

B.	Plan Elements.
B.1	<p>Revision of Existing PHA Plan Elements. a) Have the following PHA Plan elements been revised by the PHA since its last Annual Plan submission?</p> <p>Y N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Resources. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Rent Determination. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operation and Management. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Informal Review and Hearing Procedures. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homeownership Programs. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs and Treatment of Income Changes Resulting from Welfare Program Requirements. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial Deviation. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Amendment/Modification.</p> <p>(b) If the PHA answered yes for any element, describe the revisions for each revised element(s):</p> <p>Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs. The Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy (HAPA) will prioritize allocating available Housing Choice Vouchers and Project-Based Vouchers to extremely low-income households, focusing on families with incomes at or below 30% of AMI, through streamlined application processes now available to PHAs. The latest U S Census data available indicates that of the 55,249 residents of Perth Amboy, nearly 20% are living in poverty, which is more than double the average NJ statewide poverty percentage (9.7%) according to 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year estimates. HAPA aims to serve the populations most in need of assistance in the City, and in line with City's Action Plan and latest Consolidated Plan, will strive to provide decent affordable housing opportunities while also encouraging and maintaining homeownership. According to the 2020 Decennial Census, there are a total of 17,855 housing units in Perth Amboy, of which 35.3% are owner-occupied. This leaves a population of just under 70% that represent renters in the city. Although HUD's FY 2025 Fair Market Rents for the Middlesex MSA decreased, HAPA has set payment standards at a rate above the median gross rent that continues to address the housing needs and success rates of low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families. Collaborative efforts with local non-profit organizations will be key to identifying and addressing specific needs of vulnerable populations, including housing counseling, financial literacy workshops, and case management services. This strategy directly addresses HUD's emphasis on serving extremely low-income households, elderly, and individuals with disabilities, ensuring that HAPA is meeting critical community needs. By combining direct housing assistance with community partnerships and supportive services, the PHA aims to provide a comprehensive solution that addresses not only housing needs but also broader social determinants of health. HAPA will continue to actively monitor its housing allocation practices ensuring equitable access to housing opportunities for all households, regardless of race, ethnicity, or disability status, in accordance with Federal regulations.</p> <p>Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions. The Authority does not administer public housing, therefore, the deconcentration provision does not apply. The Authority revised its Administrative Plan in regard to eligibility, selection and admissions to comply with HOTMA. The plan is available for review on the Authority's website www.perthamboyha.org.</p> <p>Financial Resources. Please see attachment in Additional Supporting Documents.</p> <p>Rent Determination. The Authority has established the payment standard to set the gross rents (payment to landlord plus utility allowances) for the section 8 programs between 90%-110% of the Fair Market Rents (FMR) for the area. The Housing Authority has also eliminated the \$50.00 minimum rent. The Authority revised its Administrative Plan to comply with HOTMA. The plan is available for review on the Authority's website www.perthamboyha.org.</p> <p>Informal Review and Hearing Procedures. The Authority revised its Administrative Plan in regard to informal review and hearing procedures. The plan is available for review on the Authority's website www.perthamboyha.org.</p> <p>Substantial Deviation. The following actions shall be considered a "significant amendment" or "substantial deviation": • A change in the organization of the waiting lists or administrative plan that would impact more than 20 percent of current applicants. • Increase in allocation of 10 percent or more of regular vouchers (From project 006) for use in an additional project-based voucher (PBV) development. This does not include vouchers which are received specifically for a PBV project. • The demolition or disposition of current PBV units at Hansen RAD or Dunlap RAD, or undertaking of new development activities not in the 5-year plan.</p> <p>Significant Amendment/Modification. 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B.2	<p>New Activities. (a) Does the PHA intend to undertake any new activities related to the following in the PHA's current Fiscal Year?</p> <p>Y N <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project-Based Vouchers</p> <p>(b) If Project-Based Voucher (PBV) activities are planned for the current Fiscal Year, provide the projected number of project-based units and general locations, and describe how project basing would be consistent with the PHA Plan.</p>
B.3	<p>Progress Report. Provide a description of the PHA's progress in meeting its Mission and Goals described in the PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan Please see attached.</p>

B.4	Capital Improvements. - Not Applicable
B.5	<p>Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit. (a) Were there any findings in the most recent FY Audit? Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> (b) If yes, please describe:</p>
C.	Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.
C.1	<p>Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments. (a) Did the RAB(s) have comments to the PHA Plan? Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) 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. The Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting was held December 10, 2024 from 2-4pm at the Housing Authority's Main Office to review and discuss the PHA Plan. The meeting was attended by five (5) participants in the HCV Program. There were no comments submitted.</p>
C.2	<p>Certification by State or Local Officials. <u>Form HUD 50077-SL</u>, <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.3	<p>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, <i>PHA Certifications of Compliance with PHA Plan, Civil Rights, and Related Laws and Regulations Including PHA Plan Elements that Have Changed</i>, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.</p>
C.4	<p>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. (a) Did the public challenge any elements of the Plan? Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, include Challenged Elements.</p>
D.	Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).
D.1	<p>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.</p>

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**Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy
Financial Resources B.1.c. 24 CFR 903.7 (c)**

Sources	Planned Funds
Federal Grants	
Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance	\$16,600,000
Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants	\$145,356
Community Development Block Grant	\$17,000
HOME	\$0
Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only)	
Capital Grant Funds	\$0
Other Income	
Fees for Service - Management Fees	\$354,500
Antenna Revenue	\$0
Non-Federal Sources	
Section 8 Administrative Fee Reserves	\$2,161,000
Interest Income	\$53,000
Portability Fees/Fraud Recovery	\$123,000
Ground Lease Payments	\$53,400
Total Resources	\$19,507,256

B.3. Progress Report

PHA'S Progress of Missions and Goals:

PHA Goal: To convert 60 Public Housing units to the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program

The Authority closed on the 29 units at Willow Pond (NJ006000014) in 2021. All public housing units were converted to RAD PBV effective 9/1/21. The remaining 31 public housing units at Parkview (NJ006000013) closed 3/31/22 ahead of the PAHA's 4/1/22 fiscal year start. All former PH units have been successfully converted to RAD PBV. This goal is complete.

PHA Goal: Low Income Housing Tax Credit Compliance

Staff continue to work with the Dunlap and Hansen RAD investors to ensure all 360 files are IRS compliant. The RAD tenant files are monitored and audited on an annual basis. Training for administrative and maintenance staff continues annually. The tenant files and properties will continue to be audited and inspected by PNC and the NJ HMFA. This goal is complete.

PHA Goal: Property Management Policies and Procedures

Property management staff and maintenance supervisors continue to review and revise all procedures to ensure compliance with RAD/PBV regulations, develop maintenance and preventive maintenance protocols, and focus efforts on tenant lease compliance. During 2023 work order procedures were reviewed and revised to better utilize technology in the process. During 2024 tenants will be educated and encouraged to use the on-line portal to submit work order requests and pay rent. Staff will also focus on reducing turnover time in reoccupying vacant units. This goal is on-going.

PHA Goal: Housing Choice Voucher and Project Based Voucher Policy Development and Implementation A draft admin plan incorporating HOTMA changes is complete, and the Authority will meet with tenants and the resident advisory board to obtain input during the 5 - year planning process. The new policy will be implemented no later than 1/1/2025.

PHA Goal-Housing Choice Voucher Participant Program Compliance: This effort is on-going. It will be supported by the update in program policies and procedures as stated above.

PHA Goal: Staff Development

The Authority continues to assess staff training needs and provide training and continuing education on an annual basis. Staff continue to be cross trained and prepared to take on more

PHA Goal: Increase assisted housing choices - Provide homeownership opportunities to families.

Not less than 2 new participants will be attracted annually into the Section 8 Voucher Homeownership Program. Four participants successfully purchased homes during FYE 3/31/24 using their vouchers. This goal remains on-going.

**Certification by State or Local
Official of PHA Plans Consistency
with the Consolidated Plan or
State Consolidated Plan
(All PHAs)**

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development**
Office of Public and Indian Housing
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**Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plans
Consistency with the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan**

I, Helmin J. Caba, the Mayor certify that the 5-Year PHA Plan for fiscal years 2025-2029 and/or Annual PHA Plan for fiscal year 2025 of the NJ006 - Perth Amboy Housing Authority is consistent with 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 Perth Amboy, NJ pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91 and 24 CFR § 903.15.

Provide a description of how the PHA Plan's contents are consistent with the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan.

The PHA Plan's contents are consistent with the Consolidated Plan as its focus is maintaining and providing decent and affordable housing, continuing promotion of self-sufficiency, expanding economic opportunities and increasing assisted housing choices for residents of the City of Perth Amboy.

I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, 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 Authorized Official:	Helmin J. Caba	Title:	Mayor
Signature:		Date:	<u>1/10/2025</u>

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**Certifications of Compliance with
PHA Plan and Related Regulations
(Standard, Troubled, HCV-Only, and
High Performer PHAs)**

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**PHA Certifications of Compliance with PHA Plan, Civil Rights, and Related Laws and Regulations
including PHA Plan Elements that Have Changed**

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 X 5-Year and/or X Annual 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 PHA fiscal year beginning 2025 in connection with the submission of the Plan and implementation thereof:

1. The Plan is consistent with the applicable comprehensive housing affordability strategy (or any plan incorporating such strategy) for the jurisdiction in which the PHA is located (24 CFR § 91.2).
2. The Plan contains a certification by the appropriate State or local officials that the Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan, which includes a certification that requires the preparation of an Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice, or Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) when applicable, for the PHA's jurisdiction and a description of the manner in which the PHA Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan (24 CFR §§ 91.2, 91.225, 91.325, and 91.425).
3. The PHA has established a Resident Advisory Board or Boards, the membership of which represents the residents assisted by the PHA, consulted with this Resident Advisory Board or Boards in developing the Plan, including any changes or revisions to the policies and programs identified in the Plan before they were implemented, and considered the recommendations of the RAB (24 CFR 903.13). The PHA has included in the Plan submission a copy of the recommendations made by the Resident Advisory Board or Boards and a description of the manner in which the Plan addresses these recommendations.
4. The PHA provides assurance as part of this certification that:
 - (i) The Resident Advisory Board had an opportunity to review and comment on the changes to the policies and programs before implementation by the PHA;
 - (ii) The changes were duly approved by the PHA Board of Directors (or similar governing body); and
 - (iii) The revised policies and programs are available for review and inspection, at the principal office of the PHA during normal business hours.
5. The PHA made the proposed Plan and all information relevant to the public hearing available for public inspection at least 45 days before the hearing, published a notice that a hearing would be held and conducted a hearing to discuss the Plan and invited public comment.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. For PHA Plans that include a policy for site-based waiting lists:
 - The PHA regularly submits required data to HUD's 50058 PIC/IMS Module in an accurate, complete and timely manner (as specified in PIH Notice 2011-65);
 - The system of site-based waiting lists provides for full disclosure to each applicant in the selection of the development in which to reside, including basic information about available sites; and an estimate of the period of time the applicant would likely have to wait to be admitted to units of different sizes and types at each site;

- Adoption of a site-based waiting list would not violate any court order or settlement agreement or be inconsistent with a pending complaint brought by HUD;
 - The PHA shall take reasonable measures to assure that such a waiting list is consistent with affirmatively furthering fair housing; and
 - The PHA provides for review of its site-based waiting list policy to determine if it is consistent with civil rights laws and certifications, as specified in 24 CFR 903.7(o)(1).
9. The PHA will comply with the prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age pursuant to the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.
 10. In accordance with 24 CFR § 5.105(a)(2), HUD's Equal Access Rule, the PHA will not make a determination of eligibility for housing based on sexual orientation, gender identify, or marital status and will make no inquiries concerning the gender identification or sexual orientation of an applicant for or occupant of HUD-assisted housing.
 11. The PHA will comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and 24 CFR Part 41, Policies and Procedures for the Enforcement of Standards and Requirements for Accessibility by the Physically Handicapped.
 12. The PHA will comply with the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Employment Opportunities for Low-or Very-Low Income Persons, and with its implementing regulation at 24 CFR Part 135.
 13. The PHA will comply with acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24 as applicable.
 14. The PHA will take appropriate affirmative action to award contracts to minority and women's business enterprises under 24 CFR 5.105(a).
 15. The PHA will provide the responsible entity or HUD any documentation that the responsible entity or HUD needs to carry out its review under the National Environmental Policy Act and other related authorities in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58 or Part 50, respectively.
 16. With respect to public housing the PHA will comply with Davis-Bacon or HUD determined wage rate requirements under Section 12 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.
 17. The PHA will keep records in accordance with 2 CFR 200.333 and facilitate an effective audit to determine compliance with program requirements.
 18. The PHA will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, and 24 CFR Part 35.
 19. The PHA will comply with the policies, guidelines, and requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Assistance, including but not limited to submitting the assurances required under 24 CFR §§ 1.5, 3.115, 8.50, and 107.25 by submitting an SF-424, including the required assurances in SF-424B or D, as applicable.
 20. The PHA will undertake only activities and programs covered by the Plan in a manner consistent with its Plan and will utilize covered grant funds only for activities that are approvable under the regulations and included in its Plan.
 21. All attachments to the Plan have been and will continue to be available at all times and all locations that the PHA Plan is available for public inspection. All required supporting documents have been made available for public inspection along with the Plan and additional requirements at the primary business office of the PHA and at all other times and locations identified by the PHA in its PHA Plan and will continue to be made available at least at the primary business office of the PHA.
 22. The PHA certifies that it is in compliance with applicable Federal statutory and regulatory requirements, including the Declaration of Trust(s).

Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy
PHA Name

NJ006
PHA Number/HA Code

- Annual PHA Plan for Fiscal Year 2025
- 5-Year PHA Plan for Fiscal Years 2025-2029

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Name of Executive Director Douglas G. Dzema		Name Board Chairman Edna Dorothy Carty-Daniel	
Signature	Date 01/08/2025	Signature	Date 01/08/2025

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