

**Request for Action**  
**By**  
**Board of Commissioners**

**Approval of the Public Housing Authority (PHA) Five Year and Annual Plans**

1. Summary of Issues

Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation (“RIHousing”) acts as a public housing authority (“PHA”) with respect to the administration of Section 8 tenant-based rental subsidies provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) through the Housing Choice Voucher Program. In accordance with Title V of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (the “Act”), RIHousing must adopt a streamlined annual PHA plan and a five-year PHA plan for this program that establish goals and objectives for meeting the housing needs of the corporation’s jurisdiction (the “Annual Plan” and the “Five Year Plan”). Both plans include RIHousing’s strategies for expanding the supply of assisted housing, promoting family self-sufficiency, and ensuring equal opportunity in housing. The Five Year Plan sets goals and objectives for the next five years and reports on the progress from the previous Five Year Plan. Both the Annual Plan and the Five Year Plan must be approved by the Board of Commissioners and forwarded to HUD.

In accordance with the requirements of the Act, the Annual Plan and the Five Year Plan were circulated to a Resident Advisory Board for review. In addition, a forty-five-day public comment period was advertised culminating in a public hearing on March 9. To the extent comments are received, staff will provide a summary and highlight any resulting changes to the Annual Plan at the Board meeting. Finally, RIHousing’s Government Relations & Policy staff has reviewed the Annual Plan to ensure consistency with the State’s Consolidated Plan.

Attachment B sets forth the components of the Annual Plan and Attachment C sets forth the components of the Five Year Plan. The plans, in their entirety, are available for review at RIHousing in the Housing Choice Voucher Program Department of the Division of Leased Housing and Rental Services.

2. Recommendation

Staff recommends the approval of the attached resolution authorizing the adoption of the Annual and Five Year Plans.

3. Attachments

- A. Resolution
- B. Streamlined PHA Annual Plan
- C. Five Year PHA Plan

## **Attachment A**

### **Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation**

WHEREAS, Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation (“RIHousing”) has been designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as a public housing authority in connection with the Housing Choice Voucher Program, through which RIHousing administers tenant-based Section 8 rental assistance; and

WHEREAS, Title V of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 requires public housing authorities that administer Section 8 assistance programs to set forth certain program-related policies and information in an annual plan (the “Annual Plan”) and a five-year plan (the “Five Year Plan”), which must be adopted by the public housing authority’s board of directors; and

WHEREAS, following a public notice and comment process and an internal review of relevant policies and procedures, RIHousing staff has developed the attached Annual and Five Year Plans for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that RIHousing, in its capacity as a public housing authority, be and hereby is authorized to approve and adopt the Annual Plan substantially in the form attached hereto.

RESOLVED, that RIHousing, in its capacity as a public housing authority, be and hereby is authorized to approve and adopt the Five Year Plan substantially in the form attached hereto.

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, the Deputy Executive Director, and Director of Leased Housing and Rental Services, each acting singly, are authorized to take any action they deem necessary to carry out the foregoing resolutions.

**Attachment B**

**Streamlined PHA Annual Plan**

(attached)

**Attachment C**  
**Five Year PHA Plan**

(attached)