The Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland



Public Housing Authority Five Year Plan

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The Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland is an agency within the Cumberland Housing Group



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HACC provided this document for the public to review and to receive its comments regarding the document. The Five-Year Plan was available for review and comment from October 1, 2019 through November 14, 2019 at the following HACC office locations:

Main Office, 635 East First Street (Plan supporting documents available at this location) 135 North Mechanic Street 235 Paca Street

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A public hearing was held on October 14, 2019. All public comments received during the comment period and during the hearing are attached to this plan as well as the responses to each.

5-Year PHA Plan

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing

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

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B. | 5-Year Plan

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 mission of the Cumberland Housing Group, including the Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland, is to:

- ensure safe, decent, sanitary, affordable and well-maintained housing at a fair market rent;
- to create opportunities for residents' self-sufficiency and economic independence;
- to assure fiscal integrity by all low, very low and extremely low-income program participants;
- to develop affordable housing, both rental and for sale, in the City of Cumberland and surrounding communities; and
- to renew pride, restore confidence, promote reinvestment and revitalize neighborhoods.
- **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: Maintain Equal Opportunity in Housing for all Americans.
 - A. Maintain affirmative measures to ensure access to affordable and a suitable living environment for assisted housing families regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, and disability;
 - B. Undertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all varieties of disabilities regardless of unit size required; and
 - C. Increase the number of affordable housing units that meet ADA standards.
 - **Goal 2:** Improve the quality of the current assisted housing inventory.
 - A. Maintain or improve upon the current assessment rating of High Performer by the HUD Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) or the equivalent under Project Based Rental Assistance which reflects the quality of Management, Maintenance, Finance and Capital Fund operations conducted within the Housing Authority;
 - B. Perform building and unit rehabilitation at all developments to modernize units, common areas and exteriors to improve overall appearance and provide modern living conditions;
 - C. Work with tenants to improve the housekeeping and care of units;
 - D. Maintain efforts to provide Smoke and Drug Free properties throughout the HACC inventory;
 - E. Continue the working relationship and periodic meetings with Cumberland Police Department to reduce crime related issues within the developments, as well as a continued participation with the Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network; and
 - F. Investigate and consider the designation of John F. Kennedy Homes and/or Queen City Tower for the Elderly and/or disabled with or without supportive services.
 - **Goal 3:** Evaluate and facilitate the conversion of Public Housing developments under the HUD Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program.
 - A. With the assistance of outside advisors, evaluate the feasibility of the RAD conversion for each Public Housing development;
 - B. Convert developments to either Project Based Rental Assistance or Project Based Voucher Assistance;
 - C. Use Capital Funds to perform evaluation and pre-development activities;

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B.2 Goals and Objectives

- D. Perform changes to the Capital Fund Budget as a result of each approved RAD conversion;
- E. Perform changes to the construction and rehabilitation plan throughout the process;
- F. Develop and implement the financing structure required to complete the RAD conversion and associated construction and financing costs; and
- G. Establish new entities for ownership of the RAD converted developments.

Goal 4: Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of assisted households.

- A. Increase the number and percentage of employed persons in assisted families;
- B. Resident Services Coordinators to pursue, support and advertise self-sufficiency opportunities, activities and initiatives for public housing/PBRA residents;
- C. Continue to provide supportive services for the elderly through the Maryland Department of Aging sponsored Congregate Housing Services Program at Willow Valley Apartments;
- D. Work with residents to establish new or strengthen existing Resident Councils at all developments; and
- E. Continue to apply for funding for the Resident Services Coordinator positions to assist residents with services and housing needs.

Goal 5: Expand the supply of affordable housing opportunities.

- A. Promote and provide information on homeownership opportunities;
- B. Leverage private and public funds to create affordable housing opportunities;
- C. Expand development of housing to provide housing opportunities for low to middle income families; and
- D. With funding provided by the City of Cumberland CDBG program, continue to administer Closing Cost Grant Program for new homebuyers within the City.

Goal 6: Seek out Local, State and Federal funding opportunities to assist in the agency mission.

- A. Search out, apply for and utilize awarded additional funding from various sources to improve and enhance the services and housing inventory offered;
- B. Infrastructure: Replacement of sidewalks, curbs, pavement, utility lines, etc.;
- C. Recreation: Playground improvements at Jane Frazier Village and Fort Cumberland Homes;
- D. Crime Prevention/Security: Installation of additional video surveillance cameras; replace door locks and key card systems to enhance access and security; and
- E. Affordable Housing: Construction of affordable for sale housing; acquisition of property in the Rolling Mills area for expansion of affordable housing.

Goal 7: Pursue and implement administrative improvements.

- A. Continue routine periodic training and identify specialized training needs to maintain and enhance the knowledge of housing staff;
- B. Perform bi-annual review of all policies and procedures, including the Residential Lease Book and the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan, to ensure current State and Federal Regulations are met and to ensure consistent implementation;
- C. Prepare subordinate staff through training and job shadowing for replacement of retiring staff.

Goal 1: Improve the quality of assisted housing.

described in the previous 5-Year Plan.

A. Maintain the current HUD REAC High Performer designation of 91% and continue efforts to improve upon that score which reflects Management, Maintenance, Finance and Capital Fund operation quality. The High Performer rating has been achieved each year of the 2015-2020 plan period. Fiscal years ending March 31, 2015-2017 each scored a 95%, 2018 scored a 91% and 2019 has not been released but expected to be above 90%.

Progress Report. Include a report on the progress the PHA has made in meeting the goals and objectives

- B. Investigate and consider the designation of John F. Kennedy Homes or Queen City Tower for the Elderly and/or disabled. This has been discussed; however, the population of neither building currently support such effort. This will be considered for possible inclusion as part of the RAD conversion activities at one of the developments. As part of the transfer of the Housing Authority of Allegany County into HACC, Willow Valley Apartments entered into our inventory which is designated Elderly with additional support services funded through the Maryland Department of Aging.
- C. Perform building and unit modernization to all developments to improve overall appearance. Through the use of Capital Improvement Program Funds, Operating Funds and assorted grants the following improvements were experienced:
 - Jane Frazier Village: Replacement of perimeter walks, stairs, dumpster enclosures and parking areas; improvements to the toddler playground; new bus top and project sign; landscaping and drainage improvements; replacement of six building roofs; Lead Based Paint testing and abatement activities.
 - Fort Cumberland Homes: New playground and equipment; this development received a
 Contract for Housing Assistance Payments (CHAP) in January, 2017 permitting the RAD
 conversion from Public Housing to Project Based Rental Assistance with Capital Funds used
 for predevelopment activities and the contribution towards RAD financing.
 - John F. Kennedy: Construction of smoking shelter; plumbing improvements; this
 development received a Contract for Housing Assistance Payments (CHAP) in January, 2017
 permitting the RAD conversion from Public Housing to Project Based Rental Assistance with
 Capital Funds used for predevelopment activities and the contribution towards RAD
 financing.
 - Queen City Tower: Complete replacement of heat and hot water equipment; replacement
 of windows; exterior painting and facade repairs; replacement of parking lot, light poles,
 walks and stairs; and Lead Based Paint testing.
 - Banneker Gardens: Sealing of parking lot; HVAC repairs; Energy Audit.
- D. Work with tenants to improve housekeeping of units. The Resident Services Coordinators have met with and provided housekeeping training to identified tenants who need assistance in maintaining their units in a better condition. In some cases, additional resources have been contacted to assist the tenant.

Goal 2: Expand the supply of assisted housing.

A. Promote and provide homeownership opportunities. Under the Cumberland Housing Alliance, a new program was created entitled Cumberland Housing Revitalization Program (CHRP). Under CHRP, blighted properties are transferred from banks, City of Cumberland, etc., to the Alliance for the purpose of either rehabilitation or demolition followed by new home construction. Homes are then sold to low income households. Cumberland Neighborhood Housing Services

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- provides grants to low income homebuyers for closing costs within the City, funded through awards by the City CDBG Program.
- B. Leverage private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities. Through the activities in the above paragraph, we are receiving homes and land at no cost. Additionally, the Alliance has been recertified as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) which also qualifies it to access funding through the HOME Program for new housing activities. This is currently being explored.
- C. Expand development of housing to provide housing opportunities for low to middle income families. As described above through CHRP, we are working to create new housing. Also, we are currently working with the City of Cumberland, the local Economic Development Council and the local Health System to develop plans for future housing in the area.
- D. Construct and sell 8 townhouses at Cornerstone Hill to buyers <120% AMI. A total of eight new homes were completed and sold to eligible buyers. This development of 38 new homes in Cumberland is now completed and the Cumberland Housing Alliance continues to serve as the Management Agent for the Homeowners Association.
- **Goal 3:** Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of assisted households.
 - A. Increase the number and percentage of employed persons in assisted families. Resident Service Coordinators routinely provide information to residents on job fairs and employment opportunities. There has been no major change in the number of employed households for this period.
 - B. Continue to pursue, support and advertise self-sufficiency opportunities, activities and initiatives for public housing residents, including a permanent Resident Service Coordinator for families. The Resident Service Coordinators have provided an abundant amount of self-sufficiency opportunities, activities and initiatives which are communicated through our Facebook page, website, monthly newsletters, calendars and public postings.
 - C. Provide supportive services for elderly and families with disabilities. Through the addition of the County Housing Authority, we now have 34 units of supportive services for the elderly.
 - D. Work with residents to establish new or strengthen existing resident organizations at all developments. During the identified period, the two existing Resident Councils continue to be active and supported by our agency. A Resident Council was created several years ago at Banneker Gardens and has been very active with resident activities. A Resident Council has recently been formed at Fort Cumberland Homes.
- **Goal 4:** Provide Improved Living Environment.
 - A. Install security cameras in developments where they are not currently present or not in sufficient number to provide enhanced security. All developments were each equipped with numerous cameras and Digital Viewing and Recording (DVR) devices which are accessible from multiple offices and the City police station. After acquiring the two Allegany County developments, one was equipped with these devices and the other is scheduled to be equipped in the coming year.
 - B. Complete the implementation of smoke-free public housing at designated buildings at Jane Frazier Village and Fort Cumberland Homes. All common areas, individual units, properties, etc., are Smoke Free as of July, 2017. Designated smoking areas located away from buildings and entrances are established at John F. Kennedy and Willow Valley only.
 - C. Periodic meetings with Cumberland Police Department and ongoing participation with the Safe Streets Initiative. The CEO, Director of Property Management Services and the Security Patrol Coordinator continue to serve in roles and attend meetings with the Maryland Criminal

- Intelligence Network which is the former Safe Streets Initiative. An excellent working relationship exists with local law enforcement agencies and intelligence sharing is frequent.
- D. Remodeling of units and public areas in developments to present a more modern appearance. The improvement of public areas has been ongoing and major efforts have been taken to improve and maintain the curb appeal of all developments. Through the RAD Program, extensive interior improvements are proposed for Fort Cumberland Homes and John F. Kennedy Homes. Banneker Gardens is still relatively new and efforts to improve the interior at Queen City Tower is in process. Certain improvements are being made to the unit interiors at Jane Frazier Village.

Goal 5: Ensure equal opportunity in housing for all Americans.

- A. Undertake affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, and disability. The Cumberland Housing Group continues to advertise with the defined HUD Fair Housing Logos on all media formats. Housing applications can be accessed through four different offices by personal visit, mail, email or telephone and on our web site. Fair Housing procedures are established and followed. Periodic Fair Housing training is conducted in house, by a third party and through the Cumberland Human Resource Commission.
- Undertake affirmative measures to provide a suitable living environment for families living in assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, and disability. The Cumberland Housing Group investigates all complaints and claims, followed by appropriate action taken to resolve the problem.
- C. Undertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all varieties of disabilities regardless of unit size required. The Cumberland Housing Group continues to advertise with the defined HUD Fair Housing Logos on all media formats. Outreach is periodically provided to area social service organizations.
- D. Increase the number of affordable housing units that meet ADA standards. Through the rehabilitation activities scheduled in 2020 for Fort Cumberland Homes under the RAD conversion of Public Housing, four additional units of ADA/Section 504 accessible units will be created. An additional five units are in the planning stage for John F. Kennedy Homes.

Goal 6: To apply for and use Community Development Block Grant funding for improvements.

- A. Infrastructure Improvements: Sidewalk and curb replacement around public housing developments; replacement of parking lot and alley beside Queen City Tower; installation of sidewalks, water lines, sewer lines and pavement for Roberts Street development; enlargement of JFK parking lot. Sidewalk and curb replacements have been completed around the perimeter of Jane Frazier Village as well as in front of Buildings 10 and 17. This area also had the parking areas excavated and replaced along with improvements to drainage, using all CDBG funds. The parking lot and alley beside Queen City Tower has been replaced, but not with the use of CDBG funding. No action has occurred with regard to Roberts Street or John F. Kennedy Homes.
- B. Recreation Improvements: Construct new playground at Fort Cumberland Homes. Completed.
- Crime Prevention/Security: Installation of video surveillance cameras at Jane Frazier Village, Fort Cumberland Homes and Banneker Gardens; replace door locks and key card systems to enhance access and security. The installation of video surveillance cameras is complete at these facilities. Door locks at Queen City Tower were replaced and the locks at Banneker Gardens were improved. Key card systems have been investigated with implementation planned for future years.

- D. Affordable Housing: Construction of 2-5 units of affordable for sale housing on Roberts Street; acquisition of property in the Rolling Mills area for expansion of public housing units and a new community center; acquisition of additional property at Roberts Street for new development; funding of Resident Services Coordinator position to assist residents with services and housing needs. One additional property was acquired for the Roberts Street development, but no other action to date. Multi-agency planning is under way for the Rolling Mill/Maryland Avenue area. The new Community Center has been included in the Fort Cumberland Homes RAD conversion. Application was made for this in 2018.
- E. Renovation and Rehabilitation: Renovation of all units at all developments except Banneker Gardens. This has been addressed in other goals.
- Goal 7: Pursue and implement administrative improvements.
 - A. Identify training needs and continue to provide monthly staff training. Routine training on various housing and maintenance related topics have been conducted as well as certification training for Property Management. A need for HVAC training for some maintenance personnel was identified and is in process.
 - B. Perform bi-annual review of all policies and procedures to ensure current regulations and needs are met and to ensure consistent implementation. All policies, procedures, and Residential Lease have been reviewed and updated to current regulations.
 - C. Consider contracting maintenance and management of other affordable housing properties. The Cumberland Neighborhood Housing Services was acquired in 2017. This agency provided Homebuyer education and counseling, closing cost grants and operated the NAILS Mission Project, which provides free home improvements to the low-income elderly and disabled homeowners in our community. In April, 2019, the Housing Authority of Allegany County was transferred into the Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland in order to streamline local public housing operations. The Cumberland Housing Group was established as a simplified collective "doing business as" name, incorporating the various agencies and programs offered under one combined operation at one location.
- Goal 8: Submit Applications to HUD for the conversion of all Public Housing Developments to the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program to assist in meeting several of the above goals. Applications for all developments were submitted in November, 2015. In January, 2017 CHAP were awarded for Fort Cumberland Homes and John F. Kennedy Homes. A CHAP for Banneker Gardens and a Portfolio award was made in August, 2017, but later returned by HACC.
- Goal 9: Coordinate with HUD to transfer the Housing Authority of Allegany County into our operations to improve operations, reduce administrative tasks and to reduce costs for salary and benefits. All transfer activities have been completed.

5-Year Plan, Continued В. 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 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) provides protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. VAWA protections are not only available to women, but are available equally to all individuals regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation. The Housing Authority has taken the following actions to assist in serving the needs of the victims: A. Adopted a VAWA policy which implements the applicable provisions of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 as published in the Federal Register on November 16, 2016 and more **B.4** generally to set forth the Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland's (HACC's) policies and procedures regarding protection to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, as hereinafter defined. B. Included within the professional bound Residential Lease Book which has been provided to all residents, and bound to the lease as an attachment, are the following documents which the Housing Authority provides: Addendum F Notice of Occupancy Rights Under Violence Against Women - HUD Form 5380 Addendum F Certification of VAWA - HUD Form 5382 These forms are also on our website and available in all offices. C. Developed a VAWA Emergency Transfer Plan to have in place in order to have a procedure to follow. D. Monthly newsletters sent to residents contain the local contact information to receive assistance if a victim of domestic violence. E. A good working relationship exists with our law enforcement and social service partners to enable reporting and referrals of victims and/or suspected victims of Domestic Violence. Significant Amendment or Modification. A Significant Amendment or Modification to the 5-Year Plan is defined as discretionary changes in the plans or policies of the Housing Authority that fundamentally change the mission, goals, objectives or plans of the agency and which require formal approval of the Board of Commissioners. **B.5** Any substantial deviation to the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy or activities described in the Plan will be subject to a full public hearing and HUD review before implementation. An exception to this definition will be made for any amendment or modification that is adopted to reflect changes in any regulatory requirements or the RAD related activities. Such changes will not be considered significant amendments. Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments. A. Did the RAB(s) provide comments to the 5-Year PHA Plan? A meeting was held on September 25, 2019 to review, discuss and elicit comments and suggestions on the proposed document. A second meeting was held following the Public Hearing. **B.6** 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. See attachment.

5-Year Plan, Continued В. Certification by State or Local Officials of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan. The Cumberland City Administrator is required to complete HUD Form 50077-SL Certification by State or Local **B.7** Officials of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan, to certify that the 5-Year PHA Plan and/or the Annual PHA Plan of the Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland is consistent with the City Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice of the City of Cumberland pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91. Statement on Changed Elements There were no elements of the 5-Year plan which was challenged. **Deconcentration Policy** The Deconcentration and Income Mixing is addressed in our Unit Offers & Applicant Placement Procedures which is an attachment to the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP). The ACOP, referenced procedures and a chart of the current income mix are attached as part of our Plan. Statement on Public Housing Conversion/Repositioning This is partially addressed in section B.2 Goals and Objectives under Goal 3. In addition, the following activities are in process and expected to occur within this plan period. **Fort Cumberland Homes** Fort Cumberland Homes, significant amendment performed in 2017, is scheduled to conduct their RAD conversion activities in 2020. The current 80 units of Public Housing will be converted to 77 units of Project Based Rental Assistance. Currently there are no units which are accessible according to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) however through the RAD conversion, four ADA compliant units will be created consisting of one each of a 1-, 2-, 3- and 4-bedroom size. HACC plans to make the following changes during the renovation process to meet the needs of the current population as well as provide enhanced services to our residents: A. Units in buildings 2, 3, 4, 5, 11 and 12 will be returned as their current size.

- B. Buildings 6 and 7 will have 5 units (D-H) in each building resized from a 2-Br to a 1-BR townhouse. Units A C will remain 2-BR units.
- C. The following will be reconfigured to provide ADA/Section 504 compliant units:
 - ➤ Building 1, unit H will convert from a 3-BR to a 4-BR assessible unit with a 1st floor bath and bedroom addition
 - ➤ Building 8, unit A will convert from a 2-BR to a 3-BR assessible unit with a 1st floor bath and bedroom addition
 - Building 8, unit D will convert from a 2-BR townhome to a ground floor assessible unit
 - Building 8, unit C will convert from a 2-BR townhome to a 2nd floor 2-BR apartment
 - Building 10, unit C will convert from a 2-BR townhome to a 1-BR assessible unit
 - Building 10, unit D will convert from a 2-BR townhome to a 2-BR 2nd floor apartment

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- D. Building 9, unit A will convert to a second floor 1-BR apartment with 3 2-BR units eliminated and replaced with a Community Center, Computer Lab and site office.
- E. In addition, two apartments will be available for hearing and visually impaired households.

Construction activities to be undertaken through the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) conversion include significant in unit rehabilitation including: new kitchen cabinets, sink, and appliances; relocation of the washer and dryer hookups together; new bathroom shower surrounds, sinks, and vanities; new flooring throughout the unit; new windows and doors; new LED lighting; replacement or repair to all walls and ceilings with new paint; electrical systems throughout the development will be upgraded; individual unit heating and central air conditioning; covered front porch; and enlarged rear patio with privacy panels between units.

John F. Kennedy Homes

John F. Kennedy Homes, significant amendment performed in 2017, is under a CHAP at this time and is in the design phase. The submission of our application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for funding is planned for late 2019.

Thirty efficiency units will be converted to one-bedroom units through the enclosure of two balconies on each floor and isolated hallways. An additional five ADA compliant units will be created bring the total to ten (10% of development). The number of units will remain at 100.

Construction activities to be undertaken through the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) conversion include significant in unit rehabilitation including: new kitchen cabinets, sink, and appliances; new bathroom shower surrounds, sinks, and vanities; new flooring throughout the unit; new windows; new LED lighting; replacement or repair to all walls and ceilings with new paint; electrical and Plumbing systems throughout the development will be upgraded; central air conditioning will be incorporated for all units; hallways and community areas rehabilitated with new flooring; and a rear portico.

Other Developments

The Queen City Tower, Banneker Gardens, Willow Valley, Grande View and Jane Frazier Village developments are currently being evaluated for the feasibility and viability for future RAD conversion with the ultimate plan by HACC to convert all developments to Project Based Rental Assistance under the RAD program. Future action will be addressed through a significant amendment.

Scatter Sites

Five units of Scattered Site housing was received under the transfer of the county PHA. These units continue to be under a demolition/disposition plan and will be sold as soon as vacated or other replacement housing created. These actions have previously been approved through the plan process and will require no further action.

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Civil Rights Certification

Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is required to execute HUD Form 50077-CR certifying that the Housing Agency will carry out the public housing program of the agency in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and will affirmatively further fair housing by examining their programs or proposed programs, identifying any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs, addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available and working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement and by maintaining records reflecting these analyses and actions.

Certification of Compliance with PHA Plans and Related Regulations - High Performer

Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is required to execute HUD Form 50077-HP approving the submission of the 5-Year PHA Plan for the Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland fiscal year beginning 4/1/2020, hereinafter referred to as" the Plan", of which this document is a part and makes certifications and agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in connection with the submission of the Plan and implementation thereof.

Capital Fund Program

See HUD Form 50075.2 revision 2, of the 5 – year action plan for FYs 2018 – 2022 approved by HUD on 09/04/2019. Future grants will be reduced according to the pro-rated amounts for each RAD converted development.

Capital Fund Financing Program

The Housing Authority currently has a CFFP loan for Banneker Gardens with the future Capital Fund for our remaining four developments serving as collateral for that loan. Each time that we close on a RAD property/development conversion, we will pay down a sufficient amount in order to maintain a 1.3 coverage ratio on our ACC funding from the remaining properties.

The Housing Authority is not currently under any form of voluntary compliance agreement, consent order, consent decree, final judicial ruling, and/or administrative ruling or decision.