

**PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY
SELF-CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY
WITH THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

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Public Housing Authority of: _____

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Program Administered Public Housing
 Section 8 Housing Voucher

Mission:

Please state the PHA's mission for serving the needs of the low and very low-income persons within the State of Oklahoma.

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The strategies and objectives set forth below are taken from the State of Oklahoma Consolidated Five Year Plan covering 2004 – 2009.

PRIORITIES

1. **Data/Information coordination between agencies:** Although there is a wealth of information on housing needs, financial resources, and supportive services, there is no one central location for all this information. Thus, sharing information between resource providers is critical.
2. **Capacity Building:** This is a key area of on-going effort and training. A current educational requirements assessment of policy makers, lenders, local units of government, tribes, and non-profits to fully understand and utilize affordable housing resource is needed.
3. **Program Design:** More accessibility/flexibility is desired to address the myriad affordable housing needs throughout the state.
4. **Collaboration/Partnerships:** Joint efforts and communication between providers and users are necessary to accomplish housing goals.

STRATEGIES

Strategies for Priority #1 - Data/Information Coordination between Agencies

- A. Reporting systems between many agencies should be coordinated and consolidated. Such agencies may include OHFA, ODOC, DHS, Department of Mental Health, and Council of Governments.
- B. All county Housing Needs Assessment should be updated every two years and published on OHFA's website.
- C. The Housing Resource Guide should be updated every two years and published on OHFA's website.
- D. OHFA's website should include links to various resources that may be of interest or assistance to providers of affordable housing.

Strategies for Priority #2 - Capacity Building

- A. Training for providers and users on a wide variety of topics is a building block for continued success in affordable housing. Some examples of training include, but are not limited to, National Development Council (NDC), HUD courses on HOME Primer and others, Low-Income Tax Credit classes, and OHFA's workshops or technical assistance sessions.
- B. Policy makers, non-profits, communities, and developers can learn about various affordable housing resources through information - sharing exchanges. Conferences such as Oklahoma Municipal League, Oklahoma Weatherization and Housing Advisory Council, and OHFA's Statewide Housing Conference (April 4-6, 2004) provide a few of the many opportunities for networking.
- C. Utilize Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB)'s Community Assessment Model.

Strategies for Priority #3 - Program Design

- A. OHFA is in the process of reviewing the Leverage requirements for areas or projects that usually have difficulty generating Leverage. A fair and equitable process will be developed, but the Leverage requirement will not be eliminated completely.
- B. OHFA is in the process of reviewing the Match requirements for applicants for areas that usually have difficulty generating Match. A fair and equitable process will be developed, but the Match requirement will not be eliminated.
- C. Continue to utilize TBRA, including blending with HOME and LIHTCs to assist in lease up periods.
- D. Evaluate means to assist with Special Needs Housing. Define special needs. Establish ways to accommodate special needs in the application process, such as give extra points or create special set aside.
- E. A percentage of OHFA's administrative amount will be shared with some applicants for certain kinds of activities. The percentage and eligible activities will be evaluated annually.
- F. Analyze the need to preserve housing units and incorporate into the HOME Program Design if necessary.

Strategies for Priority #4 - Collaboration/Partnerships

- A. Establish an e-mail network and database of participants.
- B. Create a periodic means of communication on topical, timely affordable housing issues. This would be shared with all participants in database and email network.

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Comments:

Does the submission meet other criteria of the Housing Needs, Priorities and Strategies of the current Consolidated Plan? If so, please indicate criteria.

CERTIFICATION

With knowledge of penalties for false statements, I certify that to the best of my knowledge the Public Housing Authority of _____ is consistent with the State of Oklahoma Consolidated Plan and that all information submitted with this application for certification and on all attached documents is true and correct.

Printed Name

Signature

Housing Authority Official Title

Date

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