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#17

EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Ms. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Randall, it was moved to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLUTION SBPC #2491-10-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ST. BERNARD PARISH COUNCIL TO ADOPT AND APPROVE THE PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY 5-YEAR PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026-2030 AND THEREBY AUTHORIZE ITS SUBMISSION WITH APPLICABLE CERTIFICATIONS TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, the St. Bernard Parish Government (SBPG) Housing and Redevelopment Department is an entity of SBPG that serves St. Bernard Parish residents through the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Community Services Block Grant (CSBG); and,

WHEREAS, the SBPG Housing and Redevelopment Department has prepared the Public Housing Agency (PHA) 5-Year Plan as required under regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD); and,

WHEREAS, the PHA 5-Year Plan sets forth SBPG's mission with defined HCVP goals and objectives for fiscal years 2026-2030; and,

WHEREAS, the 5-Year Plan's goals and objectives aim to increase the supply of affordable housing; strengthen program operations; expand client self-sufficiency; and promote quality customer service; and,

WHEREAS, the Plan contains a progress report on SBPG's efforts in providing critical housing assistance to over 500 St. Bernard families through valued partnership with landlords and community agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the Plan also addresses SBPG's efforts to improve program operations through ongoing staff training, technology upgrades; and other management initiatives, and,



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WHEREAS, SBPG clients and community stakeholders were invited to review and comment on the proposed PHA 5-Year Plan and HCVP policy revisions through a 45-day posting period which concluded in a Public Hearing on September 23, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, SBPG followed Plan preparation guidelines including the Qualified PHA provisions stipulated by HUD.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Bernard Parish Council, the Governing Authority, does hereby adopt and approve the SBPG PHA 5-Year Plan for fiscal years 2026-2030 and authorizes the SBPG Housing and Redevelopment Department to submit the Plan and required certifications to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: Cusimano, Moran, Meyer, Randall, Mones

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Everhardt

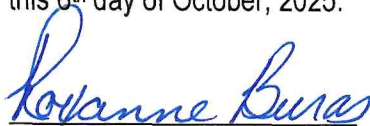
The Council Chair, Mr. McCloskey, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 6th day of October, 2025.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Parish of St. Bernard, held at Chalmette, Louisiana, on Monday, October 6, 2025.

Witness my hand and the seal
of the Parish of St. Bernard on
this 6th day of October, 2025.


ROXANNE BURAS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

5-Year PHA Plan <i>(for All PHAs)</i>	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing	OMB No. 2577-0226 Expires: 09/30/2027
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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. They also inform 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-, very low-, and extremely low- income families.

Applicability. The Form HUD-50075-5Y is to be completed once every 5 PHA fiscal years by all PHAs. PHAs with zero public housing units must continue to comply with the PHA Plan requirements until they closeout their Section 9 programs (ACC termination).

A.	PHA Information.
A.1	<p>PHA Name: <u>St. Bernard Parish Government (SBPG)</u> PHA Code: <u>LA187</u></p> <p>PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning: (MM/YYYY): _____</p> <p>The Five-Year Period of the Plan (i.e. 2019-2023): <u>2026-2030</u></p> <p>PHA Plan Submission Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5-Year Plan Submission <input type="checkbox"/> Revised 5-Year Plan Submission</p> <p>Public 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. 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 and should make documents available electronically for public inspection upon request. PHAs are strongly encouraged to post complete PHA Plans on their official websites and to provide each resident council with a copy of their PHA Plans.</p> <p>The PHA 5-Year Plan and policy updates are available at the SBPG Housing & Redevelopment Department located in the St. Bernard Parish Government Complex, 8201 W Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette, LA 70043. The Plan is also posted on the SBPG website at the following address: https://www.sbpq.net/167/Housing-Redevelopment</p>

<input type="checkbox"/> PHA Consortia: (Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete table below.)					
Participating PHAs	PHA Code	Program(s) in the Consortia	Program(s) not in the Consortia	No. of Units in Each Program	
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Lead PHA:					

B.	Plan Elements. Required for all PHAs completing this form.
B.1	<p>Mission. State the PHA's mission for serving the needs of low-, very low-, and extremely low-income families in the PHA's jurisdiction for the next 5 years.</p> <p>Mission Statement: The SBPG Department of Housing & Redevelopment is dedicated to providing quality affordable housing opportunities for income eligible residents, while facilitating self-sufficiency and promoting a living environment free from discrimination.</p>

B.2	<p>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 5 years.</p> <p>Goal 1: Increase the supply of affordable housing within St. Bernard Parish</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for additional vouchers and grants as HUD offers new housing resources • Expand outreach activities to generate interest and recruit new landlords to SBPG's Voucher Program • Support local developers as they work to create more affordable housing units in St. Bernard Parish • Compete for grants and other programs designed to facilitate SBPG's affordable housing mission <p>Goal 2: Strengthen program management and operations</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve lease-up and other areas of performance using HUD's 2-Year Tool and other monitoring methods • Expand staff training opportunities focusing on policies/procedures, compliance, and customer service • Implement innovative technology to improve SBPG's ongoing management efficiency • Research industry best practices and institute measures that will enhance SBPG's operations <p>Goal 3: Expand self-sufficiency among program participants</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to assist SBPG families in identifying their special needs and connecting with service organizations • Network with community agencies to assist disabled, elderly, homeless, and other special needs clients • Explore establishing a Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program to assist SBPG program participants • Explore creating and implementing a Voucher Homeownership Program for eligible SBPG clients <p>Goal 4: Promote quality customer service and stakeholder engagement</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create web-based portals to provide user-friendly program information for clients and landlords • Issue SBPG newsletters to share information and address stakeholder concerns • Administer periodic surveys to obtain stakeholder feedback for use in addressing customer service • Increase community outreach through expanded website content, email blasts, and other technologies
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<p>B.3</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>SBPG Progress Report:</p> <p>Over the past five years, SBPG has continued to provide housing assistance to low-income residents of St. Bernard Parish. Working with HUD through the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP), SBPG has delivered safe, decent, and sanitary housing assistance to approximately 500 households each year. SBPG has also collaborated with a network of participating landlords and partner agencies to provide these essential housing resources and services to Parish families in need.</p> <p>SBPG has operated its housing program in a progressive and responsible manner – maximizing resources and complying with applicable program rules and regulations. SBPG’s administrative team has focused on accelerating HCVP lease-up; implementing timely/thorough property inspections; and ensuring safe, quality housing for all SBPG-assisted families. The Agency has also implemented new software technology and increased training for staff.</p> <p>During the reporting period, SPBG has increased collaboration with local HUD officials and worked diligently to address programmatic and regulatory requirements. The Agency’s annual Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) certification was recently completed, and action plans were created to facilitate continuous performance improvement. HOTMA policy updates are progressing and on track to meet HUD’s implementation timelines.</p> <p>These efforts were realized with the collective collaboration and support from our partner organizations and the greater St. Bernard Parish community. SBPG envisions that the Agency’s progress will continue as the new 5-Year Plan unfolds.</p>
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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 survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

In accordance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Agency's Administrative Plan, the SBPG provides special protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. These protections are afforded to individuals who are either: *applying for or receiving assistance* under the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Part IX of the SBPG Administrative Plan defines specific protocols regarding notification, documentation, and confidentiality, and lays out SBPG's Emergency Transfer procedures to safely and efficiently serve the needs of child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Additional VAWA informational resources are provided as follows:

- Notice of Occupancy Rights under VAWA to program applicants and participants who are or have been victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking
- Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking and Alternate Documentation
- SBPG's VAWA Emergency Transfer Plan
- Emergency Transfer Request Form
- Contact information for the local St. Bernard Battered Women's Program, Inc.:
(P.O. Box 7, Arabi, Louisiana 70032, 504-277-3177 (24/7 Hotline, Business Phone))
- Contact Information for the National Domestic Violence Hot Line:
(1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or (TTY) 1-800-787-3224)

SBPG is revising its Administrative Plan to incorporate further VAWA updates. These additional protections include expanded definitions of "domestic violence"; prohibitions on retaliation; and the right to report crime and emergencies from one's home.

<p>B.5</p>	<p>Project-Based Activities. If a PHA intends to select one or more projects for project-based assistance without competition in accordance with 24 CFR 983.51(c), the PHA must include a statement of this intent.</p> <p>Not Applicable.</p>
<p>C. Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.</p>	
<p>C.1</p>	<p>Significant Amendment or Modification. Provide a statement on the criteria used for determining a significant amendment or modification to the 5-Year Plan.</p> <p><u>Significant Amendment or Modification</u> is defined as a change that materially alters SBPG's adopted mission and goals as stated in its 5-Year Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If such change is the result of a HUD regulatory requirement or declared emergency, it <i>will not</i> be defined as a Significant Amendment or Modification. • A defined Significant Amendment(s) or Modification(s) will undergo a multi-step process which includes Resident Advisory Board consultation; a 45-day public review and comment period; a public hearing to receive community input; submission to the St. Bernard Parish Council for approval; followed by transmittal to HUD for final approval.

C.2	<p>Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.</p> <p>(a) Did the RAB(s) have comments to the 5-Year PHA Plan?</p> <p>Y N <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(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.</p>
C.3	<p>Certification by State or Local Officials.</p> <p>Form HUD-50077-SL, <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> <p>Certification Form HUD-50077-SL will be processed through the Louisiana Office of Community Development and submitted as an electronic attachment to SBPG's 5-Year 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.</p> <p>(a) Did the public challenge any elements of the Plan?</p> <p>Y N <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(b) If yes, include Challenged Elements.</p>

Instructions for Preparation of Form HUD-50075-5Y - 5-Year PHA Plan for All PHAs

A. PHA Information. All PHAs must complete this section (24 CFR 903.4).

- A.1** Include the full **PHA Name**, **PHA Code**, **PHA Fiscal Year Beginning** (MM/YYYY), **Five-Year Period** that the Plan covers, i.e., 2019-2023, **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. Plan Elements.

- 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)).

- 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 survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (24 CFR 903.6(a)(3)).

- B.5 Project-Based Activities.** If a PHA intends to select one or more projects for project-based assistance without competition in accordance with § 983.51(c), the PHA must include a statement of this intent in its 5-Year Plan (or an amendment to the 5-Year Plan) in order to notify the public prior to making a noncompetitive selection (24 CFR 903.6(c)).

C. Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.

- C.1 Significant Amendment or Modification.** Provide a statement on the criteria used for determining a significant amendment or modification to the 5-Year Plan (24 CFR 903.7(s)(2)(ii)). For modifications resulting from the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program, refer to the 'Sample PHA Plan Amendment' found in Notice PIH-2012-32, REV 2.

- C.2 Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments.**

- (a) Did the public or RAB have 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(b), 24 CFR 903.19).

- C.3 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.

- C.4 Challenged Elements.**

If any element of the Annual PHA Plan or 5-Year PHA Plan is challenged, a PHA must include such information as an attachment to the Annual PHA Plan or 5-Year PHA Plan with a description of any challenges to Plan elements, the source of the challenge, and the PHA's response to the public (24 CFR 903.23(b)).

This information collection is authorized by Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act, which added a new section 5A to the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, which introduced the 5-Year PHA Plan. The 5-Year PHA Plan provides the PHA's mission, goals, and objectives for serving the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families and the progress made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5-Year Plan.

Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 1.23 hours per year per response or 6.15 hours per response every five years, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering, and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. HUD may not collect this information, and respondents are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

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

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Consistency with the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan**

I, _____, the _____
Official's Name *Official's Title*

certify that the 5-Year PHA Plan for fiscal years _____ and/or Annual PHA Plan for fiscal
year _____ of the _____ is consistent with the
PHA Name

Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan including any applicable fair housing goals or
strategies to:

Local Jurisdiction Name

pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91 and 24 CFR Part 903.15.

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

I/We, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct. WARNING: Anyone who knowingly
submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil
and administrative penalties. (18 U.S.C. §§ 287, 1001, 1010, 1012, 1014; 31 U.S.C. §3729, 3802).

Name of Authorized Official:	Title:
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Signature:	Date:

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this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions to reduce this burden, to the Reports Management Officer, REE,
Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000. When providing comments, please refer to OMB
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Civil Rights Certification
(Qualified PHAs)

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Civil Rights Certification

Annual Certification and Board Resolution

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 5-Year 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 fiscal year beginning _____, in which the PHA receives assistance under 42 U.S.C. 1437f and/or 1437g in connection with the submission of the Plan and implementation thereof:

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.*), the Violence Against Women Act (34 U.S.C. § 12291 *et seq.*), and other applicable civil rights requirements, and that it will affirmatively further fair housing in the administration of all HUD programs. In addition, if it administers a Housing Choice Voucher Program, the PHA certifies that it will administer the program in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Violence Against Women Act, and other applicable civil rights requirements, and that it will affirmatively further fair housing in the administration of all HUD programs. The PHA will affirmatively further fair housing in compliance with the Fair Housing Act, 24 CFR § 5.150 *et seq.*, 24 CFR § 903.7(o), and 24 CFR § 903.15, which means that it will take meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. Specifically, affirmatively furthering fair housing means taking meaningful actions that, taken together, address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws (24 CFR § 5.151). Pursuant to 24 CFR § 903.15(c)(2), a PHA's policies are designed to reduce the concentration of tenants and other assisted persons by race, national origin, and disability. PHA policies include affirmative steps stated in 24 CFR § 903.15(c)(2)(i) and 24 CFR § 903.15(c)(2)(ii). Furthermore, under 24 CFR § 903.7(o), a PHA must submit a civil rights certification with its Annual and 5-year PHA Plans, except for qualified PHAs who submit the Form HUD-50077-CR as a standalone document. The PHA certifies that it will take no action that is materially inconsistent with its obligation to affirmatively further fair housing.

PHA Name

PHA Number/HA Code

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Name of Executive Director:	Name of Board Chairperson:
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Signature:	Signature:
Date:	Date:

The information is collected to ensure that PHAs carry out applicable civil rights requirements.

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