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 Chairman or other authorized PHA official, I approve the submission of the 5-Year PHA Plan for the PHA of which this document is a part, and make the following certification and agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in connection with the submission of the public housing program of the 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, 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 by examining their programs or proposed programs, identifying any impediments to fair housing choice within those program, addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available and working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement and by maintaining records reflecting these analyses and actions.

Tennessee Housing Development Agency

TN903

PHA Name

PHA Number/HA Code

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	Title
Ralph M. Perrey	$\nabla (1)$	Executive Director
Signature	TOSM frene	Date August 3, 2021

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

I, ____Dhathri Chunduru____, the _____ Director of Research and Planning______ Official's Name Official's Title

certify that the 5-Year PHA Plan and/or Annual PHA Plan of the

_TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY______ PHA Name

is consistent with the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan and the Analysis of

Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice of the

State Of Tennessee

Local Jurisdiction Name

pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91.

Provide a description of how the PHA Plan is consistent with the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan and the AI.

Please see attached plan.

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Name of Authorized Official	Title
Dhathri Chunduru	Director of Research and Planning
Signature	Date 8/3/2021
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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. Form HUD-50075-HCV is to be completed annually by **HCV-Only PHAs**. PHAs that meet the definition of a Standard PHA, Troubled PHA, High Performer PHA, Small PHA, or Qualified PHA <u>do not</u> need to submit this form. Where applicable, separate Annual PHA Plan forms are available for each of these types of PHAs.

Definitions.

- (1) High-Performer PHA A PHA that owns or manages more than 550 combined public housing units and housing choice vouchers, and was designated as a high performer on <u>both</u> of the most recent Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) assessments if administering both programs, or PHAS if only administering public housing.
- (2) Small PHA A PHA that is not designated as PHAS or SEMAP troubled, or at risk of being designated as troubled, that owns or manages less than 250 public housing units and any number of vouchers where the total combined units exceeds 550.
- (3) Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Only PHA A PHA that administers more than 550 HCVs, was not designated as troubled in its most recent SEMAP assessment, and does not own or manage public housing.
- (4) Standard PHA A PHA that owns or manages 250 or more public housing units and any number of vouchers where the total combined units exceeds 550, and that was designated as a standard performer in the most recent PHAS and SEMAP assessments.
- (5) Troubled PHA A PHA that achieves an overall PHAS or SEMAP score of less than 60 percent.
- (6) Qualified PHA A PHA with 550 or fewer public housing dwelling units and/or housing choice vouchers combined, and is not PHAS or SEMAP troubled.

А.	PHA Information.					
A.1	PHA Name: TENNESSEE HOUISNG DEVELOPMNET AGENCY PHA Code:TN903 PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning: (MM/YYYY):07/2021 PHA Inventory (Based on Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) units at time of FY beginning, above) Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs)6,149 PHA Plan Submission Type: 🛛 Annual Submission					
	Availability of Information. In addition to the items listed in this form, PHAs must have the elements listed below readily available to the public. A PHA must identify the specific location(s) where the proposed PHA Plan, PHA Plan Elements, and all information relevant to the public hearing and proposed PHA Plan are available for inspection by the public. Additionally, the PHA must provide information on how the public may reasonably obtain additional information of the PHA policies contained in the standard Annual Plan, but excluded from their streamlined submissions. At a minimum, PHAs must post PHA Plans, including updates, at the main office or central office of the PHA. PHAs are strongly encouraged to post complete PHA Plans on their official website. The documents may be found on the THDA website: http://www.thda.org PHA Consortia : (Check box if submitting a joint Plan and complete table below)					
	Participating PHAs	PHA Code	Program(s) in the Consortia	Program(s) not in the Consortia	No. of Units in Each Program	
	Lead HA:					

В.	Annual Plan.
B.1	
B.2	New Activities
	(a) Does the PHA intend to undertake any new activities related to the following in the PHA's current Fiscal Year?
	Y N □ ⊠ Project Based Vouchers.
	(b) If this activity is planned for the current Fiscal Year, describe the activities. Provide the projected number of project-based units and general locations, and describe how project-basing would be consistent with the PHA Plan.
B.3	Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit.
	(a) Were there any findings in the most recent FY Audit?
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	(b) If yes, please describe:
B.4	Civil Rights Certification
	Form HUD-50077, PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.
	See Attachment.
B.5	Certification by State or Local Officials.
	Form HUD 50077-SL, Certification by State or Local Officials of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.
	See Attachment.

B.6	Progress Report.
	Provide a description of the PHA's progress in meeting its Mission and Goals described in its 5-Year PHA Plan. The THDA is committed to ensuring that every Tennessean lives in a safe, sound and affordable home in a viable community. THDA will continue partnerships with other organizations that provide fair housing services in Tennessee. THDA seeks to provide quality affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities for low-and moderate-income persons through HUD programs. THDA is also committed to increasing the number of outreach and education activities for housing providers about fair housing requirements law, and federal formula grant funding requirements to affirmatively further fair housing. Specific Goals of the THDA Section 8 Rental Assistance Division Housing Choice Voucher Program are:
	 Goal 1- Concentrate on efforts to Secure Stability and Program integrity related to Administering the HCV Program via specific program management functions and efficiencies. Over the past 5 Years THDA has maintained financial stability of the THDA HCV Program. 2020 has proven to be an exceptional year due to budget constraints as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. However, THDA has maintained utilization levels in the HCV program through an effective "maintenance leasing" strategy. THDA also plans to make use of technology via online platforms to increase efficiency in processing, provide ease of use to consumers; and provide additional access to housing opportunities for customers. Program Integrity and Monitoring Objective: Obtain a SEMAP Score of 96 or Higher. Result: THDA maintains the 'High Performer' designation for all SEMAP indicators.
	Goal 2- Increase Supply and Customer access to rental units in the communities that we serve. THDA underwrites an online housing database (http://tnhousingsearch.org) which HCV applicants/participants can access to find affordable rental units. The Thhousingsearch.org website includes a variety of rental properties in locations throughout Tennessee. Over the past five years, THDA has expanded client use of the database and increased the number of regional owner/agents with available rental units who have opted into using the online database.
	Goal 3- Promote Fair Housing Rights and Fair Housing Choice. THDA currently provides and will continue to provide annual Fair Housing training to all Section 8 staff. The training emphasizes recognizing and eliminating discrimination in housing. THDA has and will continue to promote awareness of housing opportunities through the Section 8 applicant briefings, the applicant booklet and on THDA's online platforms (website). THDA has been and will continue to attend the "Tennessee Fair Housing Conferences" held in Tennessee.
	Goal 4- Reduce Discrimination in Housing. THDA personnel assists families with disabled household members and those with special needs gain access to suitable housing opportunities. THDA offers voucher extensions with additional search time if a family is unable to locate a unit that accommodates their special needs. THDA also provides families with contact information to legal aid representatives so that they may file Fair Housing complaints if they believe they have been discriminated against when searching for suitable housing. THDA currently includes the HUD Discrimination Complaint form and an explanation of Fair Housing in the applicant briefing materials. THDA will continue to provide education and awareness of client rights and responsibilities in an attempt to eliminate discrimination.
	Goal 5- Increase participation in Family Self-Sufficiency and Homeownership Programs. THDA currently administers an active Family Self-Sufficiency program with 225 families enrolled. THDA has also increased the number of Homeownership Vouchers to 50+ homeowners. Over the next five years, THDA will strive to increase or maintain the number of families active in both programs.
B.7	Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.
	(a) Did the RAB(s) provide comments to the PHA Plan?
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	(a) If yes, comments must be submitted by the PHA as an attachment to the PHA Plan. PHAs must also include a narrative describing their analysis of the RAB recommendations and the decisions made on these recommendations.

Instructions for Preparation of Form HUD-50075-HCV Annual PHA Plan for HCV Only PHAs

A. PHA Information. All PHAs must complete this section. (24 CFR §903.23(4)(e))

A.1 Include the full PHA Name, PHA Code, PHA Type, PHA Fiscal Year Beginning (MM/YYYY), Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs), PHA Plan Submission Type, and the Availability of Information, specific location(s) of all information relevant to the public hearing and proposed PHA Plan.

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

- B. Annual Plan. All PHAs must complete this section. (24 CFR §903.11(c)(3))
 - **B.1 Revision of PHA Plan Elements.** PHAs must:

Identify specifically which plan elements listed below that have been revised by the PHA. To specify which elements have been revised, mark the "yes" box. If an element has not been revised, mark "no."

Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs. Provide a statement addressing the housing needs of low-income, very low-income families who reside in the PHA's jurisdiction and other families who are on the Section 8 tenant-based waiting list. The statement must identify the housing needs of (i) families with incomes below 30 percent of area median income (extremely low-income), (ii) elderly families and families with disabilities, and (iii) households of various races and ethnic groups residing in the jurisdiction or on the waiting list based on information provided by the applicable Consolidated Plan, information provided by HUD, and other generally available data. The identification of housing needs must address issues of affordability, supply, quality, accessibility, size of units, and location. (24 CFR \$903.7(a)(1) and 24 CFR \$903.7(a)(2)(i)). Provide a description of the PHA's strategy for addressing the housing needs of families in the jurisdiction and on the waiting list in the upcoming year. 24 CFR \$903.7(a)(2)(ii)

Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions. A statement of the PHA's policies that govern resident or tenant eligibility, selection and admission including admission preferences for HCV. (24 CFR §903.7(b))

Financial Resources. A statement of financial resources, including a listing by general categories, of the PHA's anticipated resources, such as PHA HCV funding and other anticipated Federal resources available to the PHA, as well as tenant rents and other income available to support tenant-based assistance. The statement also should include the non-Federal sources of funds supporting each Federal program, and state the planned use for the resources. (24 CFR §903.7(c))

Rent Determination. A statement of the policies of the PHA governing rental contributions of families receiving tenant-based assistance, discretionary minimum tenant rents , and payment standard policies. (24 CFR §903.7(d))

Operation and Management. A statement that includes a description of PHA management organization, and a listing of the programs administered by the PHA. (24 CFR §903.7(e)(3)(4)).

Informal Review and Hearing Procedures. A description of the informal hearing and review procedures that the PHA makes available to its applicants. (24 CFR §903.7(f))

A modification was made the proposed termination process when a HCV recipient's fails to supply documents necessary for the annual recertification of the voucher. The process has be revised to allow staff to continue completing the recertification process when the client supplies the requested information after a proposed termination has been issued but before the Informal Hearing is scheduled. This will allow rental assistance to continue for the assistance to continue uninterrupted for the HCV family. Managers will issue the withdrawal and cancellation of the termination.

Homeownership Programs. A statement describing any homeownership programs (including project number and unit count) administered by the agency under section 8y of the 1937 Act, or for which the PHA has applied or will apply for approval. (24 CFR §903.7(k))

□ Self Sufficiency Programs and Treatment of Income Changes Resulting from Welfare Program Requirements. A description of any PHA programs relating to services and amenities coordinated, promoted, or provided by the PHA for assisted families, including those resulting from the PHA's partnership with other entities, for the enhancement of the economic and social self-sufficiency of assisted families, including programs provided or offered as a result of the PHA's partnerships with other entities, and activities under section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 and under requirements for the Family Self-Sufficiency Program and others. Include the program's size (including required and actual size of the FSS program) and means of allocating assistance to households. (<u>24 CFR §903.7(1)(i)</u>) Describe how the PHA will comply with the requirements of section 12(c) and (d) of the 1937 Act that relate to treatment of income changes resulting from welfare program requirements. (<u>24 CFR §903.7(1)(iii)</u>).

Substantial Deviation. PHA must provide its criteria for determining a "substantial deviation" to its 5-Year Plan. (24 CFR §903.7(r)(2)(i))

□ Significant Amendment/Modification. PHA must provide its criteria for determining a "Significant Amendment or Modification" to its 5-Year and Annual Plan. Should the PHA fail to define 'significant amendment/modification', HUD will consider the following to be 'significant amendments or modifications': a) changes to rent or admissions policies or organization of the waiting list; or b) any change with regard to homeownership programs. See guidance on HUD's website at: <u>Notice PIH 1999-51</u>. (24 CFR §903.7(r)(2)(ii))

If any boxes are marked "yes", describe the revision(s) to those element(s) in the space provided.

B.2 New Activity. If the PHA intends to undertake new activity using Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) for new Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs) in the current Fiscal Year, mark "yes" for this element, and describe the activities to be undertaken in the space provided. If the PHA does not plan to undertake this activity, mark "no." (24 CFR §983.57(b)(1) and Section 8(13)(C) of the United States Housing Act of 1937.

Project-Based Vouchers (PBV). Describe any plans to use HCVs for new project-based vouchers. If using PBVs, provide the projected number of project-based units and general locations, and describe how project-basing would be consistent with the PHA Plan.

- **B.3** Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit. If the results of the most recent fiscal year audit for the PHA included any findings, mark "yes" and describe those findings in the space provided. (24 CFR §903.11(c)(3), 24 CFR §903.7(p))
- **B.4 Civil Rights Certification.** Form HUD-50077, *PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulation*, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan. This includes all certifications relating to Civil Rights and related regulations. A PHA will be considered in compliance with the AFFH Certification if: it can document that it examines its programs and proposed programs to identify any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs; addresses those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available; works with the local jurisdiction to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing; and assures that the annual plan is consistent with any applicable Consolidated Plan for its jurisdiction. (24 CFR §903.7(o))

- **B.5** Certification by State or Local Officials. Form HUD-50077-SL, *Certification by State or Local Officials of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan,* including the manner in which the applicable plan contents are consistent with the Consolidated Plans, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan. (24 CFR §903.15)
- **B.6** Progress Report. For all Annual Plans following submission of the first Annual Plan, a PHA must include a brief statement of the PHA's progress in meeting the mission and goals described in the 5-Year PHA Plan. (24 CFR §903.11(c)(3), 24 CFR §903.7(r)(1))
- **B.7** Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments. If the RAB provided comments to the annual plan, mark "yes," submit the comments as an attachment to the Plan and describe the analysis of the comments and the PHA's decision made on these recommendations. (24 CFR §903.13(c), 24 CFR §903.19)

This information collection is authorized by Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act, which added a new section 5A to the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, which introduced the Annual PHA Plan. The Annual PHA Plan provides a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the PHA's operations, programs, and services, and informs HUD, families served by the PHA, and members of the public for serving the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families.

Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 4.5 hour 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.

Privacy Act Notice. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to solicit the information requested in this form by virtue of Title 12, U.S. Code, Section 1701 et seq., and regulations promulgated thereunder at Title 12, Code of Federal Regulations. Responses to the collection of information are required to obtain a benefit or to retain a benefit. The information requested does not lend itself to confidentiality



U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Nashville Field Office Office of Public Housing 700 Broadway Nashville, TN 37203

August 10, 2021

Jeboria Scott Director of Section 8 Rental Assistance Tennessee Housing Development Agency Andrew Jackson Building Third Floor 502 Deaderick Street Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Ms. Scott:

SUBJECT: Tennessee Housing Development Agency (TN903) 2021 Streamlined Annual PHA Plan

Thank you for the submission of the 2021 Streamlined Annual PHA Plan for Tennessee Housing Development Agency. The Plan has been reviewed and approved, effective July 1, 2021. This approval does not constitute an endorsement of the strategies and policies outlined in the Plan.

In the administration of housing programs covered by the Plan, the PHA agrees to comply with the rules, standards, and policies established in its approved Plan, as provided in 24 CFR Part 903 and other applicable regulations. The approved Plan and all required attachments and documents must be made available for review and inspection at the principal office of the PHA during normal business hours.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Ann L. Akbari, Portfolio Management Specialist, at (615) 515-8526 or via email at <u>Ann.L.Akbari@hud.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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William L. Biggs, Director Office of Public Housing Knoxville/Memphis/Nashville Field Offices