

Attachment E – Definition of Substantial Deviation and Significant Amendment

It is the intent of the City of Tucson/Pima County PHA Plan Consortium to adhere to the mission, goals and objectives outlined in the five-year strategic plan. The plan, however, will be modified and re-submitted to HUD should a substantial deviation from program goals and objectives occur. The Housing Authority defines substantial deviations as:

- Any change in the planned or actual use of federal funds for activities that would prohibit or redirect the Housing Authority's strategic goals of increasing the availability of decent, safe and affordable housing for the citizens of the City of Tucson and Pima County.
- Any single or cumulative annual change in the planned or actual use of federal funds as identified in the five-year plan that exceeds 20% of the City of Tucson/Pima County Consortium's annual program budgets for Section 8 or public housing activities.
- A need to respond immediately to Acts of God beyond the control of the Housing Authority, such as earthquakes, civil unrest, or other unforeseen significant event.
- A mandate from local government officials, specifically the governing board of the Housing Authority, to modify, revise, or delete the long-range goals and objectives of the program.

A substantial deviation does not include any changes in HUD rules and regulations, which require or prohibit changes to activities listed herein.

A Significant Amendment or Modification to the Annual Plan and five-year Plans is defined as:

- Changes of a significant nature to the rent or admissions policies, or the organization of the waiting list not required by federal regulatory requirements as to effect a change in the Section 8 Administrative Plan or the Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP).

A change in the planned or use of replacement reserve funds under the Capital Fund that exceeds 20% of the City of Tucson's annual budget.