| 5-Year PHA Plan | 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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| (for All PHAs) | | |
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Applicability. The Form HUD-50075-5Y is to be completed once every 5 PHA fiscal years by all PHAs.

| А. | PHA Information. | | | |
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| A.1 | PHA Name:OCA | LA HOUSING AUTHORITY | PHA Code: | FL032 |
| | The Five-Year Period of th | Beginning: (MM/YYYY): <u>2026</u> ne Plan (i.e. 2019-2023): <u>2026-2030</u> ne: ⊠ <mark>5-Year Plan Submission</mark> □ | | |
| | available to the public. A Pl information relevant to the p PHA must provide informat the standard Annual Plan bu updates, at each Asset Mana | h. In addition to the items listed in this form, PH HA must identify the location(s) where the propoublic hearing and proposed PHA Plan are availation on how the public may reasonably obtain ad at excluded from their streamlined submissions. Igement Project (AMP) and the main or central on their official websites. PHAs are also encourage | osed PHA Plan, PHA Plan Elemen able for inspection by the public. A ditional information on the PHA p At a minimum, PHAs must post F office of the PHA. PHAs are stron | nts, and all Additionally, the olicies contained in HA Plans, including gly encouraged to |
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| | PUBLIC NOTICE | | | |
| | DATE: | MARCH 27, 2025 | | |
| | TO: | GENERAL PUBLIC AND INTERESTED PA | ARTIES | |
| | SUBJECT: | OCALA HOUSING AUTHORITY 2025-202 | 29 5-YEAR AGENCY PLAN | |
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| | main office 1629 NW 4th St | on the Ocala Housing Authority (OHA) Websi treet, Ocala FL 34475. The Plan will be provid for public comment (both before and after th | led either by mail and/or email ι | |
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| | version, and/or considered parties will have an addition meeting before the Board of public. For information on | estions received by 5:30 p.m. June 5 th , 2025, t d in the development of the next 5-Year Actio onal opportunity to comment on the Plan dur takes official action on the document. OHA Bc how to access OHA public Board of Commiss CEO at lsmith@ocalahousing.org | n Plan and/or the Annual Agenc ing June 16, 2025, the Board of C oard of Commissioner meetings | y Plan. Interested Commissioners are open to the |
| | For further information or 369-3350 email: jbrown@ | to request a reasonable accommodation, pleas ocalahousing.org | e call Ms. Jacalyn Brown, Complia | nce Director 352- |

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| B.2 | Goals # 1 Increase Resident Engagement |
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Objective: Foster community pride and ownership among the public housing residents *Action Steps*:

- 1. Re-establish an active Resident Council which will meet no less than quarterly to address tenant issues and develop recommended solutions.
- 2. The Resident Council Board to be comprised of at least one resident from each of the four Public Housing Properties; thereby establishing resident leaders within each property with the interest and ability to address minor issues and recognize when larger issues need to be brought to the attention of the property manager or management team.
- 3. Plan and execute at least quarterly activities for residents, which may include, but are not limited to, cleanup day with staff taking part, senior luncheons and bingo, holiday celebrations, resource fair or improving health related events.
- 4. Collaborate with the resident council to identify and engage them in the event planning, eventually moving to the resident council taking over the full planning and execution of most events.
- 5. Engage more community partners and businesses to help fund or sponsor events for residents.

Goal # 2 – Maximize participation in Self Sufficiency programs.

Objectives: Strengthened financial capacity of both public housing and Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) participants, enhancing housing opportunities and reducing rental subsidies. **Action Steps:**

- 1. Ramp up marketing of the Family Self Sufficiency and Resident Opportunity Self Sufficiency programs using posters, celebrations, social media, video clips and updated fact sheets.
- 2. Hold annual sign-up drives aligned with workshops that include presentations by former graduates, successful HCV or low-income homeowners and community partners.
- 3. Improve service delivery and increased partnerships with local businesses for linkage with more supportive programs focused on supporting employment, accessing childcare and overcoming transportation barriers.

Goal # 3 – Expand delivery of Housing Counseling Services

Objectives: Use of multiple mediums to deliver Housing Counseling services to a broader range of individuals within the community.

Action Steps:

- 1. Add two HUD Certified Housing Counselors to the OHA staff, with varying levels of experience and competencies, to expand the number of services being provided.
- 2. Add more workshops and use web-based platforms, such as Zoom or Teams, to engage a wider audience and participation base, ending barriers such as transportation and childcare.
- 3. Form more business partnerships within the community to fund and sponsor workshops and aid in guiding participants interested in pursuing homeownership.
- 4. Increase the number of HCV voucher holders who become homeowners under the HCV homeownership program and streamline the process used for subsidy payments.

Goal # 4 Expand and preserve the supply of assisted housing.

Objective: To ensure both housing quality and stability for our participants. *Action Steps*:

- 1. Apply for the RAD conversion project-based rental vouchers to replace repositioned public housing rental units (185 Units).
- 2. Provide training to Ocala Housing staff on the rules and regulations about the administration of RAD conversion project-based vouchers.
- 3. Once the RAD process starts, the OHA will hold community meetings to prepare residents who will be directly affected by changes due to RAD conversion. Additionally, OHA will prepare notices, a RAD conversion FAQ, and consistently with our policy of community engagement, publish a resident subsidy repositioning handbook on the impact to their households. At a minimum, all written materials for the communities affected will be translated into Spanish.
- 4. Build in the donated lot, which will allow OHA to increase its imprint in the city and offer affordable homeownership opportunities for working families. The Ocala Housing Authority (OHA) plans to build 2 duplexes in the northwest section of Ocala. OHA has been selected as a recipient of one parcel of donated land and has been advised that a second parcel is being evaluated for donation as well. OHA will begin the process of building on the first parcel, which will be a single duplex with 2 rental units. This project, though seemingly small in scale to other likely proposals, goes to serve a direct need in the Marion County Housing market for affordable 1–2-bedroom rental units. Most contractors and developers are not building units of this size, thus contributing to a severe shortage. Our project will serve as an economic catalyst for the potential employment of low-to-moderate income level people under Sec 3 of the HUD (Civil Rights) Act of 1968.
- 5. Apply for more rental vouchers, such as VASH, and Family Unification, as they become available.
- 6. Continue to hold informational sessions monthly with interested landlords to provide information about the Housing Choice Voucher Program.
- 7. Continue to administer and enhance the Agency's Homeownership program by developing new partnerships and increasing the number of program participants.
- 8. Continue to administer special voucher programs such as Emergency Housing, Family Unification Program (FUP), Re-Entry, VASH and Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) programs in conjunction with the Ocala local Continuum of Care (CoC) to end homelessness. We will continue to monitor any new funds availability that are released from HUD, to be able to apply to increase the number of families we can continue to add to our list additionally to the ones who are currently active with the Ocala Housing Authority.

Goal #5 Improve the quality of assisted housing: *Objective*: Setting new ways of administration of the programs. *Action Plan*:

- 1. Continue to improve management functions and issues under the Housing Choice Voucher Program, Quality Control, HQS INSPIRE/UPCS unit inspections, work order turnaround times, and lease-up turnaround.
- 2. Strengthen the property management function of the agency through staff training and reorganization of staff functions.
- 3. Renew our agency's software to be able to obtain most-up-to-date modules within the software that will help minimize the administrative burden. Lindsay Software has been purchased by MRI software, which brings new modules. OHA can benefit from expanding the modules. New possible available modules are:
 - Rent payments online, which will alleviate data entry errors.
 - Landlord Portal, which will aid a landlord to be able to review HAP payment history, know when the next unit inspection is scheduled, and received a copy of year end 1099 forms.
 - Tenant Portal, which will help our program participants to update, request and upload anything related to new admission, annual recertification, and transfers/interims.
- 4. Contactless Annual and Interim Recertification.
- 5. Certification packet will be mailed to participants, with instructions on how to deliver back to the Ocala Housing Authority.
- 6. The updated Ocala Housing Choice Voucher Program Admin Plan, preparation to be effective FY 2026

Goal #6 Foster Strong Family Concepts

Objective: help and accommodate the needs of families.

Action Steps:

- 1. Meet quarterly with residents of the Ocala Housing properties to gain insight into issues and needs, which will increase resident engagement with the Ocala Housing Authority events.
- 2. Pavillion Oaks Recreation /Community Room, which was approved by HUD to convert a 1bedroom unit into a community room, will supply the residents who live at Pavillion Oaks to have a facility with a laundry room and space for after-hour meetings or activities with residents.
- Agency departments will work together to tackle the issue of residents' poor housekeeping. Currently methods are being explored to address the issue and determine what services may be offered locally.
- 4. Community gardens at different sites, which will support healthy lifestyles and build community rapport.
- 5. Engage with more community partners; Initiate Mobile Health unit visits to communities, businesses or non-profit agencies.

Goal # 7 Operate all Programs in an Effective Manner

- 1. Maintain High Performing Status on the Section Eight Management Assessment System (SEMAP)
- 2. Maintain payment standards that allow participants to find affordable housing.

Goal #8 Continue to provide high quality customer service.

- 1. Continue to hold routine staff meetings to foster a positive work environment while focusing on communication, team building, problem solving, and accountability.
- 2. Provide job-related employee training to increase efficiency.
- 3. Build resident leaders per site, to assist us with any issues or complaints. This will encourage the residents to become more involved in the community they live in.

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.

During the reporting period 2020-2024, the Ocala Housing Authority has completed many goals and objectives included in the last 5-Year Plan submitted by the Agency.

The Ocala Housing Authority continues to improve in providing superior customer service. The Compliance Department has been auditing and working closely with the Housing Choice Voucher manager to make sure the review and corrections of transactions are corrected in a timely matter, and other areas in other agency departments. Even though management projected to hire a full-time fraud investigator to improve the agency's accountability and credibility, with budget constraints, that position has been placed on hold, however each department manager is monitoring and handling the fraud cases and proceedings, with results based on the finding.

The HCV department has faced turnover over the last 5 years, bringing in new staff members, allowing the goal of restructuring training methods to be implemented. The HCV Manager meets with new staff every day for 30 minutes, first thing in the morning, after weeks of training, to make sure all areas of learning have been captured by the new staff member.

The agency continues to increase housing opportunities. During the last five years, a ROSS program coordinator was added, with success.

Resident Services - The agency continues to increase housing opportunities. During FY 2019, Ocala Housing Authority was awarded a grant for the Resident Opportunities Self Sufficiency program (ROSS). This program, which focuses on eight primary areas (education, employment, financial literacy, health and wellness, re-entry and substance abuse, elderly and disabled and digital literacy) is available only to public housing residents. A ROSS Coordinator was hired, policies developed, and intensive marketing and recruitment strategies implemented. Through marketing and recruitment, just under 30% of public housing households have participated in the program (53 of 186 households).

Over the past five years, participation in the Family Self Sufficiency program has grown significantly. Through the marketing of the program and showcasing the success of graduates the number of enrollments doubled, and Ocala Housing Authority exceeded the mandatory number of slots. Of those exiting out the program in the last five years, almost 20% were successful graduates with 25% of those graduates moving into homeownership. Half of the homeowners were able to accomplish financial stability sufficient to leave the HCV program all together and achieve continued homeownership without further subsidies.

Ocala Housing Authority is a HUD- Approved Housing Counseling Agency and currently has two HUD Certified Housing Counselors on staff. Between January 1, 2020, and December 2024, over 800 households received housing counseling services. Ocala Housing Authority housing counseling, coupled with HCV homeownership programs successfully assisted 20 voucher holders to become first time home buyers. Of those 20 homeowners, only 13 continue to receive ongoing subsidies. Three non-HCV families also achieved homeownership during this period without subsidy. To increase program participation of residents and landlords, landlord briefings has been implemented with success, management is advertising the briefing monthly, and as of now, we are still receiving not only new landlords and current landlords who are already in the program. The Briefing not only informs new landlords on how the program works and how to become an HCV landlord, but it also addresses any other or new updates that are occurring under the Housing Choice Voucher program. It has resulted in being informative for the landlord renting their unit to an HCV voucher holder.

The Ocala Housing management continues to increase service capacity, improving recruitment and retention of professional staff. The HR team has been working with different employment recruitment sites, to recruit new applicants when the agency opens vacant positions.

During the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the remote working was implemented at the Ocala Housing Authority. Staff were provided with additional equipment to take home and complete assignments assigned under their position. It was a challenge for the agency since the agency processed all materials by paper trail and not digital, but staff worked together to get things working and process in a timely manner.

| informing victims of domestic violence about the legal protection afforded under VAWA and in providing counseling about victims' rights and available resources. OHA management implemented policies and procedures to ensure applicants and residents are aware of their rights under the VAWA as described in Chapters 16-23 of the Admission and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) and Chapters 3 and 16 of the Housing Choice Voucher Program Administrative Plan. Policies implemented/procedures include: A summary of the rights and protections provided by VAWA to housing choice voucher program and public housing applicants and participants who are or have been victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. |
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| The definitions of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking are provided in VAWA. An explanation of the documentation that the OHA may need from an individual who claims the protections provided by VAWA The policy includes the identification of residents who are eligible for emergency transfer, the documentation needed to request an emergency transfer, confidentiality protection, how emergency transfer may occur, and guidance to residents on safety and security. This plan is based on a model emergency transfer plan published by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). OHA staff will keep confidential any information that the resident or participant submits in requesting an emergency transfer, and information about the emergency transfer, and also will keep confidential any information that it receives from a victim, unless (a) the OHA has the victim's written permission to release the information, (b) it needs to use the information in an eviction proceeding, or (c) staff is compelled by law to release the information. See the Notice of Occupancy Rights under the Violence Against Woman Act for all residents for more information related to incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. |
| GOALS OHA goals for 2025 and forward are focused on an increased awareness of the VAWA laws for residents |
| and applicants by: |
| Revising existing policies to reflect VAWA changes to requirements. |
| • Continue to provide agency staff training on VAWA regulations and services offered. |
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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.

The Ocala Housing Authority works to assist the OHA residents and their families, who are the

most affected by domestic violence acts. The Ocala Housing Authority staff has been successful in

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| | OHA will post VAWA information and links on OHA's Web site and other social media platform as needed. |
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| | • Complete easy-to-read and understand VAWA pamphlet to distribute to applicants and tenants. |
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| 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. |
| | A "significant amendment or modification" to OHA's 5-Year Plan (or Annual Plan) is a policy change that significantly alters the Agency's stated mission, goals, objectives, and activities as stated in the Plan unless they are adopted to reflect changes in HUD regulations or requirements. If a change is considered a significant amendment to the 5-Year Plan or to the Annual Plan, it must undergo a public process that includes public notice and public comment period; a public hearing, and approval by OHA's Board of Commissioners; and submission to and approval by HUD (CFR §§ 903.13, 903.15, and 903.17). |
| C.2 | Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments. |
| C.2 | (a) Did the RAB(s) have comments to the 5-Year PHA Plan? |
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| | (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. |
| 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. |
| | (a) Did the public challenge any elements of the Plan? |
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| | (b) If yes, include Challenged Elements. |
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| D. | Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH). |
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| | 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. |
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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.

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