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5-Year PHA Plan (for All PHAs)

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Purpose. The 5-Year and Annual PHA Plans provide a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the PHA's operations, programs, and services, and informs HUD, families served by the PHA, and members of the public of the PHA's mission, goals, and objectives for serving the needs of low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families.

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

A.	PHA Information.						
A.1	identify the specific location(s) wher available for inspection by the public PHA policies contained in the standa updates, at each Asset Management on their official websites. PHAs are a How the public can access this PHA Authority located at 25 Roosevelt Standard Control of the public can access the PHA Authority located at 25 Roosevelt Standard Control of the public can access this PHA Authority located at 25 Roosevelt Standard Control of the public can access this PHA Authority located at 25 Roosevelt Standard Control of the public can access this PHA Authority located at 25 Roosevelt Standard Control of the public can access this PHA Authority located at 25 Roosevelt Standard Control of the public can access this PHA Authority located at 25 Roosevelt Standard Control of the public can access this PHA Authority located at 25 Roosevelt Standard Control of the public can access this PHA Authority located at 25 Roosevelt Standard Control of the public can access this PHA Authority located at 25 Roosevelt Standard Control of the public can access this PHA Authority located at 25 Roosevelt Standard Control of the public can access this PHA Authority located at 25 Roosevelt Standard Control of the public can access this PHA Authority located at 25 Roosevelt Standard Control of the public can access this PHA Authority located at 25 Roosevelt Standard Control of the public can access the p	ng: (MM/YYYY i.e., 2019-2023): Plan Submission ition to the items the the proposed Poor Additionally, the rd Annual Plan, Project (AMP) at also encouraged A Plan: The pub reet, Braintree, M	Revised 5-Year Plan Subman listed in this form, PHAs must have PHA Plan, PHA Plan Elements, and as the PHA must provide information on but excluded from their streamlined and the main office or central office of to provide each resident council a condiction of the phase of the provide each resident council acondictic can access the BHA's 5 Year Plan	ission the elements listed below readily avail I information relevant to the public he how the public may reasonably obtain submissions. At a minimum, PHAs mu the PHA. PHAs are strongly encourage by of their PHA Plans. at www.braintreehousingauthority.org	aring and proposed PHA Plan are additional information on the st post PHA Plans, including ged to post complete PHA Plans		
В.	Plan Elements. Required fo	r all PHAs co	ompleting this form.				
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. The Braintree Housing Authority's (BHA) mission is to provide individuals and families, whose income is very low and extremely low, the opportunity to live in safe and decent housing. To provide the resources and tools needed for the participants wishing to achieve greater self-sufficiency.						
В.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. *The BHA Section 8 Administrative Plan will be brought current with all changes (both required and discretionary) in accordance with Section 102 and 104 of HOTMA. These changes will take effect on January 1, 2025. *Update and implement VAWA policies to comply with VAWA 2022 implementation guidance, set forth in the Federal Register January 4, 2023 which now includes victims of human trafficking. *Remain committed to affirmatively furthering fair housing to ensure equal opportunity regardless of race, national origin, ethnic origin, color, sex, religion, age, disability, familial status, marital status, ancestry, status as victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy or source of income. *Continues to offer Section 8 families the opportunity to enroll in our highly successful Family Self-Sufficiency program. Continue to seek additional resources and local partnerships for this important program that supports participants in their goals related to economic independence. *BHA will continue to offer families the opportunity to participate in the Homeownership Program. *Require new and long term staff to participate in programs that provide training in eligibility, rent calculation, VAWA, etc. *Continue to participate in the Massachusetts Centralized Waiting List administered by Massachusetts NAHRO chapter. *Continue to apply for new voucher allocations as appropriate and maximize utilization of existing funding. *Continue to pursue "High Performer" status under SEMAP by closely monitoring program performance through quality control reviews. *Add to the Project Based Voucher program under the Section 8 VASH program. *We will regularly assess the rent burden and success rates for our program participants to deter						
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. Progress Report on: *Expand the Supply of Assisted Housing - BHA added a full-time HCV Rep. position to support administering additional vouchers.						
	Applied and received 4 additional HCV's. Applied and received 15 additional VASH Vouchers, and received 15 additional VASH Vouchers Continue to express interest in working with local agencies and the Town of Braintree to project based VASH youchers. Promote and Increase Homeownership for						

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	Assisted Families -In 2023 a HCV participant purchased a home through the homeownership program and another is expected in 2024. Two additional families purchased homes in the open market. *Improve the Quality of Assisted Housing -Continue to use Affordablehousing.com which has a large database to assure participants are obtaining rents that are reasonable to this market and also to ensure the adopted PS are sufficient and not creating housing barriersClosely monitor all HQS inspections to ensure safe and affordable housingContinue to perform each year, HQC inspections to ensure families housing is decent, safe and sanitaryHUD SEMAP High Performer - Continue to receive this designation *Increase Assisted Housing Choices - New HCV holders and those wishing to relocate are provided information to help with their search for housing. Information provided includes housing developments, landlords and how to utilize housing search engines. Adopting payment standards that are adequate for the local marketProviding community resources to help families receive the assistance they may need to maintain their housing, such as Headstart Programs, child care vouchers, computer training classes, tax preparation assistance, ESL classes, fuel assistance, money management classes, food stamp application/assistance, etc. At briefings, continue to advise families of the benefits of living in an area of low/no poverty such as educational benefits to children and family members. 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.					
B.4	Braintree Housing Authority is committed to ensure the physical safety of victims of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, stalking or human trafficking who are assisted by BHA. The BHA will collaborate with law enforcement authorities, victim service providers to promote the safety and well-being of victims of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. BHA provides all participants with information about VAWA at the time of admission and at annual reexamination. The VAWA information provided to applicants and participants consists of the Notice of Occupancy Rights under the Violence Against Women Act (HUD 5380) and Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking and Alternative Documentation (HUD 5382). Landlords are required to sign form HUD-91067 and attach to participants' lease.					
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. Substantial deviation(s) significant change or modification amendment(s) or modification(s) are defined as discretionary changes in the plan or policies of the housing authority that fundamentally changes the missions, goals, objectives or plans of the agency and which require formal approval of the Board of Commissioners.					
C.2	Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments. (a) Did the RAB(s) have comments to the 5-Year PHA Plan? Y N (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? Y N (b) If yes, include Challenged Elements.					
D.	Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).					
	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.					
D.1	Fair Housing Goal: To educate voucher holders on fair housing laws.					
	Describe fair housing strategies and actions to achieve the goal					
	Improve housing literacy/information on Fair Housing: provide reliable, ongoing information source for voucher holders. Contract with a company that provides translation services.					

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Civil Rights Certification Annual Certification and Board Resolution

Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Agency (PHA) listed below, as its Chairperson or other authorized PHA official if there is no Board of Commissioners, I approve the submission of the 5-Year PHA Plan, hereinafter referred to as" the Plan", of which this document is a part, and make the following certification and agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the fiscal year beginning 01/2025 in which the PHA receives assistance under 42 U.S.C. 1437f and/or 1437g in connection with the mission, goals, and objectives of the public housing agency and implementation thereof:

The PHA certifies that it will carry out the public housing program of the agency in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d-2000d—4), the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), and other applicable civil rights requirements and that it will affirmatively further fair housing in the administration of the program. In addition, if it administers a Housing Choice Voucher Program, the PHA certifies that it will administer the program in conformity with the Fair Housing Act, title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other applicable civil rights requirements, and that it will affirmatively further fair housing in the administration of the program. The PHA will affirmatively further fair housing, which means that it will take meaningful actions to further the goals identified in the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) conducted in accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR § 5.150 through 5.180, that it will take no action that is materially inconsistent with its obligation to affirmatively further fair housing, and that it will address fair housing issues and contributing factors in its programs, in accordance with 24 CFR § 903.7(o)(3). The PHA will fulfill the requirements at 24 CFR § 903.7(o) and 24 CFR § 903.15(d). Until such time as the PHA is required to submit an AFH, the PHA will fulfill the requirements at 24 CFR § 903.7(o) promulgated prior to August 17, 2015, which means that it examines its 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 maintains records reflecting these analyses and actions.

Braintree Housing Authority	MA053	
PHA Name	PHA Number/PHA Code	

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

Name of Executive Director: MS Lauren Murphy

Name of Board Chairperson: Marta Googins

Signature:

Date: 7-18-24

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Executive Director Signature:

: Rame Numphy

Board Chairperson Signature

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I. Christopher Jee, the <u>Interim General Counsel</u> Communities,	of the Executive Office of Housing & Livable					
Official's Name Offic	cial's Title					
certify that the 5-Year PHA Plan for fiscal year <u>2025-2029</u> of the <u>Braintree Housing Authority</u> is consistent with						
PHA Nam						
the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan including the Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice or Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) as applicable to the						
Commonwealth of Massachusetts						
Local Jurisdiction Name						
pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91 and 24 CFR §§ 903.7(o)(3) and 903.15.						
Provide a description of how the PHA Plan's contents are consistent with the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan.						
The BHA plan provides for affordable, safe, and d						
housing and economic opportunities for low incom	ne households, and commits to affirmatively					
further fair housing.						
I bereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provid prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil po	ed in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate. Warning: HUD will enalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)					
Christopher Jee	Interim General Counsel					
Name of Authorized Official:	Title:					
Signature: (Jul 24, 2024 22:04 EDT)	Date: 7/24/24					

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MA053 Administrative Plan Proposed HOTMA Policy Decisions.

BRAINTREE HOUSING AUTHORITY Proposed HOTMA Policy Decisions Expected effective date: 1/1/2025

1. **SELF-CERTIFICATION OF NET FAMILY ASSETS**: 24 CFR 5.603(B) "Net Family Assets" paragraph (2) 5.618(b)

The PHA will determine net family assets and anticipated income earned from assets at new admission and at recertification by fully verifying the the information reported by family, regardless of the family having assets that are equal to or less than \$50,000

ASSET LIMITS: ASSET LIMITATION FOR INTERIM AND ANNUAL REEXAMINATION 24 CFR 5.618

At admission, a family may not be assisted if they have \$100,000 or more in assets (including real estate) or real property ownership; that is suitable for the applicant household to live in.

For participant families as of 1/1/2025, the PHA will adopt a Limited Enforcement Option to Cure Policy. Families will have no longer than six months to demonstrate they have cured non-compliance.(In the case of a reasonable accommodation, a family may be afforded more than six months to comply.)

2. Hardship Exemptions for Health and Medical Care Expenses and Reasonable Attendant Care and Auxiliary Apparatus Expenses Regulations: 24 CFR § 5.611(c)(1); 5.611(c)(1)(D); and 5.611(c)(2)

Phased-In Relief: The Health and Medical Care Expenses deduction will be capped at qualifying expenses of 10% of annual income starting in 2025. The PHA will incrementally implement this policy for current participants with medical expenses."Phased in Relief", will begin automatically as 5% in the first year; 7.5% in the second year and 10% for the third year.

General Relief: A family that did not have medical expenses prior to the implementation date may request a hardship exemption for 90 days (deduction would be capped at qualifying expense in excess of 5% instead of 10%) for an unexpected increase in health or medical care expenses that the PHA will verify and approve.

3. Child-Care Expenses Deduction and Hardship Exemption to Continue Child-Care Expenses Deduction Regulation: 24 CFR §§ 5.603 Child-Care Expenses and 5.611(d)

The PHA may extend the child care expense deduction for an additional 90 day periods if the family demonstrates that they are unable to pay their rent because of loss of the child care expense deduction, and the child care expense is still necessary even though the family member is no longer employed, looking for work, or furthering his or her education.

4. Self-Certification of Net Family Assets Equal to or Less Than \$50,000 (as adjusted for inflation) Regulations: 24 CFR §§ 5.603; 5.609; 5.618; 5.659(e); 882.515(a); 882.808(i)(1); 891.105; 891.655; 960.259(c)(2); and 982.516(a)(3)

The PHA will not allow for self certification of net family assets equal to or below the \$50.000 adjusted annually for inflation. The PHA will verify all families assets on an annual basis.

5. INTERIM REEXAMINATIONS 24 CFR §§ 5.567(c)(1); 882.515(b)(1); 960.257(b)(1); 982.516(c)(1); 891.410(g); 891.610(g); and 891.750

Families must report all changes in family income within 30 days from the effective date of the change to be considered "timely". Families must report changes in household composition within 15 days from the effective date of the change to be considered "Timely"

6. Decreases in Adjusted IncomeRegulations: 24 CFR §§ 5.657(c)(2); 882.515(b)(2); 891.105; 891.410(g)(2); 891.610(g)(2); 960.257(b)(2); and 982.516(c)(2)

An interim reexamination will be conducted when the PHA is notified by the family. If the PHA family's adjusted income has decreased by an amount that is less than 10 percent the change may be declined.

7. Increases in Adjusted Income Regulations: 24 CFR §§ 5.657(c)(3); 882.515(b)(3); 960.257(b)(3); and 982.516(c)(3); 891.105; 891.410(g)(2); and 891.610(g)(2)

PHA must conduct an interim reexamination of family income when the PHA becomes aware that the family's adjusted income has changed by an amount that the PHA estimates will result in an increase of 10 percent or more in annual adjusted income or another amount established through a HUD notice, with the following exceptions:

All families are required to report any changes in family income and assets within 30 days from the effective date. The PHA will not consider any increase in earned income when estimating or calculating whether the family's adjusted income has increased, unless the family has a previous interim reexamination where the family's income, of any type decreased during the same reexamination cycle.

The PHAs chooses not to conduct an interim reexamination during the last three months of a certification period if a family reports an increase in income within three months of the next annual reexamination effective date.

8. Authorization for the Release of Information (Forms HUD–9886/HUD–9887) Regulations: 24 CFR §§ 5.230; 5.232; 891.105; 891.410(b)-(c); and 891.610(b)-(c)

Applicants and participants must sign and submit the HUD-9886, as applicable at admission, next annual examination or when adding a household member over the age of 18 years.

Mandated and Discretionary use of HUD's Enterprise Income Verification (EIV)
 System Regulation: 24 CFR § 5.233

The PHA will use HUD;s verification hierarchy when verifying each household's income, assets, deductions and expenses. The PHA will access the EIV system and obtain an income report for each household during an annual reexamination.

10. Determination of Income Using Other Means Tested Public Assistance (i.e., "Safe Harbor") Regulation: 24 CFR §§ 5.609(c)(3) and 891.105; 891.410(b)-(c) and (g); and 891.610(b)-(c) and (g)

The PHA will not accept income calculator information from other means tested forms of Federal public assistance.

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The Braintree Housing submit Authority will Annual Plan for 2025 and 5-Year Plan 2025-2029 to the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Development Urban September 16, 2024. A public hearing regarding changes to the goals, objectives, and policies of that agency's 5 Year and Annual Plan for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program will be held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 25 Roosevelt Street, Braintree, MA. You may review the plan www.Braintreehousingauthor ity.org and at the office of the BHA located at Roosevelt Street, Braintree, MA 02184. Written comments will be accepted September 13, 2024. If special accommodation is needed, please let US know 781-848-1484. advance at EHO. AD#10373330

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