Streamlined Annual PHA Plan	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing	OMB No. 2577-0226 Expires 02/29/2016
(HCV Only PHAs)		

**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.

Α.	PHA Information.					
A.1	PHA Name: The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi PHA Code: MS005 PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning: 01/2022 PHA Inventory (Based on Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) units at time of FY beginning, above) Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) 1627 PHA Plan Submission Type: ☑ Annual Submission ☐Revised 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.					
			Attachment "A	<u> </u>		
	☐ PHA Consortia: (Check	box if submitting	g a joint Plan and complete table be			
	Participating PHAs PHA Code Program(s) in the Consortia Program(s) not in the Consortia No. of Units in					
	Lead HA:					

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В.	Annual Plan.					
B.1	Revision of PHA Plan Elements.					
	(a) Have the following PHA Plan elements been revised by the PHA since its last Annual Plan submission?					
	Y       N         □       □       Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs.         □       □       De-concentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions.         □       □       Financial Resources.         □       □       Rent Determination.         □       □       Operation and Management.         □       □       Informal Review and Hearing Procedures.         □       □       Homeownership Programs.         □       □       Self Sufficiency Programs and Treatment of Income Changes Resulting from Welfare Program Requirements.					
	☐ ☑ Substantial Deviation. ☐ ☑ Significant Amendment/Mo	dification.				
	(b) If the PHA answered yes for any element, describe the revisions for each element(s):  * Financial Resources – Attachment "B"					
B.2	New Activities					
	(a) Does the PHA intend to undertal	ce any new activities	related to the following	in the PHA's current Fiscal Yea	r?	
	Y N □ ⊠ Project Based Vouchers.					
	(b) If this activity is planned for the				project-based units and general	
B.3	locations, and describe how project-	pasing would be cons	istent with the PHA Pla	n.		
2.0	(a) Were there any findings in the m	ost recent FY Audit?				
	Y N N/A □ ⊠ □					
	(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.  Attachment "C"					
B.5	Certification by State or Local Off	icials.				
	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.  Attachment "D"					
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.  Attachment "E"					
B.7	Resident Advisory Board (RAB) C	omments.				
	(a) Did the RAB(s) provide commen	nts to the PHA Plan?				
	Y N □ ⊠					
	(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**

**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)) 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(1)(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(I)(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.

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- 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

#### Attachment "A"

#### A.1 PHA Information

The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi proposed, and prior Five Year and Annual Plans are available for review at the following locations.

- The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi, Main Office 330 Benachi Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530
- Section 8 Assisted Housing/Intake Office 154 Porter Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530
- Oakwood Village
   330 Benachi Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530
- Bayview Place
   449 Dr. Gilbert Mason Drive, Biloxi, MS 39530
- Cadet Point
   200 Maple Street, Biloxi, MS 39530
- Seashore Oaks
   1450- A Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39530
- Suncoast Villa
   225 Elmira Drive, Biloxi, MS 39531
- McDonnell Avenue Apartments
   242 McDonnell Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39531
- Beauvoir Pass
   312 Agincourt Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39531
- Gulfshore Villas
   2301 Atkinson Road, Biloxi, MS 39531
- Covenant Square Apartments
   270 Covenant Square Drive, Biloxi, MS 39531
- Fernwood Place
   2775 Fernwood Road, Biloxi, MS 39531
- Biloxi Housing Authority Official Website www.biloxihousing.org

#### Attachment "B"

#### **B.** Annual Plan

#### **B.1.** Revision of PHA Plan Elements

(b) Financial Resources

# Housing Choice Voucher Program <u>Statement of Financial Resources – Plan Year 2022</u> Sources:

Annual Contribution for Housing Choice Voucher

1. Housing Assistance Payment Subsidy

Tenant Based Vouchers and Rental Assistance Demonstration Vouchers \$9,000,000

2. Administrative Fees \$ 1,050,000
3. Fraud Recovery Funds

a. Housing Payment Assistance
b. Administrative Income
\$ 17,500

17,500

**TOTAL Resources - \$ 10,085,000** 

## Attachment "C"

- **B.** Annual Plan
- **B.4.** Civil Rights Certification

# Certifications of Compliance with PHA Plans and Related Regulations (Standard, Troubled, HCV-Only, and High Performer PHAs)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing
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Expires 02/29/2016

# PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plan and Related Regulations including Required Civil Rights Certifications Board Resolution #102021-014

Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Agency (PHA) listed below, as its Chairman or other authorized PHA official if there is no Board of Commissioners, I approve the submission of the\_\_\_\_ 5-Year and/or X Annual PHA Plan for the PHA fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022, hereinafter referred to as" the Plan", of which this document is a part and make the following certifications and agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in connection with the submission of the Plan and implementation thereof:

- 1. The Plan is consistent with the applicable comprehensive housing affordability strategy (or any plan incorporating such strategy) for the jurisdiction in which the PHA is located.
- 2. The Plan contains a certification by the appropriate State or local officials that the Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan, which includes a certification that requires the preparation of an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, for the PHA's jurisdiction and a description of the manner in which the PHA Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan.
- 3. The PHA has established a Resident Advisory Board or Boards, the membership of which represents the residents assisted by the PHA, consulted with this Resident Advisory Board or Boards in developing the Plan, including any changes or revisions to the policies and programs identified in the Plan before they were implemented, and considered the recommendations of the RAB (24 CFR 903.13). The PHA has included in the Plan submission a copy of the recommendations made by the Resident Advisory Board or Boards and a description of the manner in which the Plan addresses these recommendations.
- 4. The PHA made the proposed Plan and all information relevant to the public hearing available for public inspection at least 45 days before the hearing, published a notice that a hearing would be held and conducted a hearing to discuss the Plan and invited public comment.
- 5. The PHA certifies that it will carry out the Plan 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.
- 6. The PHA will affirmatively further fair housing by examining their programs or proposed programs, identifying any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs, addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available and work 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.
- 7. For PHA Plans that includes a policy for site-based waiting lists:
  - The PHA regularly submits required data to HUD's 50058 PIC/IMS Module in an accurate, complete and timely manner (as specified in PIH Notice 2010-25);
  - The system of site-based waiting lists provides for full disclosure to each applicant in the selection of the development in which to reside, including basic information about available sites; and an estimate of the period of time the applicant would likely have to wait to be admitted to units of different sizes and types at each site;
  - Adoption of a site-based waiting list would not violate any court order or settlement agreement or be inconsistent with a pending complaint brought by HUD;
  - The PHA shall take reasonable measures to assure that such a waiting list is consistent with affirmatively furthering fair housing;
  - The PHA provides for review of its site-based waiting list policy to determine if it is consistent with civil rights laws and certifications, as specified in 24 CFR part 903.7(c)(1).
- 8. The PHA will comply with the prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age pursuant to the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.
- 9. The PHA will comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and 24 CFR Part 41, Policies and Procedures for the Enforcement of Standards and Requirements for Accessibility by the Physically Handicapped.

- 10. The PHA will comply with the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Employment Opportunities for Low-or Very-Low Income Persons, and with its implementing regulation at 24 CFR Part 135.
- 11. The PHA will comply with acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24 as applicable.
- 12. The PHA will take appropriate affirmative action to award contracts to minority and women's business enterprises under 24 CFR 5.105(a).
- 13. The PHA will provide the responsible entity or HUD any documentation that the responsible entity or HUD needs to carry out its review under the National Environmental Policy Act and other related authorities in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58 or Part 50, respectively.
- 14. With respect to public housing the PHA will comply with Davis-Bacon or HUD determined wage rate requirements under Section 12 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.
- 15. The PHA will keep records in accordance with 24 CFR 85.20 and facilitate an effective audit to determine compliance with program requirements.
- 16. The PHA will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, and 24 CFR Part 35.
- 17. The PHA will comply with the policies, guidelines, and requirements of OMB Circular No. A-87 (Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments), 2 CFR Part 225, and 24 CFR Part 85 (Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State, Local and Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments).
- 18. The PHA will undertake only activities and programs covered by the Plan in a manner consistent with its Plan and will utilize covered grant funds only for activities that are approvable under the regulations and included in its Plan.
- 19. All attachments to the Plan have been and will continue to be available at all times and all locations that the PHA Plan is available for public inspection. All required supporting documents have been made available for public inspection along with the Plan and additional requirements at the primary business office of the PHA and at all other times and locations identified by the PHA in its PHA Plan and will continue to be made available at least at the primary business office of the PHA.
- 22. The PHA certifies that it is in compliance with applicable Federal statutory and regulatory requirements, including the Declaration of Trust(s).

Name of Authorized Official  Rodney McGilvary  Signature  Only  Name of Authorized Official	Chairman of the Board of Commissioners  Date  13 OUT. ZOZ/
Name of Authorized Official	Title
I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or	n provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate. <b>Warning:</b> HUD will r civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802).
5-Year PHA Plan for Fiscal Years 20 20	
X Annual PHA Plan for Fiscal Year 2022	
FHA Name	PHA Number/HA Code
The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi PHA Name	MS005

## Attachment "D"

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**B.5.** Certification by State and Local Officials

Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan (All PHAs)

#### U. S Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Public and Indian Housing OMB No. 2577-0226 **Expires 2/29/2016** 

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

I, <b>Andrew M. Gilich, Jr., the</b> Official's Name	Mayor, City of Biloxi, I	MS certify that the 5-Year PHA Plan			
and/or Annual PHA Plan of the	Housing Authority of the	City of Biloxi			
is consistent with the Consolida	ted Plan or State Consolid	lated Plan and the Analysis of			
Impediments (AI) to Fair Housi pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91.		Biloxi, Mississippi Jurisdiction Name			
Provide a description of how the Plan and the AI.	PHA Plan is consistent w	vith the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated			
The Housing Authority of the C	ity of Biloxi works in coor	rdination with the City of Biloxi to ensure			
Consistency between the two en	tities and their work. The	Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi			
is always invited to comment on	the consolidated plan, and	d the two organizations coordinate with			
the preparation of the Analysis of	of Impediments (AI).				
I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/o		ompaniment herewith, is true and accurate. <b>Warning:</b> HUD will prosecute false clair 12; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)			
Name of Authorized Official	· 1/2	Title			
Andrew M. Gilich, Jr.	is exemple the event to the	Mayor, City of Biloxi, MS			
Signature Date					

#### Attachment "E"

#### **B.** Annual Plan

#### **B.6. Progress Report**

#### A. Increase the availability of affordable housing

The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi's mission is to develop, support and sustain, safe quality housing communities and to encourage self-sufficiency to meet the needs of low-income/extremely low-income families in the PHA's jurisdiction and ensure equal opportunity in housing. It is the agency's vision to enhance lives by building strong communities, empowering residents and building partnerships. The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program consists of 444 Tenant Based Vouchers and 158 VASH Vouchers giving the agency a total of 602 Housing Choice Vouchers for participants within the city limits of Biloxi, MS. The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi will continue to apply for additional housing choice vouchers when opportunities are available. The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi converted Public Housing units to the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program in 2015, purchased additional properties (Seashore Oaks, Seashore Oaks Assisted Living and Gulfshore Villas) and constructed a new development, (Beauvoir Pass), expanding the HCV program to 1627 units for the Tenant and Project Based Section 8 HCV programs combined. The agency purchased market rate rental units at the Seashore Oaks property consisting of 65 apartments with affordable rents for near elderly tenants ages 50 and older. An additional 50 market rate units are available at the Bayview Place development, part of the agency's HOPE VI project that was completed in 2007. In order to improve the quality of assisted housing, The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi has procured contractors to perform repairs and renovations to properties owned and managed by the agency. The Bayview Place units on the south side of Bayou Auguste were scheduled for repairs and renovations in two phases, with the first phase contracted in 2018 and competed on July 25, 2019. The second phase was contracted in July of 2019 and work was completed on March 10, 2021. There were additional housing units owned and managed by our agency that were contracted in July of 2019 for Exterior Repairs and Painting. The Oakwood Village was completed on September 9, 2020, Covenant Square Apartments was completed on July 9, 2020, and Suncoast Villa was completed on April 22, 2020. The third and fourth phase of repairs and renovations for Bayview Place on the northside is currently under review for future improvements to that development.

The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi submitted a Demolition/Disposition (Demo/Dispo) application in 2006 for public housing properties demolished by Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005. The application was processed and approved by HUD. It is the intention of the Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi to consider the sale of the vacant properties that are under a "Declaration of Trust", contingent upon approval by HUD, including any requirements imposed by SAC and those associated with the disposition approval previously granted prior to full RAD Conversion. Additionally, any requirements located in PIH Notice 2018-04 are applicable. The properties currently under a "Declaration of Trust" are: Back Bay Place, East End Homes Parcel, Bayview Triangle Parcel and the previous Central Office Building located at 769 Howard Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530. The Biloxi Housing Authority owns other vacant properties it intends to sell that are not under a "Declaration of Trust". These properties consist of scattered sites within the City Limits of Biloxi, MS.

The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi has units previously approved for the demo/disposition process during the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) conversion of its public housing inventory in 2015, that due to termite damages may require repairs, demolition, construction or replacement depending on the damage assessment of the property. Currently, one duplex in the Suncoast Villa community consisting of two

units is under review for demolition consideration. Due to FEMA elevation restrictions for construction of residential buildings, the location may prohibit reconstruction of these units. If that is the case, units would be replaced with scattered site unit(s) or the RAD/PBV HAP Contract would be amended, and the units removed from the RAD housing inventory for the affected development according to HUD regulations, 24 CFR Part 983, until they were replaced. If it is not possible to replace the units, they may be removed permanently from the development only with prior HUD approval. It is also the intention of the Biloxi Housing Authority to review and possibly acquire property or a building for a new office space. This would enable the consolidation of multiple offices currently being used for administrative purposes, as well as reduce operational and insurance costs.

#### B. Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of families and individuals

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program is a HUD program that encourages communities to develop local strategies to help assisted families obtain employment that will lead to economic and self-sufficiency. The FSS Program offered by our agency has been instrumental in empowering residents to become more independent through counseling in areas of education and employment. Through our partners in the community, residents may attend job fairs and other events that promote and assist them in obtaining gainful employment. The agency is partners with local businesses, schools and welfare agencies. Participating families can complete a comprehensive program that develops life-skills and provides better opportunities for higher paying jobs and employment. Some of our partners that provide these services are; Bethel Free Clinic; Coastal Family Health Center; Gulf Coast Community Action Agency; CFHC Mobile Medical Clinic; The Claudia Jones Computer and Learning Center; Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Jeff Davis Campus; St. Paul United Methodist Church; The Salvation Army; The American Red Cross; South Mississippi Planning and Development District; and The United Way of South Mississippi to name a few. In July of 2021, The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi received a grant award for the FSS Employment Readiness Program, designed to prepare FSS Participants for the job market and assist in finding employment. The classes started the first week of August 2021 are held once a week conducted by certified instructors for Microsoft Office applications. The participants receive assistance and training in preparing resumes along with experience using MSWord, Excel, Power Point and other office applications. The grant is sufficient enough to ensure all participants on the Biloxi Housing Authority FSS Program will be able to receive the training throughout the remaining months of Fiscal Year 2021 and into Fiscal Year 2022.

#### C. Ensure equal opportunity in housing for all Americans

The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi implemented an online process for housing applications by procuring Happy Software that integrates with HAB Software, the agency's line of business software for housing programs. The program is easily accessed on the agency webpage at <a href="www.biloxihousing.org">www.biloxihousing.org</a> and is available in 128 languages, making it possible for anyone to apply. The agency maintains waiting lists for different programs including designated Elderly and Near Elderly site- based lists. The Section 8 Administrative Plan addresses the process of applying for assisted housing and includes selection from the lists based on Local Preferences for the Elderly age 62 or older and Date/Time of applications. The housing management staff received certifications for completing the HUD training program for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity to ensure equal treatment of all clients without discrimination as defined in the Fair Housing Act. In Fiscal Year 2020, the Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi procured interpreter services with Language Line, Inc., a nationally recognized service to ensure that the application process for housing was available equally among all nationalities.

#### D. Increase customer satisfaction

The agency procured the services of HCI, Human Capital Initiatives, a Human Resources firm that has played an active part in the education of all housing authority staff in areas of customer service and human resource practices. In addition to training received, the agency has implemented a communication system using the Call Max Program which allows us to send messages containing notices to our residents that provide vital information for them individually, by housing development or in mass using text, email and voice messaging. The agency was recently recognized by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for using the Call Max Program to better serve our staff and residents. It has proved to be a very useful tool during hurricane season and for general notices that are sent out on a regular basis. It has cut the cost of sending out hardcopy notices and saved the staff numerous hours of time in preparing outgoing mail. The housing authority webpage and multi-media Facebook page is used to communicate with our customers as well, providing them with up-to-date information related to programs and community events. The recent procurement of the Go Section 8 program connects our residents with available housing options in our area of jurisdiction, Biloxi, MS. The information is available online with listings from local property owners/managers to assist voucher holders with finding rental units that fit the individual needs of their families.

#### E. Increase assisted housing choices

The agency maximizes the number of affordable housing units available by employing effective maintenance and management policies to minimize the number of units off-line. Every effort is made to reduce the turnover time of vacant units by outsourcing vacant unit maintenance when needed through an existing contract for these services. The agency undertakes measures to ensure access to affordable housing regardless of the unit size required. The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi participates in the Consolidated Plan development process to ensure coordination with broader community strategies. The agency will apply for additional housing choice vouchers should they become available to increase the program size therefore expanding housing opportunities to more families in its area of jurisdiction. The housing authority will continue to partner with the Veterans Administration assisting veterans on the Section 8 VASH program. The housing authority will continue to seek other development opportunities to further increase the number of assisted housing units available to the residents of Biloxi, MS.

#### F. Improve community quality of life and economic viability

Our housing management staff will market the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program to owners outside of areas of poverty and minority concentrations. Through our self-sufficiency program and partners in the community, we will continue to counsel residents in areas of education and employment to assist in reducing the poverty level within our area of jurisdiction. The agency currently has five developments designated for Elderly and Near Elderly families. One site offers Assisted Living services exclusively (Seashore Oaks) and others provide supportive services to the residents (Gulfshore Villas- Adult Day Care Center). The specific developments for the Elderly and Near Elderly have site-based waiting list, reducing the application processing time for assisted housing. In Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021, the Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi has partnered with Project NOLA based in New Orleans, Louisiana, and installed community security cameras on properties owned and managed by the agency. This will assist the housing authority staff and local law enforcement agencies with maintaining a safe and secure environment for our residents and the community at large.