

<b>Streamlined Annual PHA Plan (HCV Only PHAs)</b>	<b>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing</b>	<b>OMB No. 2577-0226 Expires 02/29/2016</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.** 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 do not 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 both 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.

<b>A.</b>	<b>PHA Information.</b>				
A.1	<b>PHA Name:</b> _____ <b>PHA Code:</b> _____ <b>PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning:</b> (MM/YYYY): _____ <b>PHA Inventory</b> (Based on Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) units at time of FY beginning, above) <b>Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs)</b> _____ <b>PHA Plan Submission Type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Submission <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Annual Submission				
<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 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.</p>					
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>PHA Consortia:</b> (Check box if submitting a joint Plan and complete table below)					
	<b>Participating PHAs</b>	<b>PHA Code</b>	<b>Program(s) in the Consortia</b>	<b>Program(s) not in the Consortia</b>	<b>No. of Units in Each Program</b>
	Lead HA:				

<b>B. Annual Plan.</b>	
<b>B.1</b>	<p><b>Revision of PHA Plan Elements.</b></p> <p>(a) Have the following PHA Plan elements been revised by the PHA since its last Annual Plan submission? Y N</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs.  <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions.  <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Resources.  <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Rent Determination.  <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Operation and Management.  <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Informal Review and Hearing Procedures.  <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Homeownership Programs.  <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs and Treatment of Income Changes Resulting from Welfare Program Requirements.  <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial Deviation.  <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Amendment/Modification.</p> <p>(b) If the PHA answered yes for any element, describe the revisions for each element(s):</p>
<b>B.2</b>	<p><b>New Activities</b></p> <p>(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. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(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.</p>
<b>B.3</b>	<p><b>Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit.</b></p> <p>(a) Were there any findings in the most recent FY Audit? Y N N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(b) If yes, please describe:</p>
<b>B.4</b>	<p><b>Civil Rights Certification</b>  <a href="#">Form HUD-50077</a> 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.</p>
<b>B.5</b>	<p><b>Certification by State or Local Officials.</b>  <a href="#">Form HUD 50077-SL</a> 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>
<b>B.6</b>	<p><b>Progress Report.</b>  Provide a description of the PHA's progress in meeting its Mission and Goals described in its 5-Year PHA Plan.</p>
<b>B.7</b>	<p><b>Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.</b></p> <p>(a) Did the RAB(s) provide comments to the PHA Plan? Y N <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(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.</p>

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

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## 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\(f\)](#))

**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. ([24 CFR §903.7\(l\)\(i\)](#)) 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. ([24 CFR §903.7\(l\)\(iii\)](#)).

**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: [Notice PIH 1999-51](#). ([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](#))

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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

**B.1 Housing Needs and Strategies to address Housing Needs.**

No significant deviations from the last year’s submission. The Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority (HRHA) has identified through its independent market analysis a need for increase homeownership and housing for the special needs population(homeless, elderly, persons with disabilities). These will continue to be the priority activities for the coming year.

In partnership with the City of Harrisonburg, and other community stakeholders, HRHA launched a down-payment assistance (DPA) program which will target the low-and-moderate (LMI) income individuals, beginning July 1, 2018. Through a CDBG grant and HRHA funds, this DPA program will provide down payment and closing cost assistance for up to six LMI individuals and households purchasing a home in the City of Harrisonburg. Along with providing financial assistance, the DPA program will offer assistance on improving income and credit, connect clients to VHDA’s homeownership class, and support a website dedicated to providing homeownership and housing information for area individuals and families. In pursuit of these homeownership initiatives, HRHA will continue its preference for intellectual disabled and developmental delayed disabled consistent with its HUD approval in 2015. Currently, one household has purchased a home through the program and

HRHA is a collaborative partner with the City of Harrisonburg in submitting its joint 5 Year Affirmative Furthering Fair Housing Plan. This will modify some of the Authority's strategies to addressing housing needs including prioritizing a homeownership program for LMI individuals and families, housing for the special needs (homeless, elderly, persons with disabilities), and increase fair housing outreach activities. HRHA staff participate in fair housing trainings annually, to stay up to date with new information and requirements.

HRHA continues to serve families and individuals in the very low to extremely low income range through the Authority’s Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, which currently provides 883 housing assistance vouchers. This past year, in reviewing the waitlist numbers, it became clear that the demand for housing assistance is high in the Harrisonburg-Rockingham County area. HRHA’s waitlist is currently open and accepting applicants, and recognizing the high interests from members of the community to receive housing assistance, HRHA plans to submit an application to increase the number of Mainstream Vouchers up to 50 additional vouchers. Last year, HRHA received 25 additional Mainstream Vouchers that are currently (60 %) utilized. The application process for this voucher program is still underway with a submission deadline of September 5. For further information, view the waitlist statistics chart (Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List) below.

### Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List

Waiting list type: (select one)

- Section 8 tenant-based assistance
- Public Housing
- Combined Section 8 and Public Housing
- Public Housing Site-Based or sub-jurisdictional waiting list (optional)

If used, identify which development/sub-jurisdiction:

	# of households	% of total households	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total (06/30/2019)	2,371		91 (7/1/18 to 6/30/19)
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	1,912	80.64	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	305	12.86	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	105	4.43	
Households with children	1,431	60.35	
Elderly households	123	5.19	
Households with Disabilities	610	25.73	
Race – White	866	36.52	
Race - African American	1282	54.07	
Race – Other	223	9.41	
Ethnicity – Hispanic	283	11.94	
Ethnicity – Non-Hispanic	2049	86.42	

Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)	N/A	N/A	N/A
1BR			
2 BR			
3 BR			
4 BR			
5 BR			
5+ BR			

Is the waiting list opened (select one)?  No  Yes

If yes:

How long has it been opened (# of months)? Open for 8 months

Does the PHA expect to close the list in the PHA Plan year?  No  Yes

Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed?

No  Yes **(Only for Family Unification Program households, referred by the Department of Social Services, and Non-Elderly Disabled Program households, referred by the Community Services Board or Valley Associates for Independent Living, transitioning from institutions into the community.)**

## **B.2 New Activities**

In 2019, HRHA approached the Board of Commissioners about applying for the Move to Work (MTW) program. Following approval of the application, HRHA submitted an application to HUD and received notification in July 2019 that HRHA was eligible and included in the MTW lottery. Once the notification of selection is received, HRHA will coordinate with staff and stakeholder to develop MTW goals and objectives, as well as project timeline and work activities. HRHA has set a tentative Spring 2020 date for beginning this process.

To continue addressing the issues of affordable housing and its connection to homelessness, in 2019 HRHA became the lead agency for the Western Virginia Continuum of Care (CoC) program. Under this program, HRHA hosts and directs two CoC staff, the CoC Coordinator and HMIS Coordinator. HRHA leads the grant process for both the federal CoC grant and state Virginia Homeless Solutions Program (VHSP) grant, which provides funding for housing and prevention assistance, shelter operations, outreach, coordinated entry, and HMIS throughout the Western Virginia CoC. These programs serve the most vulnerable individuals and work to address homelessness in the regions communities.

As part of HRHA's commitment to community development, the Agency is partnering with the City of Harrisonburg to provide a homebuyer assistance program. This initiative will serve the City of Harrisonburg community, by boosting homeownership and community in neighborhoods throughout the city, as well as providing resources on homeownership. The program official launched on July 1, 2018. As of August 2019, one individual purchased a home in the city, through the homebuyer assistance program. HRHA continues to work with eligible individuals in moving towards their goal of purchasing a home within the City limits.

Following the results from the annual Point-in-Time count and looking at the data over the past few years, HRHA updated the HCV Administrative Plan in August 2016 to include administrative preference for those individuals and families who are homeless or housed in substandard living conditions. HRHA also updated its project-based voucher program to comply with the rental assistance guidelines for HOPWA recipients.

## **B.3 Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit**

The 2018 audit has not been received however during the exit interview the auditors identifying three findings. These findings as reported are the SEMAP Indicator for HQS QC Inspections not being completed, Earned Income Verifications (EIV) for HCV program participants was not within the program files, and procurement contract files did not have the federal disbarment documentation. HRHA has submitted its corrective action plan to HUD for the SEMAP deficit, is currently updating its procedures and forms to address the EIV finding, and is centralizing its procurement processes and updating its procurement policies and procedures to ensure disbarment documentation is included in the contract folder through use of a procurement checklist.

## **B.4 Civil Rights Certification**

See attached document.

## **B.5 Certification by State or Local Officials**

See attached document.

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5 Year Plan: 2020-2024

## B.6 Progress Report

From 2014-2019, the Authority successfully met or exceeded its 5 year and annual goals. Accomplishments include the following:

### 1. Promote Adequate and Affordable Housing

- Provided subsidized housing for very low and extremely low families through 129 units of project based at Franklin Heights, 60 units of elderly and disabled at JR Polly Lineweaver, 60 units for elderly disabled at Lineweaver Annex and 30 unit permanent supportive housing at Commerce Village
  - Effective July 1, 2014, the Authority adopted a smoke-free policy for all of its 249 units of subsidized, affordable housing and its Administrative Office(s).
  - Received certificate of occupancy in January 2016 and full lease up of the units in May 2016 of Commerce Village, a 30 unit permanent supportive housing project for chronically homeless individuals. Commerce Village received the Governor's Housing Conference award for Best Affordable Housing Project in November 2015.
  - HRHA has a MOU with the Harrisonburg Rockingham Community Services Board to provide peer support services for all residents at Commerce Village with turnover and eviction rates averaging less than 3% annually.
  - In 2017, HRHA revised its VAWA policies and transfer plan to reflect the new regulations with the VAWA reauthorization.
- Provide rental assistance for very low and extremely low income families through program administration of 883 housing choice vouchers.
  - 2015, Harrisonburg RHA was awarded 15 VASH project based vouchers for Commerce Village establishing a partnership between the Authority and the Martinsburg Veterans Administration Medical Center. The MVAMC has hired a social worker to provide supportive services to the 15 chronically homeless veterans that are housed at Commerce Village.
  - 2018, HRHA was awarded 25 Mainstream Non-elderly Disabled vouchers for chronically homeless, and individuals returning from institutions.
  - Implementation of a landlord portal for electronic payment for rent, conducted Landlord outreach events in 2016, 2018 and 2019. In 2019, developed landlord outreach brochure, FAQ, and restructured landlord training.
  - 2017 and 2018 implemented HOTMA regulations to allow increase flexibility to project base vouchers, change to a bi annual inspection, and tri annual recertifications to reduce administrative burden.
- In 2015, HRHA updated its area market Housing Study and presented the finding to the Harrisonburg City Council in March 2016. The study identified the need for additional affordable housing, homeownership, and housing for the special needs population.
  - In July 2018 HRHA, in collaboration with local governments and organizations, began a homeownership assistance programs for low to moderate income families and individuals in the Agency's jurisdiction. This program provides down-payment and closing cost assistance to eligible LMI households for homes purchased in the City of Harrisonburg. One participant has become a homeowner.
- In June 2015, the Mayor of the City of Harrisonburg signed off on the Governor's Challenge to house the homeless veterans in the City. The Authority, as the lead agent and in partnership with community



nonprofits, identified 37 veterans within the HMIS system needing housing. As of November 2015, all identified veterans were successfully housed.

- As the collaborative applicant/lead agency for the Western Virginia Continuum of Care, the Authority led the grant application process for the Virginia Homeless Solutions grant in 2014, 2016, and 2018, which resulted in two-year awards of \$1.2 million dollars plus for prevention, rapid rehousing, shelter, HOPWA, Centralized Intake, and planning activities.
- As the program administrator for the Western Virginia Continuum of Care Homeless Management Information System, HRHA was awarded \$84, 072 annually from 2014-2019 during the Continuum of Care grant application process.
- In 2019, HRHA became the collaborative applicant/lead agency for both the Federal and State Continuum of Care grant application and will be responsible for CoC planning activities, coordinating training and system changes, and facilitating the multi-grant application process.

## **2. Promote Self-Sufficiency for Residents**

- Family Self Sufficiency: Since 1993, the Authority has operated a Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program and a Franklin Heights program (project base housing) since its establishment in 2007. HRHA receives a HUD Family Self Sufficiency grant of \$28, 016 for the Housing Choice Voucher program with the Franklin Heights program being funded from Franklin Heights operating income. Program outcomes from January 1, 2019 to August 2019:
  - 30 participants in the Housing Choice Voucher program and 62 participants in the Franklin Heights program.
  - 8 (6 Franklin Heights and 2 Housing Choice Voucher) successfully graduated and earned escrow,
  - 1 Franklin Heights participant qualified for a Habitat Home,
  - 85 (60 in Franklin Heights and 25 in Housing Choice Voucher) became employed or increased their earning wage,
  - 8 (6 Franklin Heights and 2 Housing Choice Voucher) are enrolled in school, and
  - 9 (6 Franklin Heights and 3 Housing Choice Voucher) are enrolled in ESL classes.
- The Authority continues its focus on the connection between education and affordable housing with a goal to assist all youth residing in Authority-owned housing to achieve a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading level.
  - In June 2016, the Authority installed 6 Little Libraries at each of its housing properties and administrative office. As of August 2016, the members of the community (Green Valley Book Fair, individual donations) have donated over \$500 to purchase new books. The little libraries have also received a number of donated used books provided by staff and members of the community. FSS staff have related of high use and many of the residents expressing appreciation for the access to the little libraries.
  - Since 2016, HRHA has partner with JMU for afterschool learning to improve reading through weekly “Gus” bus events at the Franklin Heights properties.
  - HRHA and the Harrisonburg Rockingham Boys and Girls Club continue to partner so that all youth residing in Franklin Heights received a free scholarship to participate in the Boys and Girls program.
  - HRHA’s FSS staff met with Harrisonburg City Public School staff concerning integrating the youth residing in the Franklin Heights program into the City’s STEM activities. Follow up meetings has resulted in the potential of jointly funding a VISTA worker to focus on outreach to low income students and coordination of STEM activities’ at sites close to Franklin Heights properties.

- HRHA's FSS staff conducted meetings with JC Penny Management to work on creating a Back to School Drive initiative to support families in the Franklin Heights program in obtaining school supplies for their children for the fall of 2017. Due to the outpouring of backpack donations, the FSS program received an additional 80 backpacks to distribute to eligible families for the 2018-2019 school year.
- HRHA's FSS staff presented a presentation about the program to the Ladies Group of Light House in Luray in July 2016. Following the presentation, the Ladies Group of Light House agreed to be a sponsor during the Christmas Present Drive in December, to collect presents for children in the Franklin Heights program.
- HRHA received an annual HUD Service coordinator award from 2014-2019, with the 2019 providing \$66,107 in funds, for the JR Polly Lineweaver and Lineweaver residents (120 units' elderly and persons with disabilities housing). The funds are used to pay for a full-time and half-time service coordinator from the Valley Association of Independent Living position.

### **3. Revitalization of Communities**

- In May 2016, HRHA and the City of Harrisonburg jointly signed a MOU and received HUD's approval to jointly submit its 5 year Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing plan under the new regulations. HRHA and the City of Harrisonburg are one of 26 communities nationwide (only community in Virginia) to participate in the new Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Process. Public input sessions, data analysis, and development of goals have been completed and on August 9, 2016 the plan was submitted to the Harrisonburg City Council and the HRHA's Board of Commissioners for the 45 day public comment period. The proposed new AFFH goals are consistent with HRHA's goals of increasing homeownership, expanding affordable housing, and increasing housing for the special needs population.
  - In December 2016, HRHA and the City of Harrisonburg received HUD's approval of its jointly submitted 5 year Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing plan. The Authority and the City will continue to partner to address the goals established within the plan.
  - In May 2017, July 2018, and June 2019, HRHA partnered with City and other local organizations to jointly sponsor Fair Housing Landlord Tenant Act training at Lucy Simms.
  - In June 2018 and 2019, City Council and HRHA Board of Commissioners participated in Fair Housing Training.
- In June 2016, HRHA completed negotiations with the Shenandoah Workforce Investment Board for leasing of space to a variety of government and nonprofit organizations to create a one-stop employment/service center. The members of the new one stop begun moving into the space on July 1, 2016.
- In July 2017, HRHA initiated renovation activities for the leasing of space within the Bridgeport building for the Harrisonburg Rockingham Social Services department. This project was completed in January 2018.

#### **B.6 Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments**

No comments provided on the FY2020 Annual Plan.