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| 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. See attached Definition of Significant Amendment or Modification.</p> |
| C.2 | <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> |
| C.3 | <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> |
| C.4 | <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> |
| D. | Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH). |
| 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> |

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.

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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.

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Hamden Housing Authority (HHA) Goals and Objectives

HHA Goal

Strive to achieve high performer SEMAP status each year.

Objectives:

Utilize all available resources and follow all HUD regulations in order to provide excellent customer service and maintain the integrity of the Section 8 HCV program.

Progress:

- HHA achieved a Standard Performer SEMAP and is working towards achieving high performer.
- HHA revised the Section 8 Program Administrative Plan.
- HHA began working with an outside vendor to provide de-escalation training to the HHA staff on a bi-annual basis. These trainings have allowed HHA staff to learn valuable skills in working with a wider variety of resident populations and dealing with challenging situations that arise during interactions with assisted families. Coordination with and participation in these trainings has allowed the HHA staff to foster a very positive relationship with program participants, and has improved the quality of service provided.
- The HHA transitioned to a new contractor for conducting HQS Inspections. This has allowed the HHA to provide an increased level of customer service to the landlords and families. In addition, this transition has allowed the HHA to achieve a higher level of program compliance in this area of program administration.

HHA Goal

Assist as many families and individuals with ever declining funding and reduced administrative fees.

Objectives:

- Keep payment standards as close to 105% of the FMRs in an attempt to utilize as many vouchers within our portfolio.
- Expand the portable program for families and individuals.
- Apply for additional vouchers when funding is available.

Progress:

- HHA has increased the payment standards to 105% of the FMR. This has been especially helpful in working toward assisting larger families locate affordable 3-4 bedroom units.
- HHA has grown the portability-in portion of the Voucher program to 155 vouchers.
- HHA has managed the Housing Assistance Payment funds received from HUD to allow HHA to maintain the number of HHA assisted families (not from portability) to 270.

HHA Goal

Promote self-sufficiency of families and individuals.

Objectives:

Continue to foster positive and strong relationships with community service organizations within our town and region and refer families and individuals to those organizations and resources when necessary (i.e. employment opportunities, 211, etc.).

Progress:

- The HHA has worked to develop a stronger relationship with the local food bank. The HHA and staff provide food donations to the food bank periodically throughout the year. The HHA also refers program participants to the local food bank resources on a regular basis.
- The HHA has developed a stronger positive relationship with the local legal aid organization. This has allowed for many eviction and program compliance cases to be resolved earlier in the process and avoid stages where the cases advance to housing court.

HHA Goal

Increased assisted housing choices.

Objectives:

- Provide mobility counseling to families and individuals.
- Promote the program to potential landlords by making information about the program readily available and meeting and speaking with landlords on a case-by-case basis.
- Maintaining positive working relationships with current landlords.
- Maintaining current listings of available units for families and individuals.

Progress:

- HHA created a new briefing booklet to better assist with outreach activities to local real estate agents, as well as existing and potential landlords.
- HHA has increased the marketing and outreach activities to local real estate agents to provide comprehensive education about how the Voucher program works and the benefits to landlords and low-income families in the area. These activities have been well received and the HHA has been receiving an increased number of referrals to local landlords as a result. These efforts have also provided additional resources to families with Vouchers to assist them in their housing search, as well as expand housing opportunities further into the northern areas of Hamden.
- HHA has maintained a significant list of available units that are made available to Voucher holders in the HHA office, by mail and by e-mail. This list is updated on a monthly basis and mainly comes from referrals from local landlords.

Hamden Housing Authority¹

Notice of Occupancy Rights under the Violence Against Women Act²

To all Tenants and Applicants

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) provides protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. VAWA protections are not only available to women, but are available equally to all individuals regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.³ The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is the Federal agency that oversees any of these programs (Section 8 HCV Program, Elderly/Disabled Housing Program, Affordable Housing Program or RAP Program), is in compliance with VAWA. This notice explains your rights under VAWA. A HUD-approved certification form is attached to this notice. You can fill out this form to show that you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and that you wish to use your rights under VAWA.”

Protections for Applicants

If you otherwise qualify for assistance under any of these programs (Section 8 HCV Program, Elderly/Disabled Housing Program, Affordable Housing Program or RAP Program,) is in compliance with VAWA, you cannot be denied admission or denied assistance because you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Protections for Tenants

¹ The notice uses HP for housing provider but the housing provider should insert its name where HP is used. HUD's program-specific regulations identify the individual or entity responsible for providing the notice of occupancy rights.

² Despite the name of this law, VAWA protection is available regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

³ Housing providers cannot discriminate on the basis of any protected characteristic, including race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability, or age. HUD-assisted and HUD-insured housing must be made available to all otherwise eligible individuals regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status.

If you are receiving assistance under any of these programs (Section 8 HCV Program, Elderly/Disabled Housing Program, Affordable Housing Program or RAP Program), you may not be denied assistance, terminated from participation, or be evicted from your rental housing because you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Also, if you or an affiliated individual of yours is or has been the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking by a member of your household or any guest, you may not be denied rental assistance or occupancy rights under any of these programs (Section 8 HCV Program, Elderly/Disabled Housing Program, Affordable Housing Program or RAP Program), solely on the basis of criminal activity directly relating to that domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Affiliated individual means your spouse, parent, brother, sister, or child, or a person to whom you stand in the place of a parent or guardian (for example, the affiliated individual is in your care, custody, or control); or any individual, tenant, or lawful occupant living in your household.

Removing the Abuser or Perpetrator from the Household

HP may divide (bifurcate) your lease in order to evict the individual or terminate the assistance of the individual who has engaged in criminal activity (the abuser or perpetrator) directly relating to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

If HP chooses to remove the abuser or perpetrator, HP may not take away the rights of eligible tenants to the unit or otherwise punish the remaining tenants. If the evicted abuser or perpetrator was the sole tenant to have established eligibility for assistance under the program, HP must allow the tenant who is or has been a victim and other household members to remain in the unit for a period of time, in order to establish eligibility under the program or under another HUD housing program covered by VAWA, or, find alternative housing.

In removing the abuser or perpetrator from the household, HP must follow Federal, State, and local eviction procedures. In order to divide a lease, HP may, but is not required to, ask you for documentation or certification of the incidences of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Moving to Another Unit

Upon your request, HP may permit you to move to another unit, subject to the availability of other units, and still keep your assistance. In order to approve a request, HP may ask you to provide documentation that you are requesting to move because of an incidence of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. If the request is a request for emergency transfer, the housing provider may ask you to submit a written request or fill out a form where you certify that you meet the criteria for an emergency transfer under VAWA. The criteria are:

- (1) You are a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.** If your housing provider does not already have documentation that you are a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, your housing provider may ask you for such documentation, as described in the documentation section below.
- (2) You expressly request the emergency transfer.** Your housing provider may choose to require that you submit a form, or may accept another written or oral request.
- (3) You reasonably believe you are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if you remain in your current unit.** This means you have a reason to fear that if you do not receive a transfer you would suffer violence in the very near future.

OR

You are a victim of sexual assault and the assault occurred on the premises during the 90-calendar-day period before you request a transfer. If you are a victim of sexual assault, then in addition to qualifying for an emergency transfer because you reasonably believe you are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if you remain in your unit, you may qualify for an emergency transfer if the sexual assault occurred on the premises of the property from which you are seeking your transfer, and that assault happened within the 90-calendar-day period before you expressly request the transfer.

HP will keep confidential requests for emergency transfers by victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and the location of any move by such victims and their families. HP's emergency transfer plan provides further information on emergency transfers, and HP must make a copy of its emergency transfer plan available to you if you ask to see it.

Documenting You Are or Have Been a Victim of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking

HP can, but is not required to, ask you to provide documentation to "certify" that you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Such request from HP must be in writing, and HP must give you at least 14 business days (Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays do not count) from the day you receive the request to provide the documentation. HP may, but does not have to, extend the deadline for the submission of documentation upon your request.

You can provide one of the following to HP as documentation. It is your choice which of the following to submit if HP asks you to provide documentation that you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

- A complete HUD-approved certification form given to you by HP with this notice, that documents an incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The form will ask for your name, the date, time, and location of the incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and a description of the incident. The certification form provides for including the name of the abuser or perpetrator if the name of the abuser or perpetrator is known and is safe to provide.
- A record of a Federal, State, tribal, territorial, or local law enforcement agency, court, or administrative agency that documents the incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Examples of such records include police reports, protective orders, and restraining orders, among others.
- A statement, which you must sign, along with the signature of an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney, a medical professional or a mental health professional (collectively, "professional") from whom you sought assistance in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or the effects of abuse, and with the professional selected by you attesting under penalty of perjury that he or she believes that the incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking are grounds for protection.
- Any other statement or evidence that HP has agreed to accept.

If you fail or refuse to provide one of these documents within the 14 business days, HP does not have to provide you with the protections contained in this notice.

If HP receives conflicting evidence that an incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking has been committed (such as certification forms from two or more members of a household each claiming to be a victim and naming one or more of the other petitioning household

members as the abuser or perpetrator), HP has the right to request that you provide third-party documentation within thirty 30 calendar days in order to resolve the conflict. If you fail or refuse to provide third-party documentation where there is conflicting evidence, HP does not have to provide you with the protections contained in this notice.

Confidentiality

HP must keep confidential any information you provide related to the exercise of your rights under VAWA, including the fact that you are exercising your rights under VAWA.

HP must not allow any individual administering assistance or other services on behalf of HP (for example, employees and contractors) to have access to confidential information unless for reasons that specifically call for these individuals to have access to this information under applicable Federal, State, or local law.

HP must not enter your information into any shared database or disclose your information to any other entity or individual. HP, however, may disclose the information provided if:

- You give written permission to HP to release the information on a time limited basis.
- HP needs to use the information in an eviction or termination proceeding, such as to evict your abuser or perpetrator or terminate your abuser or perpetrator from assistance under this program.
- A law requires HP or your landlord to release the information.

VAWA does not limit HP's duty to honor court orders about access to or control of the property. This includes orders issued to protect a victim and orders dividing property among household members in cases where a family breaks up.

Reasons a Tenant Eligible for Occupancy Rights under VAWA May Be Evicted or Assistance May Be Terminated

You can be evicted and your assistance can be terminated for serious or repeated lease violations that are not related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking committed against you. However, HP cannot hold tenants who have been victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to a more demanding set of rules than it applies to tenants who have not been victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

The protections described in this notice might not apply, and you could be evicted and your assistance terminated, if HP can demonstrate that not evicting you or terminating your assistance would present a real physical danger that:

- 1) Would occur within an immediate time frame, and
- 2) Could result in death or serious bodily harm to other tenants or those who work on the property.

If HP can demonstrate the above, HP should only terminate your assistance or evict you if there are no other actions that could be taken to reduce or eliminate the threat.

Other Laws

VAWA does not replace any Federal, State, or local law that provides greater protection for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. You may be entitled to additional housing protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking under other Federal laws, as well as under State and local laws.

Non-Compliance with The Requirements of This Notice

You may report a covered housing provider's violations of these rights and seek additional assistance, if needed, by contacting or filing a complaint with the HUD Hartford Field Office located at 20 Church Street, 20th Floor, Hartford CT 06103.

For Additional Information

You may view a copy of HUD's final VAWA rule at <https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/5720-F-03VAWAFINRULE.PDF>.

Additionally, HP must make a copy of HUD's VAWA regulations available to you if you ask to see them.

For questions regarding VAWA, please contact the HHA Offices at 203-248-9036.

For help regarding an abusive relationship, you may call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 or, for persons with hearing impairments, 1-800-787-3224 (TTY).

For tenants who are or have been victims of stalking seeking help may visit the National Center for Victims of Crime's Stalking Resource Center at <https://www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center>.

For help regarding sexual assault, you may contact the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-4673.

Victims of stalking seeking help may contact Safe Horizon at 1-800-621-4673.

Attachment: Certification form HUD-5382.

Definition of Significant Amendment or Modification

The HHA considers the following to be a significant amendment or modification to this 5-Year Plan:

1. Any material changes to the HHA Policies set forth in the Section 8 Administrative Plan that change the fundamental structure of the HHA's mission, goals, objectives or long-term plans for the Voucher program. Changes to internal procedures that may be included as a part of these policies and clarification of daily and periodic operational program policies are not considered to be a significant amendment or modification.
2. Changes to the overall mission and/or the long-term goals of the HHA.
3. Changes to the amount or type of housing stock.
4. A proposed homeownership, development or mixed finance proposal.