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Serving elderly, disabled & low income citizens of  
Bristol and Sullivan County, Tennessee

Agency Plan  
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<b>B.</b>	<b>Annual Plan Elements</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?</p> <p>Y N</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rent Determination.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Operation and Management.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Grievance Procedures.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homeownership Programs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Service and Self-Sufficiency Programs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety and Crime Prevention.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Policy.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asset Management.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" 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 revised element(s): <b>Policies available for review at main office</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Financial Resources change annually due to fluctuations in subsidy amounts.</b></li> <li>• <b>ACOP updated</b></li> <li>• <b>Pet Policy, revised</b></li> <li>• <b>Grievance Policy, revised</b></li> <li>• <b>Criminal Trespass Policy, new policy</b></li> </ul> <p><b>BH is committed to following the guidelines as set forth by HUD regulations regarding Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. Will work closely with THDA and TAHRA to make sure all is being done to assist our residents and potential residents in the community.</b></p> <p>(c) The PHA must submit its Deconcentration Policy for Field Office review. <b>Attached</b></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?</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"/> Designated Housing for Elderly and/or Disabled Families.</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 Assistance under RAD.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupancy by Over-Income Families.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupancy by Police Officers.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Smoking Policies.</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>No Smoking Policy in place – resident meetings, information sent to every household, met with County Health Department to discuss ways to assist residents in smoking cessation. Lease amendment signed by all current residents, new residents at move-in.</b></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>

<p><b>B.3</b></p>	<p><b>Progress Report.</b></p> <p>Provide a description of the PHA’s progress in meeting its Mission and Goals described in the PHA 5-Year Plan.</p> <p><b>Attached</b></p>
<p><b>B.4.</b></p>	<p><b>Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit.</b></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><b>Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.</b></p>	
<p><b>C.1</b></p>	<p><b>Certification Listing Policies and Programs that the PHA has Revised since Submission of its Last Annual Plan</b></p> <p><i>Form 50077-ST-HCV-HP, Certification of Compliance with PHA Plans and Related Regulations, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.</i></p>
<p><b>C.2</b></p>	<p><b>Civil Rights Certification.</b></p> <p><i>Form 50077-ST-HCV-HP, Certification of Compliance with PHA Plans and Related Regulations, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.</i></p>
<p><b>C.3</b></p>	<p><b>Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.</b></p> <p>(a) Did the RAB(s) provide comments to the PHA Plan?</p> <p>Y N  <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>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>
<p><b>C.4</b></p>	<p><b>Certification by State or Local Officials.</b></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
<p><b>D Statement of Capital Improvements.</b> Required in all years for all PHAs completing this form that administer public housing and receive funding from the Capital Fund Program (CFP).</p>	
<p><b>D.1</b></p>	<p><b>Capital Improvements.</b> Include a reference here to the most recent HUD-approved 5-Year Action Plan (HUD-50075.2) and the date that it was approved by HUD.</p> <p><b>The five (5) year action plan for 2020-2024 was submitted in EPIC.</b></p>

# Instructions for Preparation of Form HUD-50075-HP Annual Plan for High Performing PHAs

## A. PHA Information. All PHAs must complete this section.

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 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. ([24 CFR §903.23\(4\)\(e\)](#))

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

## B. Annual Plan.

### 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.”

**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. 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. For years in which the PHA’s 5-Year PHA Plan is also due, this information must be included only to the extent it pertains to the housing needs of families that are on the PHA’s public housing and Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting lists. ([24 CFR §903.7\(a\)\(1\)](#)) and 24 CFR §903.12(b). 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. For years in which the PHA’s 5-Year PHA Plan is also due, this information must be included only to the extent it pertains to the housing needs of families that are on the PHA’s public housing and Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting lists. ([24 CFR §903.7\(a\)\(2\)\(ii\)](#)) and 24 CFR §903.12(b).

**Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection and Admissions.** 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\(m\)\(5\)](#))

**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\(r\)\(2\)\(i\)](#))

**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; b) additions of non-emergency public housing CFP work items (items not included in the current CFP Annual Statement or CFP 5-Year Action Plan); or c) any change with regard to demolition or disposition, designation, homeownership programs or conversion activities. 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.

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: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/hope6/index.cfm>. (Notice PIH 2010-30)

**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: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/hope6/index.cfm>. (Notice PIH 2010-30)

**Demolition and/or Disposition.** Describe any public housing projects owned by the PHA and subject to ACCs (including name, 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; 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. The application and approval process for demolition and/or disposition is a separate process. See guidance on HUD’s website at: [http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/centers/sac/demo\\_dispo/index.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/centers/sac/demo_dispo/index.cfm). (24 CFR §903.7(h))

**Conversion of Public Housing.** 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/pih/centers/sac/conversion.cfm>. (24 CFR §903.7(j))

**Project-Based Vouchers.** Describe any plans to use HCVs for new project-based vouchers. (24 CFR §983.57(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.

**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(r)(1))

**B.4 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(p))

#### C. Other Document and/or Certification Requirements

**C.1 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 SM-HP.

**C.2 Civil Rights Certification.** Form HUD-50077 SM-HP, *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))

**C.3 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)

**C.4 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)

**D. Statement of Capital Improvements.** PHAs that receive funding from the Capital Fund Program (CFP) must complete this section. (24 CFR 903.7 (g))

**D.1 Capital Improvements.** In order to comply with this requirement, the PHA must reference the most recent HUD approved Capital Fund 5 Year Action Plan. PHAs can reference the form by including the following language in Section C. 8.0 of the PHA Plan Template: “See HUD Form 50075.2 approved by HUD on XX/XX/XXXX.”

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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 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.

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## **B.3 Progress in Meeting Goals**

**Goal – Increase revenues from outside (non-HUD) sources to improve Authority sustainability:** Bristol Housing (BH) continues to supplement its revenues by providing inspection, accounting and IT services to other local PHAs. BH plans to further expand its service base by offering management services to private landlords and apartment complexes.

**Goal – Apply for additional rental vouchers:** Bristol Housing (BH) received 10 VASH vouchers to expand the supply of housing within its jurisdiction. Additional vouchers will be applied for as opportunities become available.

**Goal – Reduce public housing vacancies:** BH is currently working on reducing the turnover time for vacated public housing units to lower the vacancy rate of the units as well as improve the PHA's Management Indicator. Several new measures have been implemented to expedite both "make ready" and "lease up".

**Goal – Leverage private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities:** BH is studying the feasibility to leverage private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities for its residents.

**Goal – Acquire or build units or developments:** BH is studying the feasibility of acquiring or building additional housing units. By utilizing Low Income Housing Tax Credits and below market loans through the Federal Home Loan Bank's Affordable Housing Program, BH may expand the supply of affordable housing throughout the area without traditional HUD assistance.

**Goal – Improve public housing management:** BH is currently in the process of improving various operations, management and maintenance functions in an effort to improve their overall PHAS score.

**Goal – Improve voucher management:** BH continues to implement measures which improve administrative efficiency and reduces costs.

**Goal – Increase customer satisfaction:** BH is attempting to keep residents better informed of BH policies and programs as well as overall authority information through monthly meetings for the residents. Additionally, BH continues to support the Resident Councils at Fort Shelby and Edgemont Tower.

**Goal – Concentrate on efforts to improve specific management functions:** BH is currently in the process of improving vacant unit turnaround time and annual inspections of the dwelling units and system as recommended by HUD.

**Goal – Renovate or modernize public housing units:** BH has continually upgraded its public housing units through the Capital Fund Program. All modernization activities are addressed in accordance with need as well as resident requests in all developments.

**Goal – Provide voucher mobility and counseling:** BH is currently providing voucher mobility counseling by conducting briefings with new voucher holders and advising them of the benefits of living outside areas of poverty or minority concentration.

**Goal – Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords:** BH is currently conducting outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords, through their Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. The outreach effort consists of contacting the potential landlords by telephone and/or mailings notifying them of the availability of voucher recipients. BH also conducts bi-annual briefings for landlords and potential landlords offering program information and training in subjects such as reasonable accommodation and fair housing.

**Goal – Provide or attract supportive services to improve assistance recipients' employability:** BH offers and provides a variety of services and programs to their residents to achieve self-sufficiency and improve assistance recipients' employability. These services and programs include the Welfare to Work Program as well as referrals to local non-profit agencies providing supportive services. Participation in Bristol's new "hiring event", contacting residents and tenants regarding the event and serving as resource vendor.

**Goal – Provide or attract supportive services to increase independence for the elderly or families with disabilities:** BH currently has the UETHDA Nutrition Program which provides the elderly and disabled with a hot daily meal. BH works closely with DHS, Aid and Assist, Second Harvest Food Bank, Choices, Habitat for Humanity, ARCH and Eastern 8, and other human service agencies to provide the tools they need for independent living.

**Goal – Undertake affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, and disability:** BH continues to operate its public housing program and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program to ensure equal access to all regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status and disability.

**Goal – 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:** BH's operations and management, inspections, maintenance and modernization programs are spread equally among all developments.



**Goal – Promote energy efficient practices and products when performing rehabilitation, repair and replacement in public housing developments:** BH will incorporate, when applicable, Energy Star Program qualified products and practices when performing rehabilitation, repair and replacement in their public housing developments. We are using compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs), occupancy sensors for common areas such as restrooms, laundry rooms, meeting rooms and any appliances, HVAC equipment, copiers and printers are all energy star rated. BH is also purchasing and installing new energy efficient water heaters.

## Deconcentration and Income Mixing

Bristol Housing's policy to provide for deconcentration of poverty will consist of the following:

- A. Targeting: The income levels of families on the waiting list will be analyzed so that not less than 40% of admissions in any fiscal year will be families whose income does not exceed 30% of median income for the area.
- B. Income Mixing: Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year BH will analyze the income levels of families residing in each development to bring higher income families into lower income developments and lower income families into higher income developments.

BH will strive to insure that no individual development has a concentration of higher or lower income families. BH may skip families on the waiting list to reach other families with a lower or higher income. This will be accomplished in a uniform and non-discriminatory manner.

BH will affirmatively market public housing to all eligible income groups. If necessary, BH will determine the level of additional marketing strategies and deconcentration incentives to implement the objective of this policy.

## **BRISTOL HOUSING**

### **Definition of “Substantial Deviation” and “Significant Amendment or Modification”.**

The following are considered to be significant amendments or modifications:

- Changes to rent or admissions policies or organization of the waiting list.
- Additions of non-emergency work items (items not included in the current Annual Statement or 5-year Action Plan) or change in use of replacement Reserve funds under the Capital Fund.
- Any change with regard to a proposed demolition, disposition, homeownership, RAD conversion, Capital Fund Financing, development or a mixed finance proposal is considered by HUD to be significant amendments to the CFP 5-Year Action Plan based on the Capital Fund Final Rule.

An exception to this definition will be made for any of the above that are adopted to reflect changes in HUD regulatory requirements; such changes will not be considered significant amendments by HUD.



## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Bristol Housing (BH) has adopted, implemented and made applicable provisions of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

- A. Activities, services, or programs provided by BH directly, or in partnership with other service providers, to children, adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. Partners include:
  - 1. Police Department
  - 2. Local Social Service Referrals
  
- B. Activities, services, or programs provided by BH directly, or in partnership with other service providers, to children, adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking to obtain or maintain housing.
  - 1. BH has revised its Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan to comply with and support VAWA. Policies to support and assist victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking from being evicted or terminated from housing assistance programs based on acts of such violence against them.
  - 2. BH is utilizing the form HUD 5380, Notice of Occupancy Rights under the Violence Against Women Act, for its housing assistance programs.
  - 3. BH is utilizing the form HUD 52641, Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Contract and HUD 52641 (A), Tenancy Addendum.
  - 4. For the programs administered by BH, an applicant who has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking shall not be denied admissions into the program if they are otherwise qualified.
  - 5. For the programs administered by BH, a tenant who has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking shall not be terminated assistance due to being a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, as long as the victim submits the completed form HUD-5382 within 14 calendar days.
  - 6. Incidents or threats of abuse directly related to the abuse will not be construed as serious or repeated violations of the lease or other “good cause” for

termination of the assistance, tenancy or occupancy rights of a victim.

7. Criminal activity directly related to abuse, engaged in by a member of the participant's household or any guest or other person under participant's control, shall not be cause for termination of assistance, tenancy, or occupancy if the participant or an immediate member of the participant's family is the victim or threatened victim of that abuse.
8. Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher landlords will be notified of their rights and responsibilities under VAWA.
9. Definitions of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking have been included in its Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan.
10. Public Housing Tenants and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher participants will be notified of their rights and responsibilities under VAWA.
11. BH provides an exception to the prohibition against a family moving under portability in violation of the lease in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program.

C. Activities, services, or programs provided by BH to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking, or to enhance victim safety in assisted families.

1. VAWA notices are posted in the lobby.
2. BH will consider transfer between units and other jurisdictions to offer safety for the victim(s).
3. BH does not have in-house counseling staff and does not provide counseling activities, services or programs. Victims are referred to the proper partnerships.

These programs and policies form a network of services that provide or offer activities, services, or programs that help children and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to obtain or maintain housing, or to enhance victim's safety in assisted families.