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Welcome. To be placed on a WHA waiting list, complete the attached **and** provide the requested documents.

If you do not provide all requested documents, you may still be placed on the list; however, if you cannot provide them when your name reaches the top of the list, you will be made inactive and have to reapply. You can supply those documents at any time while on the list.

Incomplete or unreadable applications will not be processed.

Debts Owed are checked at the time of application. If you owe a debt to a federally subsidized program or landlord, you will be denied and removed from the waiting list. A hearing process is available; however, the debt issue must be resolved before moving forward on the list.

Being placed on the waiting list does not guarantee admission to any program; final admission eligibility is determined when your name reaches the top of the waiting list, and all information has been verified.

It is required that a voucher be utilized for a minimum of 12 months within Ohio County, Wheeling, West Virginia.

To qualify for admission to either the Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher Program at the Wheeling Housing Authority, an applicant must first complete a pre-application and be placed on the waiting list. The order of the waiting list is determined by preference points, date and time received (each program may have different preference points). Available preference points may include veterans, working families, homeless persons and disabled/ handicapped persons, and will be confirmed before a point is given (submitting verification at the time of application is suggested).

Once an applicant has reached or is near the top of the waiting list, WHA will contact the applicant by mail for additional information to determine final admission eligibility to participate in the chosen program. Mail contact is utilized because important documents are sent for completion so we must be able to contact you at a reliable address (you may not use the address of a current resident of Wheeling Housing Authority). Returned mail will result in being made inactive.

All applicants 18 years old and older are screened for criminal background reports. Income is verified, as well as all information provided by an applicant. Rental history and debt history are also checked. The process is used for every applicant in the same way, fairly, consistently, and uniformly. By applying, you acknowledge that these checks and verifications will be completed, and you give your permission for WHA to do so. Additionally, you understand that if you provide false information, you will be denied assistance.

If WHA cannot contact you because of a change in your address or phone number that was not supplied to WHA, or the information provided in the pre-application is returned, the application will be placed on inactive status and will not be processed for any program selected. It is your responsibility to make certain that WHA has valid information to contact you. Additionally, if you do not respond to requested information by the deadline dates, the application will be placed on inactive status on all lists, and you will need to reapply. No response will cause you to be removed from all waiting lists in both the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs.

Please be aware that WHA plans to purge its waiting list annually and due to the number of individuals on the list, WHA will only utilize a mailing address for the method of contact; therefore, it is critical to provide any address change timely so that you are not made inactive.

Please contact any WHA office if you have questions. Our hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the main phone number is 304-242-4447.

Sincerely,

The Wheeling Housing Authority Team

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Date Stamp:

Time Received:

WHA Staff Member:

Pre-Application

Complete this application to be considered for placement on the WHA waiting list. Wait times vary based on your household's characteristics. If you are selected from the waitlist, you must submit documents verifying all the information below. Failure to do so will result in removal from all wait lists. Final eligibility is determined after your are pulled from the waitlist and all documents are verified.

For which program are you applying? (note you will only be placed on the waiting list for the properties selected and appropriate, i.e., if you are not in the elderly category but select Riverview, you will not be placed on that list. Additionally, if WHA cannot reach you at the provided contact address and we receive mail returned, you will be removed from all waiting lists.)

☐ **Public Housing** (If applying for public housing, you must indicate your choice(s) in preference order.)

☐ Hil-Dar & Bishop Street

☐ Luau Manor

☐ Garden Park Terrace

☐ Booker T. Washington Plaza & 13th St.

☐ Riverview Towers (elderly only)

Preference Order:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

☐ **Housing Choice Voucher Rental Program (Section 8)** (must be used in Wheeling, WV for a minimum of 12 months before being eligible to port)

Name: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

You must provide copies of the following (note that based upon answers to questions on this application, you may be required to submit additional documents as noted with the questions). If these documents are not provided, you must provide them when your name reaches the top of the list; failure to have the documents ready may result in your application being made inactive and you being required to reapply.

- ✓ Birth Certificate for all household members
- ✓ Social Security Card for all household members
- ✓ Photo Identification (ages 18 and over)

List all Household members, beginning with yourself, who will be residing in this apartment. (Note the column entitled Race is for statistical purposes only and is not required but requested):

	Name First, Middle Initial, Last	Relationship to Head of Household	Sex	Social Security Number	Birth Date (month, date, year)	Birth Place (City, State, County)	OPTIONAL: Race (White, Black, American Indian/Native Alaskan, Asian/Pacific Islander, other)
1		Head of Household					
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							

Occupancy standards established by the housing authority require that persons of the opposite sex (other than spouse/children under age 5), persons of different generations, and live-in aid not share a bedroom. WHA will generally assign one bedroom for every 2 persons in the household; single persons may select either a 0 (efficiency) or 1 bedroom unit. Live in aids will receive their own bedroom; however, this does not include members of their family. Based upon review of the application, a different size may be assigned by WHA.

Bedroom unit size you are requesting (public housing applicants only):

0 _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

Potential Preference Information:

Do you or any member of your household need a handicapped accessible unit? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you elderly, disabled or handicapped? _____ Yes _____ No

(Definitions: Elderly is aged 62 years or older; Disabled or handicapped is as defined by the Social Security Act – award letter required.)

Do you require an accommodation to fully utilize our programs and services? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please describe the accommodation requested: _____

Are you or any member of your household a veteran? _____ Yes _____ No

(To qualify for a preference point as a veteran, you must supply a DD214 with this application showing honorable/satisfactory service or certificate from a Federal, State or local agency attesting to the veteran status)

Are you currently experiencing homelessness? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, have you registered for services with the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless or another social service agency that provides homeless support (status letter required to receive point)? ____ Yes ____ No

Other Information:

Are you a legal resident of the United States? ____ Yes ____ No

Are you currently a public housing resident or HCVP participant? ____ Yes ____ No

Have you received Government Assisted Housing before? ____ Yes ____ No (If yes, where and when?)

Where: _____

When: _____

Provide the name, address, and phone number of your landlord(s) for the previous 5 years:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Term of Residency: _____

Term of Residency: _____

Address of Residency: _____

Address of Residency: _____

A Criminal background check is required to determine eligibility; likewise, a tenant history will be checked. Please review and sign the following. By signing this application, you authorize the required checks by the housing authority.

By signing this document, you are agreeing to utilize an issued voucher for a minimum of 12-months within Ohio County, Wheeling, West Virginia.

Please note that under 18 U.S.C. 1001, it is a felony to intentionally make false or misleading statements or to submit documents containing false information, to any U.S. government agency. By signing, you agree that the information provided is complete and correct to the best of your knowledge.

All adult members of the household must sign and date below:

Head of Household

Date

Adult Household Member

Date

Adult Household Member

Date

Adult Household Member

Date

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

CONSENT

I authorize and direct any Federal, State, or local agency, organization, business, or individual to release to the Wheeling Housing Authority (WHA) any information or materials needed to complete and verify my application for participation, and/or maintain my continued assistance under Section 8 Rental Rehabilitation, Low Income Public Housing, and/or other housing assistance programs. I understand and agree that this authorization or the information obtained with its use may be given to and used by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in administering and enforcing program rules and policies.

I also consent for HUD and/or the WHA to release information from my file about rental history to HUD, credit bureaus, collection agencies, or future landlords. This includes information on my payment history and any violations of my lease or WHA policies.

INFORMATION COVERED

I understand that, depending on program policies and requirements, previous or current information regarding me or my household may be needed. Verifications and inquiries that may be requested include but are not limited to, identity and marital status, employment, income and assets, residences and rental activity, medical or childcare allowances, and credit and criminal activity.

I understand that this authorization cannot be used to obtain any information about me that is not pertinent to my eligibility for and continued participation in a housing assistance program.

GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS THAT MAY BE ASKED

The groups or individuals that may be asked to release the above information (depending on program requirements) include, but are not limited to previous landlords (including public housing authorities), courts and post offices, schools and colleges, support and alimony providers, past and present employers, welfare agencies, state unemployment agencies, social security administration, medical and childcare providers, veteran's administration, retirement systems, banks and other financial institutions, credit providers, credit bureaus, and utility companies.

COMPUTER MATCHING NOTICE AND CONSENT

I understand that HUD or WHA may conduct computer matching programs to verify the information supplied for my application or recertification. If a computer match is done, I understand that I have the right to notification of any adverse information found and a chance to disprove incorrect information. HUD or WHA may, in the course of its duties, exchange such automated information with other Federal, State, or local agencies, including but not limited to, state employment agencies, Department of Defense, Office of Personnel Management, the U.S. Postal Service, The Social Security Administration, and state welfare and food stamp agencies.

CONDITIONS

I agree that a photocopy of this authorization may be used for the purposes stated above. The original is on file with WHA and will stay in effect until the earliest of (i) the rendering of a final adverse decision for an assistance applicant; (ii) the cessation of a participant's eligibility for assistance from HUD and the WHA; or (iii) the express revocation by the assistance applicant or recipient (or applicable family member) of the authorization, in a written notification to HUD or the WHA. I understand I have the right to review my file and correct any information that I can prove is incorrect.

SIGNATURES

_____ Head of Household	_____ Print Name	_____ Date
_____ Adult Member	_____ Print Name	_____ Date
_____ Adult Member	_____ Print Name	_____ Date
_____ Adult Member	_____ Print Name	_____ Date

Authorization for the Release of Information/Privacy Act Notice to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Housing Agency/Authority (HA)

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

PHA or IHA requesting release of information (full address, name of contact person, and date):

Wheeling Housing Authority/Wheeling Neighborhood Ventures
 PO Box 2089
 Wheeling, WV 26003

Contact our main office at 304-242-4447
 Date: Upon submission/date signed

Authority: Section 904 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988, as amended by Section 903 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 and Section 3003 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. This law is found at 42 U.S.C. 3544. This law requires you to sign a consent form authorizing: (1) HUD, and the Housing Agency/Authority (HA) to request verification of salary and wages from current or previous employers; (2) HUD and the HA to request wage and unemployment compensation claim information from the state agency responsible for keeping that information; and (3) HUD to request certain tax return information from the U.S. Social Security Administration and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

Section 104 of the Housing Opportunity and Modernization Act of 2016. The relevant provisions are found at 42 U.S.C. 1437n. This law requires you to sign a consent form authorizing the HA to request verification of any financial record from any financial institutions as defined in the Right to Financial Privacy Act (12 U.S.C. 3401)), whenever the HA determines the record is needed to determine an applicant's or participant's eligibility for assistance or level of benefits.

Purpose: In signing this consent form, you are authorizing HUD and the above-named HA to request income information from the sources listed on the form. HUD and the HA need this information to verify your household's income, in order to ensure that you are eligible for assisted housing benefits and that these benefits are set at the correct level. HUD and the HA may participate in computer matching programs with these sources in order to verify your eligibility and level of benefits.

Uses of Information to be Obtained: HUD is required to protect the income information it obtains in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. HUD may disclose information (other than tax return information) for certain routine uses, such as to other government agencies for law enforcement purposes, to Federal agencies for employment suitability purposes and to HAs for the purpose of determining housing assistance. The HA is also required to protect the income information it obtains in accordance with any applicable State privacy law. HUD and HA employees may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of the income information that is obtained based on the consent form.

Private owners may not request or receive information authorized by this form.

Who Must Sign the Consent Form: Each member of your family who is 18 years of age or older must sign the consent form. Additional signatures must be obtained from new adult members joining the family or whenever members of the family become 18 years of age.

Persons who apply for or receive assistance under the following programs are required to sign this consent form:

Public Housing
 Housing Choice Voucher
 Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation

Failure to Sign Consent Form: Your failure to sign the consent form may result in the denial of eligibility or termination of assisted housing benefits, or both. Denial of eligibility or termination of benefits is subject to the HA's grievance procedures and Section 8 informal hearing procedures.

Revocation of consent: If you revoke consent, the PHA will be unable to verify your information, although the data matches between HUD and other agencies will continue to automatically occur in the Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System if the family is not terminated from the program.

Sources of Information to be Obtained

State Wage Information Collection Agencies. (This consent is limited to wages and unemployment compensation I have received when I have received assisted housing benefits.)

U.S. Social Security Administration (HUD only) (This consent is limited to the wage and self-employment information and payments of retirement income as referenced at Section 6103(l)(7)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code.)

U.S. Internal Revenue Service (HUD only) (This consent is limited to unearned income [i.e., interest and dividends].)

Information may also be obtained directly from: (a) current and former employers concerning salary and wages; and (b) financial institutions as defined in the Right to Financial Privacy Act (12 U.S.C. 3401), whenever the HA determines the record is needed to determine an applicant's or participant's eligibility for assistance or level of benefits. I understand that income information obtained from these sources will be used to verify information that I provide in determining eligibility for assisted housing programs and the level of benefits. Therefore, this consent form only authorizes release directly from employers and financial institutions of information.

Consent: I consent to allow HUD or the HA to request and obtain income information from the sources listed on this form for the purpose of verifying my eligibility and level of benefits under HUD's assisted housing programs. I understand that HAS that receive income information under this consent form cannot use it to deny, reduce or terminate assistance without first independently verifying what the amount was, whether I actually had access to the funds and when the funds were received. In addition, I must be given an opportunity to contest those determinations.

This consent form remains effective until the earliest of (i) the rendering of a final adverse decision for an assistance applicant; (ii) the cessation of a participant's eligibility for assistance from HUD and the PHA; or (iii) The express revocation by the assistance applicant or recipient (or applicable family member) of the authorization, in a written notification to HUD or the PHA.

Signatures:

Head of Household		Date	
Social Security Number (if any) of Head of Household		Other Family Member over age 18	Date
Spouse	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date
Other Family Member over age 18	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date
Other Family Member over age 18	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date

Privacy Advisory. Authority: The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect this information by the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et. seq.), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), and by the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19). Purpose: This form authorizes HUD and the above-named HA to request income information to verify your household's income in order to ensure that you are eligible for assisted housing benefits and that these benefits are set at the correct level. Failure to provide any of the requested information may result in a delay or rejection of your eligibility approval.

Penalties for Misusing this Consent: HUD and the HA (or any employee of HUD or the HA) may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of information collected based on the consent form. Use of the information collected based on the form HUD 9886 is restricted to the purposes cited on the form HUD 9886. Any person who knowingly or willfully requests, obtains, or discloses any information under false pretenses concerning an applicant or participant may be subject to a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000. Any applicant or participant affected by negligent disclosure of information may bring civil action for damages, and seek other relief, as may be appropriate, against the officer or employee of HUD or the HA for the unauthorized disclosure or improper use.

OMB Burden Statement. The public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to be 0.16 hours for new admissions and .08 hours for household members turning 19, including the time for reviewing, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Collection of information income and assets is required for program eligibility determination purposes. The submission of the consent form is necessary (form-HUD 9886) so that PHAs can carry out the requirements of Section 904 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988, as amended by Section 903 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 and Section 3003 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 3544) and Section 104 of HOTMA to ensure that HUD and PHAs can verify eligibility and income information for applicants and participants. This information collection is protected from disclosure by the Privacy Act. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions to reduce this burden, to the Office of Public and Indian Housing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20410. When providing comments, please refer to OMB Approval No. 2577-0295. HUD may not conduct and sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid control number.

Original is retained by the requesting organization.

ref. Handbooks 7420.7, 7420.8, & 7465.1

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Nondiscrimination Policy

It is the policy of the Wheeling Housing Authority to comply with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (commonly known as the Fair Housing Act) by ensuring that apartments are available to all persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, disability, familial status, or sex. This policy means, among other things, that the Wheeling Housing Authority and all agents and employees of the Wheeling Housing Authority with the responsibility for renting, managing or administering any dwelling units must not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, familial status, or sex in any aspect of the rental of dwellings to qualified applicants or tenants. Such agents and employees must refrain from:

- A. Discrimination against a person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of the rental of a dwelling or in the provision of services or facilities in connection with such dwelling, because of the race, color, religion, national origin, disability, familial status, or sex of that person, a person residing or intending to reside in the dwelling after it is rented, or any person associated with that person; and
- B. Coercing, intimidating, threatening, or interfering with a person in the exercise or enjoyment of, or on account of their having exercised or enjoyed, or on account of their having aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of, a right granted or protected by section 804 of the Fair Housing Act

Any agent or employee who fails to comply with this Nondiscrimination Policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. Any action taken by an agent or employee that results in the unequal service, treatment or behavior to tenants on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, familial status, or sex may constitute a violation of state and federal fair housing laws. Any tenant who believes that any of the above policies have been violated by the Wheeling Housing Authority or any of its agents or employees may contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 1-800-669-9777, or the U.S. Department of Justice at 1-800-896-7743.

Protections for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking

When should I receive this form? A covered housing provider must provide a copy of the Notice of Occupancy Rights Under The Violence Against Women Act (Form HUD-5380) and the Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking (Form HUD-5382) when you are admitted as a tenant, when you receive an eviction or termination notice and prior to termination of tenancy, or when you are denied as an applicant. A covered housing provider may provide these forms at additional times.

What is the Violence Against Women Act (“VAWA”)? This notice describes protections that may apply to you as an applicant or a tenant under a housing program covered by a federal law called the Violence Against Women Act (“VAWA”). VAWA provides housing protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. VAWA protections must be in leases and other program documents, as applicable. VAWA protections may be raised at any time. You do not need to know the type or name of the program you are participating in or applying to in order to seek VAWA protections.

What if I require this information in a language other than English? To read this information in Spanish or another language, please contact Wheeling Housing Authority Management Offices or WNV Office for HOPWA Providers, contact Change, Inc., at 304-797-7733 or go to www.changeinc.supportive-services/#. You can read translated VAWA forms at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/administration/hudclips/forms/hud5a#4. If you speak or read in a language other than English, your covered housing provider must give you language assistance regarding your VAWA protections (for example, oral interpretation and/or written translation).

What do the words in this notice mean?

- *VAWA violence/abuse* means one or more incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- *Victim* means any victim of *VAWA violence/abuse*, regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, or marital status.
- *Affiliated person* means the tenant’s spouse, parent, sibling, or child; or any individual, tenant, or lawful occupant living in the tenant’s household; or anyone for whom the tenant acts as parent/guardian.
- *Covered housing program*¹ includes the following HUD programs:
 - Public Housing
 - Tenant-based vouchers (TBV, also known as Housing Choice Vouchers or HCV) and Project-based Vouchers (PBV) Section 8 programs
 - Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA)
 - Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy
 - Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly
 - Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities
 - Section 221(d)(3)/(d)(5) Multifamily Rental Housing
 - Section 236 Multifamily Rental Housing
 - Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) program
 - HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program
 - The Housing Trust Fund
 - Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program
 - Continuum of Care program
 - Rural Housing Stability Assistance program
- *Covered housing provider* means the individual or entity under a covered housing program that is responsible for providing or overseeing the VAWA protection in a specific situation. The covered housing provider may be a public housing agency, project sponsor, housing owner, mortgagor, housing manager, State or local government, public agency, or a nonprofit or for-profit organization as the lessor.

What if I am an applicant under a program covered by VAWA? You can’t be denied housing, housing assistance, or homeless assistance covered by VAWA just because you (or a household member) are or were a victim or just because

¹ For information about non-HUD covered housing programs under VAWA, see Interagency Statement on the Violence Against Women Act’s Housing Provisions at <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PA/documents/InteragencyVAWAHousingStmnt092024.pdf>.

of problems you (or a household member) had as a direct result of being or having been a victim. For example, if you have a poor rental or credit history or a criminal record, and that history or record is the direct result of you being a victim of VAWA abuse/violence, that history or record cannot be used as a reason to deny you housing or homeless assistance covered by VAWA.

What if I am a tenant under a program covered by VAWA? You cannot lose housing, housing assistance, or homeless assistance covered by VAWA or be evicted just because you (or a household member) are or were a victim of VAWA violence/abuse. You also cannot lose housing, housing assistance, or homeless assistance covered by VAWA or be evicted just because of problems that you (or a household member) have as a direct result of being or having been a victim. For example, if you are a victim of VAWA abuse/violence that directly results in repeated noise complaints and damage to the property, neither the noise complaints nor property damage can be used as a reason for evicting you from housing covered by VAWA. You also cannot be evicted or removed from housing, housing assistance, or homeless assistance covered by VAWA because of someone else's criminal actions that are directly related to VAWA abuse/violence against you, a household member, or another affiliated person.

How can tenants request an emergency transfer? Victims of VAWA violence/abuse have the right to request an emergency transfer from their current unit to another unit for safety reasons related to the VAWA violence/abuse. An emergency transfer cannot be guaranteed, but you can request an emergency transfer when:

1. You (or a household member) are a victim of VAWA violence/abuse;
2. You expressly request the emergency transfer; **AND**
3. **EITHER**
 - a. you reasonably believe that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence, including trauma, if you (or a household member) stay in the same dwelling unit; **OR**
 - b. if you (or a household member) are a victim of sexual assault, either you reasonably believe that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence, including trauma, if you (or a household member) were to stay in the unit, or the sexual assault occurred on the premises and you request an emergency transfer within 90 days (including holidays and weekend days) of when that assault occurred.

You can request an emergency transfer even if you are not lease compliant, for example if you owe rent. If you request an emergency transfer, your request, the information you provided to make the request, and your new unit's location must be kept strictly confidential by the covered housing provider. The covered housing provider is required to maintain a VAWA emergency transfer plan and make it available to you upon request. To request an emergency transfer or to read the covered housing provider's VAWA emergency transfer plan, contact your site manager, HCV case worker, or the supervisor of the Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher programs. The VAWA emergency transfer plan includes information about what the covered housing provider does to make sure your address and other relevant information are not disclosed to your perpetrator.

Can the perpetrator be evicted or removed from my lease? Depending on your specific situation, your covered housing provider may be able to divide the lease to evict just the perpetrator. This is called "lease bifurcation."

What happens if the lease bifurcation ends up removing the perpetrator who was the only tenant who qualified for the housing or assistance? In this situation, the covered housing provider must provide you and other remaining household members an opportunity to establish eligibility or to find other housing. If you cannot or don't want to establish eligibility, then the covered housing provider must give you a reasonable time to move or establish eligibility for another covered housing program. This amount of time varies, depending on the covered housing program involved. The table below shows the reasonable time provided under each covered housing programs with HUD. Timeframes for covered housing programs operated by other agencies are determined by those agencies.

Covered Housing Program(s)	Reasonable Time for Remaining Household Members to Continue to Receive Assistance, Establish Eligibility, or Move.
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HOME and Housing Trust Fund, Continuum of Care Program (except for permanent supportive housing), ESG program, Section 221(d)(3) Program, Section 221(d)(5) Program, Rural Housing Stability Assistance Program	Because these programs do not provide housing or assistance based on just one person's status or characteristics, the remaining tenant(s), or family member(s) in the CoC program, can keep receiving assistance or living in the assisted housing as applicable.
Permanent supportive housing funded by the Continuum of Care Program	The remaining household member(s) can receive rental assistance until expiration of the lease that is in effect when the qualifying member is evicted.
Housing Choice Voucher, Project-based Voucher, and Public Housing programs (for Special Purpose Vouchers (e.g., HUD-VASH, FUP, FYI, etc.), see also program specific guidance)	If the person removed was the only tenant who established eligible citizenship/immigration status, the remaining household member(s) must be given 30 calendar days from the date of the lease bifurcation to establish program eligibility or find alternative housing. For HUD-VASH, if the veteran is removed, the remaining family member(s) can keep receiving assistance or living in the assisted housing as applicable. If the veteran was the only tenant who established eligible citizenship/immigration status, the remaining household member(s) must be given 30 calendar days to establish program eligibility or find alternative housing.
Section 202/811 PRAC and SPRAC	The remaining household member(s) must be given 90 calendar days from the date of the lease bifurcation or until the lease expires, whichever is first, to establish program eligibility or find alternative housing.
Section 202/8	The remaining household member(s) must be given 90 calendar days from the date of the lease bifurcation or when the lease expires, whichever is first, to establish program eligibility or find alternative housing. If the person removed was the only tenant who established eligible citizenship/immigration status, the remaining household member(s) must be given 30 calendar days from the date of the lease bifurcation to establish program eligibility or find alternative housing.
Section 236 (including RAP); Project-based Section 8 and Mod Rehab/SRO	The remaining household member(s) must be given 30 calendar days from the date of the lease bifurcation to establish program eligibility or find alternative housing.
HOPWA	The remaining household member(s) must be given no less than 90 calendar days, and not more than one year, from the date of the lease bifurcation to establish program eligibility or find alternative housing. The date is set by the HOPWA Grantee or Project Sponsor.

Are there any reasons that I can be evicted or lose assistance? VAWA does not prevent you from being evicted or losing assistance for a lease violation, program violation, or violation of other requirements that are not due to the VAWA violence/abuse committed against you or an affiliated person. However, a covered housing provider cannot be stricter with you than with other tenants, just because you or an affiliated person experienced VAWA abuse/violence. VAWA also will not prevent eviction, termination, or removal if other tenants or housing staff are shown to be in immediate, physical danger that could lead to serious bodily harm or death if you are not evicted or removed from assistance. **But only if no other action can be taken to reduce or eliminate the threat** should a covered housing provider evict you or end your assistance, if the VAWA abuse/violence happens to you or an affiliated person. A covered housing provider must provide a copy of the Notice of Occupancy Rights Under The Violence Against Women Act (Form HUD-5380) and the Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking (Form HUD-5382) when you receive an eviction or termination notice and prior to termination of tenancy.

What do I need to document that I am a victim of VAWA abuse/violence? If you ask for VAWA protection, the covered housing provider may request documentation showing that you (or a household member) are a victim. **BUT** the covered housing provider must make this request in writing and must give you at least 14 business days (weekends and holidays do not count) to respond, and you are free to choose any one of the following:

1. A self-certification form (for example, Form HUD 5382), which the covered housing provider must give you along with this notice. Either you can fill out the form or someone else can complete it for you;
2. A statement from a victim/survivor service provider, attorney, mental health professional or medical professional who has helped you address incidents of VAWA violence/abuse. The professional must state “under penalty of perjury” that he/she/they believes that the incidents of VAWA violence/abuse are real and covered by VAWA. Both you and the professional must sign the statement;
3. A police, administrative, or court record (such as a protective order) that shows you (or a household member) were a victim of VAWA violence/abuse; OR
4. If allowed by your covered housing provider, any other statement or evidence provided by you.

It is your choice which documentation to provide and the covered housing provider must accept any one of the above as documentation. The covered housing provider is prohibited from seeking additional documentation of victim status or requiring more than one of these types of documentation, unless the covered housing provider receives conflicting information about the VAWA violence/abuse.

If you do not provide one of these types of documentation by the deadline, the covered housing provider does not have to provide the VAWA protections you requested. If the documentation received by the covered housing provider contains conflicting information about the VAWA violence/abuse, the covered housing provider may require you to provide additional documentation from the list above, but the covered housing provider must give you another 30 calendar days to do so.

Will my information be kept confidential? If you share information with a covered housing provider about why you need VAWA protections, the covered housing provider must keep the information you share strictly confidential. This information should be securely and separately kept from your other tenant files. No one who works for your covered housing provider will have access to this information, unless there is a reason that specifically calls for them to access this information, your covered housing provider explicitly authorizes their access for that reason, and that authorization is consistent with applicable law.

Your information **will not be disclosed** to anyone else or put in a database shared with anyone else, except in the following situations:

1. If you give the covered housing provider written permission to share the information for a limited time;
2. If the covered housing provider needs to use that information in an eviction proceeding or hearing; or
3. If other applicable law requires the covered housing provider to share the information.

How do other laws apply? VAWA does not limit the covered housing provider's duty to honor court orders about access to or control of the property, or civil protection orders issued to protect a victim of VAWA abuse/violence.

Additionally, VAWA does not limit the covered housing provider's duty to comply with a court order with respect to the distribution or possession of property among household members during a family break up. The covered housing provider must follow all applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements.

Can I request a reasonable accommodation? If you have a disability, your covered housing provider must provide reasonable accommodations to rules, policies, practices, or services that may be necessary to allow you to equally benefit from VAWA protections (for example, giving you more time to submit documents or assistance with filling out forms). You may request a reasonable accommodation at any time, even for the first time during an eviction. If a provider is denying a specific reasonable accommodation because it is not reasonable, your covered housing provider must first engage in the interactive process with you to identify possible alternative accommodations. To request a reasonable accommodation, please contact your site manager, HCV case worker, or the supervisor of the Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher programs. Your covered housing provider must also ensure effective communication with individuals with disabilities.

Have your protections under VAWA been denied? If you believe that the covered housing provider has violated these rights, you may seek help by contacting the Philadelphia Regional Office of FHEO, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, The Strawbridge Building, 801 Market Street 12th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107, Phone (215) 861-7646 or (800) 669-9777. You can also find additional information on filing VAWA complaints at <https://www.hud.gov/VAWA> and https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/VAWA. To file a VAWA complaint, visit <https://www.hud.gov/fairhousing/fileacomplaint>.

Need further help?

- For additional information on VAWA and to find help in your area, visit <https://www.hud.gov/vawa>.
- To talk with a housing advocate, please consider the following:
 - ❖ For help regarding an abusive relationship, you may call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 or, for persons with hearing impairments, 1-800-787-3224 (TTY). You may also contact the Wheeling Police Department at (304) 234-3664, the Ohio County Sheriff's Department at (304) 234-3606, and/or the Family Violence Prevention Program at (304) 232-0511.
 - ❖ For tenants who are or have been victims of stalking seeking help may visit the National Center for Victims of Crime's Stalking Resource Center at <https://www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center>.
 - ❖ For help regarding sexual assault, you may contact the Wheeling Police Department at (304) 234-3664, the Ohio County Sheriff's Department at (304) 234-3606.
 - ❖ Victims of stalking seeking help may contact the Wheeling Police Department at (304) 234-3664, the Ohio County Sheriff's Department at (304) 234-3606

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to range from 45 to 90 minutes per each covered housing provider's response, depending on the program. This includes time to print and distribute the form. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing this burden can be sent to the Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20410. This notice is required for covered housing programs under section 41411 of VAWA and 24 CFR 5.2003. Covered housing providers must give this notice to applicants and tenants to inform them of the VAWA protections as specified in section 41411(d)(2). This is a model notice, and no information is being collected. A Federal agency may not collect this information, and you are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

**CERTIFICATION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE,
SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING**

Confidentiality Note: Any personal information you share in this form will be maintained by your covered housing provider according to the confidentiality provisions below.

Purpose of Form: If you are a tenant of or applicant for housing assisted under a covered housing program, or if you are applying for or receiving transitional housing or rental assistance under a covered housing program, and ask for protection under the Violence Against Women Act ("VAWA"), you may use this form to comply with a covered housing provider's request for written documentation of your status as a "victim". This form is accompanied by a "Notice of Occupancy Rights Under the Violence Against Women Act," Form HUD-5380.

VAWA protects individuals and families regardless of a victim's age or actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, or marital status.

You are not expected **and cannot be asked or required** to claim, document, or prove victim status or VAWA violence/abuse other than as stated in "Notice of Occupancy Rights Under the Violence Against Women Act," Form HUD-5380.

This form is **one of your available options** for responding to a covered housing provider's written request for documentation of victim status or the incident(s) of VAWA violence/abuse. If you choose, you may submit one of the types of third-party documentation described in Form HUD-5380, in the section titled, "What do I need to document that I am a victim?". Your covered housing provider must give you at least 14 business days (weekends and holidays do not count) to respond to their written request for this documentation.

Will my information be kept confidential? Whenever you ask for or about VAWA protections, your covered housing provider must keep any information you provide about the VAWA violence/abuse or the fact you (or a household member) are a victim, including the information on this form, strictly confidential. This information should be securely and separately kept from your other tenant files. This information can only be accessed by an employee/agent of your covered housing provider if (1) access is required for a specific reason, (2) your covered housing provider explicitly authorizes that person's access for that reason, **and** (3) the authorization complies with applicable law. This information will not be given to anyone else or put in a database shared with anyone else, unless your covered housing provider (1) gets your written permission to do so for a limited time, (2) is required to do so as part of an eviction or termination hearing, **or** (3) is required to do so by law.

In addition, your covered housing provider must keep your address strictly confidential to ensure that it is not disclosed to a person who committed or threatened to commit VAWA violence/abuse against you (or a household member).

What if I require this information in a language other than English? To read this in Spanish or another language, please contact your site manager, HCV case worker, or the supervisor for the Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher programs. You can read translated VAWA forms at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/administration/hudclips/forms/hud5a#4. If you speak or read in a language other than English, your covered housing provider must give you language assistance regarding your VAWA protections (for example, oral interpretation and/or written translation).

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Applicable definitions of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking:

Domestic violence includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who lives with or has lived with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

Spouse or intimate partner of the victim includes a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim, as determined by the length of the relationship, the type of the relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Dating violence means violence committed by a person:

- (1) Who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; **and**
- (2) Where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors: (i) The length of the relationship; (ii) The type of relationship; and (iii) The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Sexual assault means any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, tribal, or State law, including when the victim lacks capacity to consent.

Stalking means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:

- (1) Fear for the person's individual safety or the safety of others **or**
- (2) Suffer substantial emotional distress.

Certification of Applicant or Tenant: By signing below, I am certifying that the information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and recollection, and that one or more members of my household is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking as described in the applicable definitions above.

Signature

Date

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