statement</b> The PHA approved a Policy on Protections for Victims of Domestic Violence ("VAWA Policy") and related amendments to the PHA's Admission and Occupancy Policies for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. The PHA adopted these policies in compliance with the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA) Amendments of 2013. The Act also requires the PHA to describe in the Agency Plan any goals, 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. The PHA supports the goals of the VAWA Amendments and will comply with its requirements. 1. The PHA will continue to administer its housing program in ways that support and protect applicants and participants who may be victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. 2. The PHA will not take any adverse action against a participant or applicant solely on the basis of action" in this context includes denial or termination of housing assistance. 3. The PHA will continue to develop policies and procedures as needed to implement the requirements of VAWA, and to collaborate with other agencies to prevent and respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking, as those criminal activities may affect applicants for and participants in the PHA's housing program. 4. The PHA's VAWA Policy states that "The PHA will provide notices explaining the VAWA protections to applicants, participants, and to property owners participating in the voucher program." In addition: A. The following activities, services, or programs are provided by the PHA directly or in partnership with other service providers, to child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. The PHA will refer victims to the YWCA Domestic Violence Program. B The following activities, services, or programs are provided by the PHA to help child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking maintain housing. C. The following activities, services, or programs are provided by the PHA to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking, or to enhance victim safety in assisted families.</p>
C.	<b>Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.</b>
C.1	<p><b>Significant Amendment or Modification.</b> Provide a statement on the criteria used for determining a significant amendment or modification to the 5-Year Plan.</p> <p>Any significant amendment or substantial deviation/modification to the PHA Plan will require the City of Utica Section 8 to submit a revised PHA plan that has met the requirements. Significant amendments or substantial deviations/modifications are defined as discretionary changes in the plans or policies of the Program that fundamentally change the mission, goals, objectives, or plans of the agency and which require formal approval. An exception to this definition will be made only for changes that are adopted to reflect HUD regulatory requirements and such changes shall not be considered significant amendments or substantial deviations.</p>
C.2	<p><b>Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.</b></p> <p>(a) Did the RAB(s) have comments to the 5-Year PHA Plan?  Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" 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>
C.3	<p><b>Certification by State or Local Officials.</b></p> <p>Form HUD-50077-SL, Certification by State or Local Officials of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.</p>
C.4	<p><b>Required Submission for HUD FO Review.</b></p> <p>(a) Did the public challenge any elements of the Plan?  Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(b) If yes, include Challenged Elements.</p>
D.	<b>Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).</b>
D.1	<p><b>Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing.</b> (Non-qualified PHAs are only required to complete this section on the Annual PHA Plan. All qualified PHAs must complete this section.)</p> <p>Provide a statement of the PHA's strategies and actions to achieve fair housing goals outlined in an accepted Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) consistent with 24 CFR § 5.154(d)(5). Use the chart provided below. (PHAs should add as many goals as necessary to overcome fair housing issues and contributing factors.) Until such time as the PHA is required to submit an AFH, the PHA is not obligated to complete this chart. The PHA will fulfill, nevertheless, the requirements at 24 CFR § 903.7(o) enacted prior to August 17, 2015. See Instructions for further detail on completing this item.</p>