

	<p>individuals in obtaining housing. Our agency is a participant in the Continuum of Care Affordable Housing Committee, where we worked to identify the housing needs of county residents and find ways for the Continuum to meet those needs. This past year the county hired a third-party contractor to have a housing study completed for Carroll County. This study identified the needs of county residents and provided recommendations on how best to address those needs. The Department of Planning and Development has created a housing study work group to review and prioritize the recommendations of the study. The public housing authority has been requested to provide representation. Our PHA continues to work closely with the local Community Action Agency – Humans Services Program of Carroll County. We have adopted a preference that allows a homeless admission preference on the HCV wait list for a limited number of vouchers pertaining to the Mainstream Voucher Program. Carroll County receives referrals from our Community Action Agency for families currently in emergency shelter to allow five vouchers to go under lease that meet the criteria for the HCV Program. The county also receives referrals for households that are in the local Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive programs to allow 20 vouchers to go under lease to households that meet the criteria of the HCV program. The last population identified for referral-based vouchers are older adults aged 62 and over that are currently in one of the local emergency shelters to allow five vouchers to go under lease that meet the criteria for the HCV program. We continue to work closely with our Veterans Office in Baltimore and our local Veterans Program from Carroll County Bureau of Aging & Disabilities to ensure the success of our VASH clients. The PHA meets monthly to discuss the status of our VASH vouchers to ensure utilization of our vouchers. In addition to the VASH vouchers we administer the Mainstream Voucher Program, holding 11 vouchers. Throughout the years we have formed many partnerships with allied agencies; the partnerships have allowed us to identify recipients for Mainstream vouchers and to coordinate the required case management services typically needed to ensure our voucher holders’ success. With the publishing of PIH notice 2024-30 - Subject: Statutory and Regulatory Waivers for Mainstream Vouchers, our housing authority was able to create a separate waiting list for these specialized vouchers. This will enable our agency to more efficiently and effectively pull candidates for voucher availability. To prepare for the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act (HOTMA) implementation, we have worked closely with housing representatives to create an administrative plan that reflects current policy and the reflective changes once HOTMA changes are enacted. Within our administrative plan we show a chapter A and B for every chapter affected by HOTMA. We have done this for National Standards for Physical Inspection of Real Estate and housing quality inspections as well.</p>
<p>B.4</p>	<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>Carroll County Housing and Community Development is concerned about the safety of its tenants, and such concern extends to tenants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. In accordance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Carroll County Housing allows tenants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to request an emergency transfer from the tenant’s current unit to another unit. The ability to request a transfer is available regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation. Despite the name of this law, VAWA protection is available to all victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation. Our Emergency Transfer Plan for Victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking identifies tenants who are eligible for an emergency transfer, the documentation needed to request an emergency transfer, confidentiality protections, how an emergency transfer may occur, and guidance to tenants on safety and security. This plan is based upon a model emergency transfer plan published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that oversees that Housing Choice Voucher Programs are in compliance with VAWA. Our agency works very closely with the following local organizations: • 24-hour Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline: 443-865-8031. • Springboard Community Services at 7 Schoolhouse Avenue in Westminster, MD. Springboard will guide victims through the criminal justice system and offer crisis intervention, counseling, and temporary shelter. They can help with basic needs such as food, clothing, and accessing community resources. • Our PHA has two referral-based vouchers to allow vouchers to go under lease for referred domestic violence households that meet the criteria for the HCV program. • CARE Healing Center (rape crisis intervention services for Carroll County), which has a 24-hour hotline in addition to taking walk-ins at their office at 224 N. Center Street, in Westminster. In addition, annual domestic violence trainings with Springboard are held with all staff members to ensure that staff are educated and aware of all community supports. We have been provided direct contact information with several case managers with Springboard, so we are able to contact staff with questions and concerns along with receiving guidance when needed. Additionally, we have a designated specialist who is trained to administer the Lethality Assessment program (LAP) questionnaire on behalf of our domestic violence program as well. This individual participates in quarterly LAP meetings with Springboard and other members of the LAP team.</p>
<p>C.</p>	<p>Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.</p>
<p>C.1</p>	<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>CCH shall define a Substantial Deviation from the five-year plan as follows: Any collective change in the planned or actual use of federal funds for activities that would prohibit or redirect the CCH strategic goals or mission of sustaining or increasing the availability of decent, safe and affordable housing while promoting self-sufficiency and asset development of families and individuals from being implemented as identified in the five-year plan. This includes elimination or major changes in any activities proposed, or policies provided in the agency plan that would momentarily affect services or programs provided to residents. This definition does not include budget revisions, changes in organizational structure, changes resulting from HUD imposed regulation, changes in admission preferences that do not fundamentally alter the mission, or minor policy changes. Significant amendment or modification of the Annual and 5-year Plan: Changes of a sufficient nature to the rent, admissions policies, or the organization of the waiting list not required by federal regulatory requirements as to a change in the HCV Administrative Plan. This includes elimination or major changes in any activities proposed, or policies provided in the agency plan that would momentarily affect services or programs provided to residents. This definition does not include budget revisions, changes in organizational structure, changes resulting from HUD imposed regulation, changes in admission preferences that do not fundamentally alter the mission, or minor policy changes</p>
<p>C.2</p>	<p>Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.</p> <p>(a) Did the RAB(s) have comments to the 5-Year PHA Plan? Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" 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>C.3</p>	<p>Certification by State or Local Officials.</p> <p>Form HUD-50077-SL, <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.</p>
<p>C.4</p>	<p>Required Submission for HUD FO Review.</p> <p>(a) Did the public challenge any elements of the Plan? Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(b) If yes, include Challenged Elements.</p>
<p>D.</p>	<p>Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).</p>

D.1	<p>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.)</p> <p>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.</p>
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