

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing

Biloxi Housing Authority

PHA Plan

Five Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2025 - 2029

NOTE: THIS PHA PLANS TEMPLATE (HUD 50075-5Y) IS TO BE COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
INSTRUCTIONS LOCATED IN APPLICABLE PIH NOTICES

5-Year PHA Plan (for All PHAs)	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing	OMB No. 2577-0226 Expires: 03/31/2024
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Purpose. The 5-Year and Annual PHA Plans provide a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the PHA's operations, programs, and services, and informs HUD, families served by the PHA, and members of the public of the PHA's mission, goals and objectives for serving the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families

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

A. PHA Information.

A.1 PHA Name: The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi PHA Code: MS005

PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning: 01/2025

The Five-Year Period of the Plan: 2025-2029

PHA Plan Submission Type: 5-Year Plan Submission Revised 5-Year Plan 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 on the PHA policies contained in the standard Annual Plan, but excluded from their streamlined submissions. At a minimum, PHAs must post PHA Plans, including updates, at each Asset Management Project (AMP) and main office or central office of the PHA. PHAs are strongly encouraged to post complete PHA Plans on their official websites. PHAs are also encouraged to provide each resident council a copy of their PHA Plans.

The Five-Year Plan for The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi may be viewed by the public at the following locations:

Attachment "A"

PHA Consortia: (Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete table below.)

Participating PHAs	PHA Code	Program(s) in the Consortia	Program(s) not in the Consortia	No. of Units in Each Program	
				PH	HCV
Lead PHA:					

B.	Plan Elements. Required for all PHAs completing this form.
B.1	<p>Mission. State the PHA's mission for serving the needs of low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families in the PHA's jurisdiction for the next five years.</p> <p>The Housing Authority'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.</p> <p>It is The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi's Vision to enhance lives by building strong Communities, Empowering Residents and Building Partnerships.</p>
B.2	<p>Goals and Objectives. Identify the PHA's quantifiable goals and objectives that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families for the next five years.</p> <p>A. Increase the availability of affordable housing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By expanding the supply of assisted housing through additional vouchers and a reduction in vacancies 2. By improving the quality of assisted housing <p>B. Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of families and individuals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By increasing the number of employed residents 2. By increasing resident employability 3. By providing supportive services to residents <p>C. Ensure equal opportunity in housing for all Americans</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By undertaking affirmative measures <p>D. Increase customer satisfaction</p> <p>E. Increase assisted housing choices</p> <p>F. Improve community quality of life and economic viability</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By deconcentrating poverty 2. By designating specific developments for elderly or family
B.3	<p>Progress Report. Include a report on the progress the PHA has made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5-Year Plan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attachment "B"</p>
B.4	<p>Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Goals. Provide a statement of the PHA's goals, activities, objectives, policies, or programs that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attachment "C"</p>
C.	Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.
C.1	<p>Significant Amendment or Modification. Provide a statement on the criteria used for determining a significant amendment or modification to the 5-Year Plan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attachment "D"</p>
C.2	<p>Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.</p> <p>(a) Did the RAB(s) have comments to the 5-Year PHA Plan?</p> <p>Y N <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(b) If yes, comments must be submitted by the PHA as an attachment to the 5-Year PHA Plan. PHAs must also include a narrative describing their analysis of the RAB recommendations and the decisions made on these recommendations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attachment "E"</p>

C.3	Certification by State or Local Officials. <u>Form HUD-50077-SL</u> , <i>Certification by State or Local Officials of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan</i> , must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan. Attachment "F"
C.4	Required Submission for HUD FO Review. (a) Did the public challenge any elements of the Plan? Y N <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (b) If yes, include Challenged Elements.

D. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).

D.1

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. (Non-qualified PHAs are only required to complete this section on the Annual PHA Plan. All qualified PHAs must complete this section.)

Provide a statement of the PHA's strategies and actions to achieve fair housing goals outlined in an accepted Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) consistent with 24 CFR § 5.154(d)(5). Use the chart provided below. (PHAs should add as many goals as necessary to overcome fair housing issues and contributing factors.) Until such time as the PHA is required to submit an AFH, the PHA is not obligated to complete this chart. The PHA will fulfill, nevertheless, the requirements at 24 CFR § 903.7(o) enacted prior to August 17, 2015. See Instructions for further detail on completing this item.

Fair Housing Goal:

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Instructions for Preparation of Form HUD-50075-5Y - 5-Year PHA Plan for All PHAs

A. PHA Information. All PHAs must complete this section. (24 CFR § 903.4)

A.1 Include the full **PHA Name**, **PHA Code**, **PHA Fiscal Year Beginning** (MM/YYYY), **Five-Year Period** that the Plan covers, i.e. 2019-2023, **PHA Plan Submission Type**, and the **Availability of Information**, specific location(s) of all information relevant to the hearing and proposed PHA Plan.

PHA Consortia: Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete the table.

B. Plan Elements.

B.1 Mission. State the PHA's mission for serving the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families in the PHA's jurisdiction for the next five years. (24 CFR § 903.6(a)(1))

B.2 Goals and Objectives. Identify the PHA's quantifiable goals and objectives that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families for the next five years. (24 CFR § 903.6(b)(1))

B.3 Progress Report. Include a report on the progress the PHA has made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5- Year Plan. (24 CFR § 903.6(b)(2))

B.4 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Goals. Provide a statement of the PHA's goals, activities objectives, policies, or programs that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. (24 CFR § 903.6(a)(3)).

C. Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.

C.1 Significant Amendment or Modification. Provide a statement on the criteria used for determining a significant amendment or modification to the 5-Year Plan. For modifications resulting from the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program, refer to the 'Sample PHA Plan Amendment' found in Notice PIH-2012-32, REV 2.

C.2 Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments.

(a) Did the public or RAB have comments?

(b) If yes, submit 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 § 903.17(b), 24 CFR § 903.19)

C.3 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.

C.4 Required Submission for HUD FO Review.

Challenged Elements.

(a) Did the public challenge any elements of the Plan?

(b) If yes, include such information as an attachment to the Annual PHA Plan or 5-Year PHA Plan with a description of any challenges to Plan elements, the source of the challenge, and the PHA's response to the public.

D. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing.

(Non-qualified PHAs are only required to complete this section on the Annual PHA Plan. All qualified PHAs must complete this section.)

D.1 Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. The PHA will use the answer blocks in item D.1 to provide a statement of its strategies and actions to implement each fair housing goal outlined in its accepted Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) consistent with 24 CFR § 5.154(d)(5) that states, in relevant part: "To implement goals and priorities in an AFH, strategies and actions shall be included in program participants' ... PHA Plans (including any plans incorporated therein) Strategies and actions must affirmatively further fair housing" Use the chart provided to specify each fair housing goal from the PHA's AFH for which the PHA is the responsible program participant – whether the AFH was prepared solely by the PHA, jointly with one or more other PHAs, or in collaboration with a state or local jurisdiction – and specify the fair housing strategies and actions to be implemented by the PHA during the period covered by this PHA Plan. If there are more than three fair housing goals, add answer blocks as necessary.

Until such time as the PHA is required to submit an AFH, the PHA will not have to complete section D.; nevertheless, the PHA will address its obligation to affirmatively further fair housing in part by fulfilling the requirements at 24 CFR 903.7(o)(3) enacted prior to August 17, 2015, which means that it examines its own programs or proposed programs; identifies any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs; addresses those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available; works with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement; and maintain records reflecting these analyses and actions. Furthermore, under Section 5A(d)(15) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, a PHA must submit a civil rights certification with its Annual PHA Plan, which is described at 24 CFR 903.7(o)(1) except for qualified PHAs who submit the Form HUD-50077-CR as a standalone document.

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 PHA Plan. The 5-Year PHA Plan provides the PHA's mission, goals and objectives for serving the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families and the progress made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5-Year Plan.

Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 1.64 hours per year per response or 8.2 hours per response every five years, 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
769 Howard 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.3 - Progress Report

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B. Annual Plan

B.3. 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 administers a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program consisting of Tenant Based Vouchers (449) and Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers (158) for a total of 607 vouchers that are utilized for participants within the city limits of Biloxi, Mississippi. The agency will continue to apply for additional tenant-based housing choice vouchers when opportunities are available.

The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi expanded its inventory of assisted housing units with the purchase of additional properties located at Seashore Oaks (120 units), Seashore Oaks Assisted Living (42 units), McDonnell Avenue Apartments (162 units), and Gulfshore Villas (100 units). The agency constructed a new Project Based Voucher (PBV) development, Beauvoir Pass (75 units) and converted all (526) public housing units to the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program, expanding the HCV program to 1632 units for the Tenant Based Voucher, RAD/PBV and Project Based Voucher Section 8 HCV programs combined. The agency purchased affordable market rate rental units (65) at the Seashore Oaks property designated for near elderly tenants ages 50 and older. Additional market rate units were constructed at Bayview Place (50) as part of the agency's HOPE VI project. The agency purchased a new construction, three-bedroom, single family dwelling unit and leases it to TBV participants within the City of Biloxi. In all, following the conversion of its public housing units to the RAD program, the Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi has grown its housing inventory to 1748 units within its area of jurisdiction and continues to search for additional affordable housing units for future expansion.

The agency maximizes the number of affordable housing units available by executing 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 development process of the Consolidated Plan for the City of Biloxi to ensure coordination with broader community strategies. The agency applies for additional housing choice vouchers when available to expand the program and assist 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.

In order to maintain and improve the quality of existing housing, The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi will procure contractors as needed to perform repairs and renovations to properties owned and managed by the agency. This ensures that the quality of current housing inventory is maintained and available to provide affordable housing to our residents. The agency has completed phases one and two improvements to units on the southside of the Bayview Place development with phases three and four on the northside currently under review for future improvements to that development.

The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi has two duplex buildings consisting of two units each located in the Suncoast Villa community that were approved for demolition by HUD. Due to the units failing Housing Quality Standards (HQS) Inspections, the inability to comply with FEMA elevation restrictions for the construction of residential buildings, and the inspections/reports from our contracted architectural firm, the extensive damages and location prohibit repair or reconstruction of the buildings and units at that location. The units were demolished in 2024 and will be replaced with the purchase of four (4) existing units that are comparable in size and/or the construction of new units at a different location within the city limits of Biloxi, Mississippi. The RAD/PBV HAP Contract will be amended once the pending post conversion application process has been completed and the transfer of assistance has been approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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. Since 1995, 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; Cadence Bank, the East Biloxi Community Collaborative and The United Way of South Mississippi to name a few.

The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi received an initial grant award in July of 2021 of \$1,500.00 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 and continued with annual applications for funding from the Cadence Bank through fiscal years 2022, 2023 and 2024. The agency will continue to apply for funding annually in order to continue providing our FSS program participants the opportunity to attend the classes which are held once a week and 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 current grant funding is sufficient enough to ensure all participants on the Biloxi Housing Authority FSS Program will be able to receive the training throughout Fiscal Year 2025. In addition to the Employment Readiness Program grant, the agency received funding from the East Biloxi Community Collaborative in the amount of \$20,000 to supplement the program funding for workshops and special events to promote family self-sufficiency.

The agency FSS Coordinator holds workshops and other events every quarter-year to attract new participants and expand the self-sufficiency program by notifying our residents of its availability through text and emails using our mass communication program. Also, information can be found Biloxi Housing Authority webpage, notices and flyers posted at our numerous office locations throughout the City of Biloxi.

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 a cloud-based program that integrates with the agency's line of business software for housing programs. The program is easily accessed through the agency webpage at www.biloxihousing.org 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 a nationally recognized service to ensure that language barriers were not an issue with the application and case management process for housing and was available equally among all nationalities and languages.

The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi will continue to work with the City of Biloxi, Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care and other agencies providing input for the Consolidated Plan to find funding sources and solutions to address homelessness in the community.

The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi will maintain its housing developments and encourage resident participation in homeownership programs. The agency will continue to support the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program and connect with service providers that can assist our residents in becoming self-sufficient homeowners.

D. Increase customer satisfaction

The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi recently purchased an office building with enough space to house the entire staff at one location. This will allow the agency to consolidate multiple offices currently being used for administrative purposes to better serve the residents in our community as well as reduce operational and insurance costs. The agency applied and received a grant for 3.9 million dollars through the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) Hurricane Zeta Recovery CDBG. The funding will be used to make needed repairs to some buildings it owns and manages and for the construction/renovation of the new office building located at 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, MS 39531. The agency procured the services of 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 program which allows us to send messages containing notices to our residents that provides 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 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 an online affordable housing 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

In order to increase the availability of affordable housing, the agency has extended its jurisdiction for the Section 8 Tenant Based Voucher HCV Program to include housing areas within a 5-mile radius of the Biloxi city limits boundaries. Where in the past, participants could only search for suitable rental housing within the city limits of Biloxi, this expansion creates the availability of additional housing opportunities to program participants serviced by our agency.

The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi submitted a Demolition/Disposition (Demo/Dispo) application for public housing properties demolished by Hurricane Katrina and was approved by HUD. The agency sold vacant properties after the "Declaration of Trust" was released when approved by HUD. This included requirements imposed by SAC and those associated with the disposition approval previously granted prior to full RAD Conversion. In the future, the agency may sell with HUD approval, vacant properties currently remaining under a "Declaration of Trust" consisting of Back Bay Place and the Bayview Triangle Parcel. The agency has sold vacant lots and owns additional 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 proceeds from the sale of any property will be used for housing programs and/or to increase the availability of assisted housing within our jurisdiction. The agency will continue to seek opportunities for the development of new properties and replacement housing when necessary.

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.

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. In 2022 the agency partnered with the City of Biloxi Police Department (BPD) for the installation of additional community security cameras. The initial cameras installed by Project NOLA were turned over to the Biloxi Police Department in 2023 and now all community security cameras are monitored by the BPD. In Fiscal Year 2024, additional cameras were installed at other locations within the city that are owned and managed by the agency with others planned in the near future. This assists the housing authority staff and local law enforcement agencies with maintaining a safe and secure environment for our residents and the community at large.

Attachment "C"

B.4 – Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Goals

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Violence against Women Reauthorization Act Policy (VAWA)

This Policy is applicable to all federally subsidized housing administered by BHA. BHA will not discriminate against an applicant or resident on the basis of the rights or privileges provided under the VAWA. This policy is gender-neutral, and its protections are available to persons who are victims (including affiliated individuals) of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking.

The BHA will not deny admission to the housing choice voucher program to any person because that person is or has been a victim or affiliated individual of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking; provided that such person is otherwise qualified for such admission. In addition to prohibiting a denial, termination, or eviction based on the fact that the applicant or tenant/participant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking, BHA will not deny admission to an applicant based on an adverse factor, if the adverse factor is determined to be a direct result of the fact that the applicant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

VAWA - Notification of Rights

The BHA will enclose in each application packet a notice advising applicants of their rights under VAWA. The BHA will notify participants of their rights under VAWA during the annual re-certification process and with any adverse action notice along with a copy of the form HUD form 5380 (Notice of Occupancy Rights); HUD form 5382 (Certification of VAWA).

VAWA - Confidentiality

All VAWA information provided to the BHA, including the fact that an individual is a victim or affiliated individual of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking (VAWA violence); will be retained in confidence, and will not be entered into any shared database or provided to any related entity, except to the extent that disclosure is:

- Requested or consented to by the individual in writing
- Required for use in an eviction proceeding
- Otherwise required by applicable law

If disclosure is required for use in an eviction proceeding or is otherwise required by applicable law, BHA will inform the victim before disclosure occurs so that safety risks can be identified and addressed.

VAWA - Documentation

When a participant is facing lease termination because of the actions of a family member, household member, guest, or other person under the participant’s control and a participant or immediate family member of the participant’s family claims that she or he is the victim or affiliated individual of such actions and that the actions are related to VAWA violence, the BHA will request in writing that the individual submit documentation within fourteen (14) business days affirming that claim. The written request will include instructions on where, when, and to whom the documentation must be submitted. It will also state the consequences for failure to submit the documentation by the deadline. BHA may choose to extend the 14-day requirement to provide documentation or may choose to waive the requirement based on the circumstances surrounding the claim.

B.4 – Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Goals

Attachment “C”

The individual may satisfy this request by providing any one of the following documents as described under 24 CFR 5.2007(b)(1):

- Form HUD-5382; or
- A document:
 - Signed by an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney, or medical professional or a mental health professional (collectively, “professional”) from whom the victim has sought assistance relating to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or the effects of abuse:
 - Signed by the applicant or tenant; and
 - That specifies, under penalty of perjury, that the professional believes in the occurrence of the incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that is the ground for protection and remedies under the VAWA Final Rule, and that the incident meets the applicable definition of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking under 24 CFR 5.2003; or
- A record of a Federal, State, tribal, territorial, or local law enforcement agency (may include a police report), court, or administrative agency; or
- At the discretion of BHA, a statement or other evidence provided by the applicant or tenant.

VAWA Lease Bifurcation

The BHA may request the owner to bifurcate a family’s lease and terminate the tenancy of the culpable family member if the BHA determines that the family member has committed criminal acts of physical violence against other family members or others. This action will not affect the tenancy or program assistance of the remaining, non-culpable family members. In making its decision, the BHA will consider all credible evidence, including, but not limited to, a signed certification (form HUD-50066, HUD-5832) or other documentation of abuse submitted to the BHA by the victim.

If the BHA does bifurcate the lease and terminate the tenancy of the culpable family member, it will do so in accordance with the lease, applicable law, policies in this Administrative Plan and the BHA VAWA Procedure. If necessary, the BHA will also take steps to ensure that the remaining family members have a safe place to live during the termination process. For example, the BHA may refer the remaining family members to a victim service provider or other agency with shelter facilities.

B.4 – Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Goals

Attachment “C”

Limitation On VAWA Protection

VAWA does not limit BHA’s otherwise available authority to terminate assistance to or evict a victim for lease violations not premised on an act of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking providing that BHA does not subject the victim to a more demanding standard than the standard to which it holds other tenants.

VAWA does not limit BHA’s authority to terminate the tenancy of any tenant if BHA can demonstrate an actual and imminent threat to other tenants or those employed at or providing service to the property if that tenant’s tenancy is not terminated.

In determining whether a tenant who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking is an actual and imminent threat to other tenants or those employed at or providing service to a property, BHA will consider the following, and any other relevant, factors:

- Whether the threat is toward an employee or tenant other than the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking
- Whether the threat is a physical danger beyond a speculative threat, whether the threat is likely to happen within a short period of time
- Whether the threat to other tenants or employees can be eliminated in some other way, such as by helping the victim relocate to a confidential location, transferring the victim to another unit, or seeking a legal remedy to prevent the perpetrator from acting on the threat

If the participant wishes to contest BHA’s determination that he or she is an actual and imminent threat to other tenants or employees, the participant may do so as part of the informal hearing or in a court proceeding.

Attachment "D"

B.5 – Significant Amendment or Modification

Attachment "D"

B. Five Year Plan 2025-2029

B.5. Significant Amendment/Modification

The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi criteria used to determine a Significant Amendment, Modification or Substantial Deviation of its Five Year and Annual Plan will consist of the occurrence of any of the following events :

- A federal statutory or regulatory change is made effective and, in the opinion of the Authority, has either substantial programmatic or financial effects on the programs administered by the Authority, or creates substantial obligations or administrative burdens beyond the programs under administration at the start of the Plan year.
- Proposed demolition, disposition, homeownership, development, or mixed finance proposals not already identified in this plan and those that are considered by HUD to be significant amendments to the Agency Plan.
- Any projects not already in the Five-Year Plan excluding projects arising out of federally declared major disasters, acts of God beyond the control of the Authority, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, fire damages, civil unrest, or other unforeseen significant event or changes in use of replacement reserve funds.
- Any other event that the Authority's Board of Commissioners determines to be a significant amendment or modification of the approved Annual Plan.

Attachment "E"

B.6 – Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments

Resident Advisory Board (RAB)

The Biloxi Housing Authority Five Year Plan for 2025-2029 and Annual Plan for FY 2025 will be discussed with the RAB to receive comments and address concerns that will be included in the final draft of the agency plans.

The RAB meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 11, 2024 at 9:30 am in the Biloxi Housing Authority Board Room, 330 Benachi Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530.

Attachment "F"

B.7 – 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)**

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Office of Public and Indian Housing
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**Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plans
Consistency with the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan**

I, **Andrew M. Gilich, Jr.,** Mayor of the City of Biloxi, Mississippi
Official's Name *Official's Title*

certify that the 5-Year PHA Plan for fiscal years **2025-2029** and/or Annual PHA Plan for fiscal year **2025** of the **Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi** is consistent with the
PHA Name

Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan including the Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice or Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) as applicable to the

City of Biloxi, Mississippi

Local Jurisdiction Name

pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91 and 24 CFR § 903.15.

Provide a description of how the PHA Plan's contents are consistent with the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan.

The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi works in coordination with the City of Biloxi to ensure consistency between the two entities and their work on the Consolidated Plan including the Analysis of Impediments (AI). The Housing Authority of the City of Biloxi participates in reviews, attends meetings with City of Biloxi Officials and submits comments during the preparation process of the Analysis of Impediments (AI).

I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate. **Warning:** HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

Name of Authorized Official: Andrew M. Gilich, Jr.	Title: Mayor, City of Biloxi, MS
Signature:	Date:

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