**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, including changes to these policies, 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-HCV is to be completed annuallyby **HCV-Only PHAs**. PHAs that meet the definition of a Standard PHA, Troubled PHA, High Performer PHA, Small PHA, or Qualified PHA do not 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 both 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***- APHA that is not designated as PHAS or SEMAP troubled, that owns or manages less than 250 public housing units and any number of vouchers where the total combined units exceed 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 PHAthat owns or manages 250 or more public housing units and any number of vouchers where the total combined units exceed 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.

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| **A.**  | **PHA Information.** |
| **A.1** | **PHA Name**: Grand Forks Housing Authority **PHA Code**: ND012**PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning**: (MM/YYYY): 01/2023**PHA Inventory** (Based on Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) units at time of FY beginning, above) **Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs):** 1,484**PHA Plan Submission Type:** [x]  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. [ ]  **PHA Consortia**: (Check box if submitting a joint 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** |
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| **B.** |  **Plan Elements.**   |
| **B.1** | **Revision of Existing PHA Plan Elements.** a) Have the following PHA Plan elements been revised by the PHA since its last Annual Plan submission?Y N [x]  [ ]  Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs. [ ]  [x]  Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions. [x]  [ ]  Financial Resources. [ ]  [x]  Rent Determination. [ ]  [x]  Operation and Management. [ ]  [x]  Informal Review and Hearing Procedures. [ ]  [x]  Homeownership Programs. [ ]  [x]  Self Sufficiency Programs and Treatment of Income Changes Resulting from Welfare Program Requirements. [ ]  [x]  Substantial Deviation. [ ]  [x]  Significant Amendment/Modification. (b) If the PHA answered yes for any element, describe the revisions for each element(s):See attached regarding the Statement of Housing Needs and Financial Resources |
| **B.2** | **New Activities*.***– Not Applicable |
| **B.3** | **Progress Report.** Provide a description of the PHA’s progress in meeting its Mission and Goals described in its 5-Year PHA Plan.1. **Expand partnerships with service providers community-wide to ensure adequate services and equal opportunities for individuals with mental and-or behavioral health barriers in addition to those with physical disabilities.**GFHA was recently awarded funds to add two housing system navigators in Grand Forks, who will be located at the University of North Dakota and within the Grand Forks Public Schools. In addition to their direct work with students and their households, these GFHA staff members will be integrally engaged in the continuum of care and coordinated entry system, meeting numerous times monthly with staff from various local service agencies.
2. **Offer opportunities for engagement between local landlords and mental health providers to improve understanding of disabilities and their impact on successful tenancy in independent living situations.**GFHA continues to encourage increased partnership between the Grand Forks Apartment Association and local service providers, frequently acting as a referral source between members of each group.
3. **Engage participants in decision-making processes related to online applications and annual recertification to better understand barriers and opportunities for growth, implementing new actions with their input in mind.**GFHA recently approved providing a monthly stipend to the Participant representative on the GFHA Board of Commissioners, intended to be commensurate with the hourly value of the amount of time Commissioners are expected to commit to Board service. GFHA has also expanded opportunities for voucher participants to engage in the Resident Advisory Board, utilizing new electronic means to procure feedback without requiring households to come to the GFHA office.
4. **Streamline HCV eligibility process to avoid extreme peaks and valleys in utilization throughout year due to lengthy processing.**

While the GFHA HCV eligibility process has generally been streamlined, peaks and valleys still appear to be present due to the continual addition of new special vouchers. In total, GFHA continues to provide on equivalent or greater total amount of voucher-related housing assistance in the community as in previous years, the vouchers are simply coming out of special programs like Mainstream and Emergency Housing Vouchers rather than Housing Choice Vouchers alone. GFHA is currently working to add staff members to ease the administrative burden on current staff members, who have seen caseloads grow substantially in recent years.1. **Reduce eligibility process to a maximum of 30 days.**

GFHA’s eligibility process has successfully been reduced to 30 days or less, as long as households are meeting their responsibilities in providing necessary documents. Broadened partnerships with service providers who can aid in navigating the housing assistance program have also helped to reduce the length of the eligibility process.1. **Review PBV eligibility and ongoing management processes to seek more efficient administration of program (involving fewer staff members and minimizing tenant confusion).**GFHA is currently in the process of modifying staff responsibilities within the voucher program. When new staff members are hired (GFHA has struggled to find applicants), emphasis will be placed on streamlining the PBV eligibility process.
2. **Maximize utilization of budget authority to assist maximum number of households.**While GFHA is not currently maximizing utilization due to new vouchers, the total number of households served is currently significantly higher than voucher programs of the past. Once additional staff members are available, we anticipated utilization numbers will rise significantly.
3. **Increase percentage of households participating in LAUNCH.**LAUNCH continues to maintain high numbers, a goal that was accomplished in 2021.
4. **Establish a range of number of HCV units within which to have issued so as to even out workflow throughout the year.**Staff shortages have hindered GFHA’s ability to reach the ideal range of utilized vouchers, but current staff members are working diligently on a plan for higher utilization once new staff members are added.
5. **Apply for and obtain additional specialty vouchers to include FUP, VASH, Mainstream and any new opportunities presented.**30 additional Mainstream vouchers were added in 2022, as well as 16 tenant-protection vouchers and 8 housing choice vouchers.
6. **Train all appropriate staff of the different sections of and benefits of utilizing HUD’s two-year tool.**The Executive Administrator (HCV Manager) and HCV Lead have been trained on HUD’s two-year tool.
7. **Clean/purge Yardi software and regularly train HCV staff on updates so that all VMS reports reflect accurate data.**Thanks to the addition of so many vouchers, GFHA’s waiting lists are currently short and effectively self-purging as a result.
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| **B.4** | **Capital Improvements.** – Not Applicable  |
| **B.5** | **Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit.** 1. Were there any findings in the most recent FY Audit?

Y N N/A[ ]  [x]  [ ]  1. If yes, please describe:
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| **C.** | **Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.** |
| **C.1** | **Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.** 1. Did the RAB(s) have comments to the PHA Plan?

Y N [ ]  [x]  **While the Resident Advisory Board had general comments regarding the GFHA HCV program, they were not specific to any plan elements and did not cause any of the plan elements to be changed.**1. 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.
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| **C.2** | **Certification by State or Local Officials.** [Form HUD 50077-SL](http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/forms/files/50077sl.doc), *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.3** | **Civil Rights Certification/ Certification Listing Policies and Programs that the PHA has Revised since Submission of its Last Annual Plan.** Form HUD-50077-ST-HCV-HP, *PHA Certifications of Compliance with PHA Plan, Civil Rights, and Related Laws and Regulations* *Including PHA Plan Elements that Have Changed,* must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan. |
| **C.4** | **Challenged Elements.** If any element of the PHA Plan is challenged, a PHA must include such information as an attachment with a description of any challenges to Plan elements, the source of the challenge, and the PHA’s response to the public.1. Did the public challenge any elements of the Plan?

Y N [ ]  [x]   If yes, include Challenged Elements. **No plan elements were challenged.** |

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| **D.**  | **Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).**  |
| **D.1** | **Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).****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.**

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| Fair Housing Goal: |
| *Describe fair housing strategies and actions to achieve the goal* In an effort to more effectively serve households experiencing homelessness, GFHA will create and seek funding to support case management positions which provide support in navigating the housing assistance system, to include supporting efforts to request reasonable accommodations and modifications. |

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| Fair Housing Goal: |
| *Describe fair housing strategies and actions to achieve the goal* On at least an annual basis, GFHA staff will review current procedures to ensure all reasonable efforts are made to encourage the participation of underrepresented populations in the Resident Advisory Board, GFHA Board of Commissioners, and any other groups influencing policymaking decisions at GFHA. In 2022, the GFHA Board of Commissioners approved payment of a stipend to the Participant Representative on the GFHA Board of Commissioners, intended to be commensurate with the hourly value of their time committed to board meetings. |

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| Fair Housing Goal: |
| *Describe fair housing strategies and actions to achieve the goal* In an effort to expand housing opportunity, GFHA has redeveloped its rent reasonableness procedure to continually update comparable units in the rent reasonableness database and engage landlords before denying eligibility of a unit due to rent reasonableness. Allowing landlords to provide their own proof of rent reasonableness assists not only the subject unit during a comparison, but expands the overall database for future comparisons. |

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**Instructions for Preparation of Form HUD-50075-HCV**

**Annual PHA Plan for HCV-Only PHAs**

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

**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)](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=cc31cf1c3a2b84ba4ead75d35d258f67&rgn=div5&view=text&node=24:4.0.3.1.10&idno=24#24:4.0.3.1.10.2.5.7))

**B. Plan Elements.** All PHAs must complete this section. ([24 CFR §903.11(c)(3)](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=c84b8750d7c9fcd46c0c7546aeb860cf&rgn=div5&view=text&node=24:4.0.3.1.3&idno=24#24:4.0.3.1.3.2.5.8))

**B.1 Revision of Existing 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."

[x]  **Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs.** Provide a statement addressing the housing needs of low-income, very low-income and extremely low-income families and a brief description of the PHA’s strategy for addressing the housing needs of families who reside in the jurisdiction served by the PHA and other families who are on the Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting lists. 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 (iii) households with individuals with disabilities, and households of various races and ethnic groups residing in the jurisdiction or on the public housing and Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting lists. The statement of housing needs shall be based on information provided by the applicable Consolidated Plan, information provided by HUD, and generally available data. The identification of housing needs must address issues of affordability, supply, quality, accessibility, size of units, and location. Once the PHA has submitted an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH), which includes an assessment of disproportionate housing needs in accordance with 24 CFR 5.154(d)(2)(iv), information on households with individuals with disabilities and households of various races and ethnic groups residing in the jurisdiction or on the waiting lists no longer needs to be included in the Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs. (24 CFR § 903.7(a)).

The identification of housing needs must address issues of affordability, supply, quality, accessibility, size of units, and location. ([24 CFR §903.7(a)(2)](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=13734845220744370804c20da2294a03&rgn=div5&view=text&node=24:4.0.3.1.3&idno=24#24:4.0.3.1.3.2.5.5)(i)) Provide a description of the ways in which the PHA intends, to the maximum extent practicable, to address those housing needs in the upcoming year and the PHA’s reasons for choosing its strategy. ([24 CFR §903.7(a)(2)(ii)](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=13734845220744370804c20da2294a03&rgn=div5&view=text&node=24:4.0.3.1.3&idno=24#24:4.0.3.1.3.2.5.5))

[ ]  **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)](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=b44bf19bef93dd31287608d2c687e271&rgn=div5&view=text&node=24:4.0.3.1.3&idno=24#24:4.0.3.1.3.2.5.5))

[x]  **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)](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=b44bf19bef93dd31287608d2c687e271&rgn=div5&view=text&node=24:4.0.3.1.3&idno=24))

[ ]  **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)](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=b44bf19bef93dd31287608d2c687e271&rgn=div5&view=text&node=24:4.0.3.1.3&idno=24#24:4.0.3.1.3.2.5.5))

[ ]  **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)](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=b44bf19bef93dd31287608d2c687e271&rgn=div5&view=text&node=24:4.0.3.1.3&idno=24#24:4.0.3.1.3.2.5.5)).

[ ]  **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)](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=b44bf19bef93dd31287608d2c687e271&rgn=div5&view=text&node=24:4.0.3.1.3&idno=24#24:4.0.3.1.3.2.5.5))

[ ]  **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)](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=b44bf19bef93dd31287608d2c687e271&rgn=div5&view=text&node=24:4.0.3.1.3&idno=24#24:4.0.3.1.3.2.5.5))

[ ]  **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 subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 (24 CFR Part 135) 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(l)](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=b44bf19bef93dd31287608d2c687e271&rgn=div5&view=text&node=24:4.0.3.1.3&idno=24#24:4.0.3.1.3.2.5.5)(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(l)](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=13734845220744370804c20da2294a03&rgn=div5&view=text&node=24:4.0.3.1.3&idno=24#24:4.0.3.1.3.2.5.5)(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)](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=13734845220744370804c20da2294a03&rgn=div5&view=text&node=24:4.0.3.1.3&idno=24#24:4.0.3.1.3.2.5.5))

[ ]  **Significant Amendment/Modification**. PHA must provide its criteria for determining a “Significant Amendment or Modification” to its 5-Year and Annual Plan.

 If any boxes are marked “yes”, describe the revision(s) to those element(s) in the space provided.

 **B.2 New Activities.** This section refers to new capital activities which is not applicable for HCV-Only PHAs.

**B.3 Progress Report.** For all Annual Plans following submission of the first Annual Plan, a PHA must include a brief statement of the PHA’s progress in meeting the mission and goals described in the 5-Year PHA Plan. ([24 CFR §903.11(c)(3)](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=c84b8750d7c9fcd46c0c7546aeb860cf&rgn=div5&view=text&node=24:4.0.3.1.3&idno=24#24:4.0.3.1.3.2.5.7), [24 CFR §903.7(r)(1)](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=663ef5e048922c731853f513acbdfa81&rgn=div5&view=text&node=24:4.0.3.1.3&idno=24#24:4.0.3.1.3.2.5.5))

**B.4 Capital Improvements.** This section refers to PHAs that receive funding from the Capital Fund Program (CFP) which is not applicable for HCV-Only PHAs

**B.5 Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit.** If the results of the most recent fiscal year audit for the PHA included any findings, mark “yes” and describe those findings in the space provided. ([24 CFR §903.7(p)](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=13734845220744370804c20da2294a03&rgn=div5&view=text&node=24:4.0.3.1.3&idno=24#24:4.0.3.1.3.2.5.5))

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

 **C.1 Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments**.If the RAB had comments on 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)](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=13734845220744370804c20da2294a03&rgn=div5&view=text&node=24:4.0.3.1.3&idno=24#24:4.0.3.1.3.2.5.9), [24 CFR §903.19](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=f41eb312b1425d2a95a2478fde61e11f&rgn=div5&view=text&node=24:4.0.3.1.3&idno=24#24:4.0.3.1.3.2.5.12))

 **C.2 Certification by State of Local Officials.** Form HUD-50077-SL, *Certification by State or Local Officials of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan*, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.([24 CFR §903.15](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=929855241bbc0873ac4be47579a4d2bf&rgn=div5&view=text&node=24:4.0.3.1.3&idno=24#24:4.0.3.1.3.2.5.10)). Note: A PHA may request to change its fiscal year to better coordinate its planning with planning done under the Consolidated Plan process by State or local officials as applicable.

 **C.**3 **Civil Rights Certification/ Certification Listing Policies and Programs that the PHA has Revised since Submission of its Last Annual Plan.** Provide a certification that the following plan elements have been revised, provided to the RAB for comment before implementation, approved by the PHA board, and made available for review and inspection by the public. This requirement is satisfied by completing and submitting form HUD-50077 ST-HCV-HP, *PHA Certifications of Compliance with PHA Plan, Civil Rights, and Related Laws and Regulations Including PHA Plan Elements that Have Changed*. Form HUD-50077-ST-HCV-HP, *PHA Certifications of Compliance with PHA Plan, Civil Rights, and Related Laws and Regulations Including PHA Plan Elements that Have Changed* 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 certification requirement to affirmatively further fair housing if the PHA fulfills the requirements of §§ 903.7(o)(1) and 903.15(d) and: (i) examines its programs or proposed programs; (ii) identifies any fair housing issues and contributing factors within those programs, in accordance with 24 CFR 5.154; or 24 CFR 5.160(a)(3) as applicable (iii) specifies actions and strategies designed to address contributing factors, related fair housing issues, and goals in the applicable Assessment of Fair Housing consistent with 24 CFR 5.154 in a reasonable manner in view of the resources available; (iv) works with jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement; (v) operates programs in a manner consistent with any applicable consolidated plan under 24 CFR part 91, and with any order or agreement, to comply with the authorities specified in paragraph (o)(1) of this section; (vi) complies with any contribution or consultation requirement with respect to any applicable AFH, in accordance with 24 CFR 5.150 through 5.180; (vii) maintains records reflecting these analyses, actions, and the results of these actions; and (viii) takes steps acceptable to HUD to remedy known fair housing or civil rights violations. impediments to fair housing choice within those programs; addresses those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available; works with the local jurisdiction to implement any of the jurisdiction’s initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing; and assures that the annual plan is consistent with any applicable Consolidated Plan for its jurisdiction. (24 CFR §903.7(o)).

 **C.4 Challenged Elements**. If any element of the Annual PHA Plan or 5-Year PHA Plan is challenged, a PHA must 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 (AFFH).**

**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 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 6.02 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.

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**Attachment B.1:**

*Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs*

Grand Forks County continues to expand housing availability for low-income households through the development of LIHTC properties. In recent years, many of these properties have been located in the downtown area of Grand Forks, which has schools, employment opportunities, and in 2022 saw the return of a large, broad-serving downtown grocery store. GFHA is committed to providing affordability through housing choice vouchers in these buildings, and will work with willing landlords to ensure rents will be set at levels that voucher participants can afford (at or below the payment standard).

In an effort to serve individuals with disabilities, households of various races and ethnic groups, and those who are elderly, GFHA has partnered with numerous local agencies to foster case management relationships for participants. A recent GFHA project was awarded funding to add 2 housing case managers to the community, housed at the University of North Dakota. GFHA also participates in the local continuum of care and biweekly coordinated entry list meetings. In response to the availability of Emergency Rental Assistance programming through the State of North Dakota, the GFHA Client Services division trained to become ND Rent Help Application Counselors to aid households in need of rent help in securing the funds necessary to attain and retain affordable housing before, during, and after their participation in GFHA housing assistance programs.

*Financial Resources*

GFHA continuously seeks additional resources to expand the availability of housing assistance within the County. In 2022, 30 additional Mainstream vouchers were added to serve households with non-elderly individuals with disabilities. GFHA was also recently awarded 8 additional vouchers to its Annual Contributions Contract and 16 tenant-protection vouchers.