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

A. PHA Information.

A.1 PHA Name: __Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority________________________ PHA Code: __OH007________

PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning: (MM/YYYY): __01/2021_________

PHA Plan Submission Type: ☒ 5-Year Plan Submission    ☐ Revised 5-Year Plan 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 on 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 each Asset Management Project (AMP) and main office or central office of the PHA. PHAs are strongly encouraged to post complete PHA Plans on their official websites. PHAs are also encouraged to provide each resident council a copy of their PHA Plans.

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### B. 5-Year Plan

#### 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.

**Mission:** The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority provides quality, affordable housing and services as a platform to develop people, property and community.

**Vision:** We envision a community that fosters individual development and growth through stable, affordable housing, empowering all to reach their full potential.

**People** - We envision a community where all have access to health, education and employment opportunities to position themselves out of poverty.

**Property** - We envision a community where our investments in Summit County stabilize neighborhoods and increase housing opportunities.

**Community** - We envision a community where minority and low-income families are treated equitably in their access to housing and services.

#### 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.

**Goal 1: Improve the Quality and Expand the Availability of Affordable Housing**

- **Objective 1.1:** Preservation of existing housing stock
- **Objective 1.2:** Increase the number of voucher opportunities

**Goal 2: Maintain Operational Excellence while Pursuing Innovations and Efficiencies**

- **Objective 2.1:** Assess and improve agency performance
- **Objective 2.2:** Improve agency communication plan
- **Objective 2.3:** Develop, support and maintain a diverse, high performing, professional, innovative and sustainable workforce

**Goal 3: Improve Resident Quality of Life**

- **Objective 3.1:** Building for Tomorrow to support the non-federal service programs and expand opportunities
- **Objective 3.2:** Ensure resident housing stability
- **Objective 3.3:** Maintain and enhance resident programing and initiatives

**Goal 4: Positively Impact Community Change**

- **Objective 4.1:** Promote diversity, equity & inclusion
- **Objective 4.2:** Increase education on the needs of the low income populations and affordable housing at local and national levels
- **Objective 4.3:** Strengthen community partnerships to improve our ability to better serve client needs
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.

1) Expand the Supply of Assisted Housing:
- As financially feasible given the pro-rata of administrative fees, AMHA may apply for additional rental vouchers.
- As of June 2020, PH occupancy rate is 99.09%.
- AMHA is applying for additional FUP vouchers, Mainstream vouchers and additional VASH vouchers in 2020 and 2021.
- Continue to assess opportunities for acquisition of property to provide more affordable housing; and continue to assess opportunities to construct more affordable housing on land acquired by or already owned by AMHA.

2) Improve the Quality of Assisted Housing:
- Utilize the Reach Opportunity Center at Summit Lake and the Jobs Plus program to encourage educational achievement and economic independence for families living in the Summit Lake neighborhood cradle to career using a collective impact model.
- Adopted recommendations for more effective and efficient models of operating Resident Council/Organization by organizing and implementing community meetings for buildings/developments unable to formally organize or sustain a Resident Council/Organization.
- The ConnectHome Akron Initiative continues to implement strategies to promote connectivity and contribute to closing the digital divide for our families through direct and indirect efforts.
- Apply/participate in the Housing Mobility Demonstration Program. NSPIRE Demonstration.
- Improve management functions by assessing cost saving measures e.g. document imaging and streamlining.
- PHAS Score: 90% -continue to be High Performer.
- SEMAP Score: 103% -continue to be High Performer; as financially feasible given the low proration of administrative fees.
- Remote Video Inspection (RVI) Pilot.

3) Increase assisted housing choices:
- Acquire and/or construct affordable housing units.
- Evaluate voucher payment standard by re-assessing for low poverty areas subject to fund availability.
- Work with community partners to identify specific target populations to be served through project baseding. AMHA has partnered with various community partners to provide PSH services to the residents of Stone Pointe Commons II. AMHA also awarded 4 additional PBV units to Summit County Liberty Homes serving veteran families.
- Continue to assess opportunities for adding affordable housing in areas of opportunity.

4) Provide an Improved Living Environment:
- Through HOPE VI initiatives, income mixing present at Edgewood Village location.
- PH Non Exempt De-Concentration Summary reveals one AMP site are below 85% threshold and there are no AMP sites that are above the 115% threshold. Applicants will be placed accordingly.
- AMHA is participating in the national initiative Aligning Housing and Health in partnership with five other housing authorities across the nation. AMHA is focusing on decreasing lower chronic respiratory and asthma related instances. National partners include: United Health Care and Council of Large Public Housing Authorities and local partners include: Akron Children’s Hospital and Summit County Public Health.
- AMHA continues to maintain a smoke free environment and offer smoking cessation opportunities through local resources.

5) Promote Self-Sufficiency and Asset Development of Assisted Household:
- Continue to monitor and implement a strategic plan for service delivery to include emphasis on stability and quality of life, economic independence, health and education.

Stability and Quality of Life:
- There are five resident councils in the senior/disabled high-rises. Five senior/disabled high-rises have community meetings. AMHA Community Action Network (A-CAN) has increased participation and leadership training and the speaker’s bureau for meetings continues.
- $48,654.79 distributed through Tenant Participation Funds. Multiple services and programs are offered at public housing developments including Adult Day Care services, chronic disease prevention, tobacco prevention, mental health support services, and community engagement discussions, healthy eating and community gardening opportunities in addition to hosting four Summer Lunch sites at our family developments. Health related programing at seven sites and two clinics through the University of Akron continues. Local hospital provide two 8-week wellness programs. AMHA continues to participate with other PHAs nationally in the ConnectHome USA initiative by distributing hotspots to AMHA subsidized families, partnering with PCs for People to provide low cost devices and distributing low cost internet access resources to all residents at move-in or on a periodic basis. Monthly Resident Newsletters are distributed on various platforms that provide information and resources that impact the whole family including onsite service programming, community resources, property updates and lease reminders.

Promote Economic Independence:
- 236 Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) participants; 64 FSS participants obtained employment; 32 total FSS graduates received an average of $4,669 in escrow; three FSS graduates purchased a home.
- 109 ROSS SC participants; 34 obtained employment. An additional 391 residents received short-term interventions. A new partnership with the City of Akron and United Way of Summit County’s Financial Empowerment Center has proven to be an outstanding referral resource where referred participants are receiving financial literacy and counseling. Various financial empowerment workshops were also held to encourage economic independence. Applied for the Moving to Work (MTW) Cohort 2 and awaiting acceptance into the cohort. Awarded the Jobs-Plus Grant.

Utilize the Reach Opportunity Center at Summit Lake to encourage educational achievement and economic independence for families living in the Summit Lake neighborhood cradle to career using a multi-generational approach. The Reach Opportunity Center along with community partners provide current programs such as:
- 1,396 Partner sessions netted 21,185 attendees and 267 non-partner events saw 5,460 attendees.
- Reach added 74 New members and currently operates with 21 partners on-site.
Monthly traffic numbers before March, 2020 exceeded 2000, which drastically dropped as the center closed due to Covid-19 restrictions. As the center re-opened by appointment the numbers slowly began to build to just over 120 visitors per month.

- The Reach Collaborative Steering Committee was restructured and Sub-committee Chairs and members were selected.
- New Partnership opportunities include Southstreet Ministries, Lets Grow Akron, Letha’s Kids (neighborhood Daycare upstart within a half mile).
- Summit Metro Parks continues to serve individuals virtually with 86-100 individuals a month attending virtual balloonflex. 175 sessions and 6,176 participants during this reporting period.
- Akron Public Schools continues to serve a classroom size of 38 in addition to Students With a Goal having an average of 102 students enrolled in their mentorship program.
- Early Childhood programs: 26 sessions netting 440 participants.
- Reach served many families through food distribution data, baby supplies and hygiene data in addition to providing support and outreach by meeting families where they are during the pandemic with an average of 152 individuals per month. A total count of 2,051 items were distributed to 1,345 people.

### Early Childhood Initiative

Promote Early Childhood Development & Education:

- AMHA’s Early Childhood Initiative served 526 children ages prenatal to kindergarten in the past year with 190 children participating in our blue ribbon affiliate program, Parents as Teachers (ages prenatal through kindergarten), and 336 children participating in SPARK (ages 3 to kindergarten). The Parents as Teachers program met all fidelity requirements for the fifth year in a row, maintaining blue ribbon model affiliate status. Due to Covid-19, home visitors pivoted to providing virtual services in late March. Eighty-two (82) SPARK children will be transitioning into kindergarten this fall. Due to significant local funding decreases, the number of children to be served this next year is expected to be reduced.

- Since last report, eleven early childhood Family Outreach Events were held at six family developments. 114 households attended these events (280 individuals). Events were suspended in mid-March due to the public health crisis. The team is currently partnering with Akron Children’s Hospital’s External Affairs Department to offer pop-up, small scale “drive/walk-thru” events where the hospital is providing families with summer activity supplies to remain active and healthy, and safety supplies such as hand sanitizer, facial coverings, hot/cold packs, and thermometers, and AMHA Early Childhood staff providing families with free books as part of the Book Rich Environment Initiative. Eligible families were able to receive free car seats from ACH at this event as well. Early Childhood staff will potentially replicate this event model for later events if successful, to assure that AMHA families continue to have the opportunity to receive needed services and information.

- 64 mothers have participated in on-site maternal depression support groups held at five family developments in partnership with a local child mental health service. These maternal depression support groups were temporarily suspended in mid-March due to Covid-19. A virtual option began to be offered twice a week in early June.

- 237 families received resource and referral and/or resident engagement visits to assure that the basic needs of families with young children were met. A new partnership has allowed the Early Childhood Initiative to share 3,000 diapers with families each quarter, and this number has been increased during the public health crisis.

- As part of SPARK, Get Ready for School is a six day introduction to kindergarten at the child’s soon to be school that assists with a smooth transition into kindergarten. Because of the pandemic, this programming was suspended this year. A new virtual version of the program was created in its place during these uncertain times where group events are discouraged. These videos were created by SPARK staff and will allow the family to participate at their own pace. Early Childhood SPARK staff are working with Akron Public Schools to sign participants up for kindergarten and schedule the family’s time to pick up their child’s Chromebook early so that family and child can get used to using the device over the summer.

### 6) Ensure Equal Opportunity and Affirmatively Further Fair Housing:

- Updated website provides a link to socialserve.com for a listing of properties to include identification of accessible units, distance to public transportation, shopping, hospitals and more.
- Working with the greater community through the City of Akron’s Welcoming Community grant to ensure fair access to our services for refugee and immigrant populations and to all of those with limited English proficiency.
- AMHA schedules Fair Housing training on a bi-annual basis; Fair Housing training was held in September and October of 2018.
- Executive Director annually certifies Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Certification.
- Continue to evaluate the new AFFH Rule to compare to current practices to ensure compliance as of effective date. AMHA intends on collaborating with the surrounding municipalities and the Summit County for our next 5-year Plan submission.

### 7) Violence Against Women Act:

- The Akron MHA has updated policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (Pub. L. 113-4, 127 Stat. 54) (VAWA 2013), per HUD’s Final Rule issued on November 16, 2016.
- Continued collaboration between law enforcement authorities, victim service providers and others to promote the safety and well-being of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking for individuals that receive assistance from AMHA. – AMHA moved twelve (12) families within the public housing program and four (4) within the HCV program in 2018 based on VAWA specific requests.
- Created and implemented an Emergency Transfer Plan.
### 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 PHA will authorize transfers to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in accordance with the Violence Against Women Act. VAWA transfers will be given the same priority as Emergency transfers and will be subject to the PHA’s Emergency Transfer Plan for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking.

### B.5 Significant Amendment or Modification

Provide a statement on the criteria used for determining a significant amendment or modification to the 5-Year Plan.

**Definition of Substantial Deviation and Significant Amendment or Modification**

The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) considers any of the following to be a substantial deviation from the Agency’s 5-Year Plan and a significant amendment or modification to the Agency’s Annual Plan. If any of the criteria are met, the AMHA will submit a revised Plan(s) that satisfy all public process requirements. (Changes made to comply with new or revised HUD rules do not constitute significant deviation or modification from the Plans presently submitted). Revisions made to work items and activities contained in the Plan, to accommodate the loss of PFS subsidy or capital funds received from HUD as a result of inadequate appropriations, shall not be considered substantial deviation or significant modification from the present plans.

#### 5-Year Plan
- Complete deletion of a stated overall goal.
- Addition of an overall goal.
- Revisions to the AMHA mission statement that deviates from the present commitments.

#### Annual Plan
- Elective changes to rent, admissions, or tenant selection policies.
- Changes to the organization of the waiting list.
- Additions of non-emergency work items (items not included in current Capital Plan Annual Statement or 5-Year Action Plan).
- Changes in use of replacement reserve funds under the Capital Fund.
- Any additions of activities or revisions to the demolition, disposition, designation, homeownership or conversions activities currently listed in the Plan.

#### Substantial Deviation:

As part of the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD), AMHA is redefining the definition of a substantial deviation from the PHA Plan and 5-Year Plan to exclude the following RAD-specific items:
- The decision to convert to either Project Based Rental Assistance or Project Based Voucher Assistance;
- Changes to the Capital Fund Budget produced as a result of each approved RAD Conversion, regardless of whether the proposed conversion will include use of additional Capital Funds;
- Changes to the construction and rehabilitation plan for each approved RAD conversion; and
- Changes to the financing structure for each approved RAD conversion.

### B.6 Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments

(a) Did the RAB(s) provide 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.

### B.7 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.
Instructions for Preparation of Form HUD-50075-5Y
5-Year PHA Plan for All PHAs

A. PHA Information 24 CFR §903.23(4)(e)
   A.1 Include the full PHA Name, PHA Code, PHA Fiscal Year Beginning (MM/YYYY), 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. 5-Year Plan.
   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)) For Qualified PHAs only, if at any time a PHA proposes to take units offline for modernization, then that action requires a significant amendment to the PHA’s 5-Year Plan.

   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))

   B.5 Significant Amendment or Modification. Provide a statement on the criteria used for determining a significant amendment or modification to the 5-Year Plan.

   B.6 Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments.
      (a) Did the public or RAB provide 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(a), 24 CFR §903.19)

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