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## c/o Alfred Housing Committee, Inc. 23 North Main Street, Suite 4 Wellsville, NY 14895 585-593-6353 (p)585-593-0871 (f) 711 TDD



# **APPLICATION**

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	E: Highland Pointe			OFFICE USE	ONLY	
DRESS:	90 Howard Street				l:	
	Wellsville, NY 14895			Time Receive	d:	
				Estimated Inc	com e:	
				Income Categ	ory:	
				Application #		•
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Applications this tenant a	s are placed in order of da pplication. Every question	ate and time received. n <u>must</u> be answered. I	An applic Oo <u>NOT</u> le	ant may be in eave blanks. U	nterviewed only aft Jse N/A when not	ter the receipt of applicable.
		A. GENERAL	INFOR	MATION		
Applican	t Name:					
Address:			<del></del>			
	Street	Ant.# Cit	y		State ZIP	<del>-</del>
Email ad	dress:		_			
Email ad Daytime	dress: Phone:	Evenii	1g Phone	•		
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Email ad Daytime No. of BR Amount o	dress: Phone:	Evening Evenin	ng Phone ENT or y yment: \$	: OWN (circl	e one)	
If owned.	do vou receive month	itai or mortgage pa Iv rental income fro	yment. ø m nrane	rtv: 🗆 Ves	_ □ No (check	k one)
If owned, How did	do you receive month you hear about the ap	lly rental income front partment complex?	om prope	erty: 🗆 Yes	_ □ No (check	x one)
If owned, How did	dress:	lly rental income front partment complex?	om prope	erty: 🗆 Yes	_ □ No (check	c one)
If owned, How did Housing	do you receive month you hear about the ap Voucher? Yes or No. 1	lly rental income fro partment complex? If Yes, what kind?	om prope	rty: 🗆 Yes	□ No (check 	k one)
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If owned, How did Housing	do you receive month you hear about the ap Voucher? Yes or No. 1	lly rental income fro partment complex? If Yes, what kind?	m prope	ree BR	□ No (check 	k one)
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If owned, How did Housing	do you receive month you hear about the ap Voucher? Yes or No. 1 size requested:	ely rental income from the partment complex? If Yes, what kind?  B. HOUSEHOLI  Relationship	Thi COMP	ree BR	□ No (check	Student

Will all listed minors be living in the unit at least 50% of the time?  If not, explain custody agreement (proof of custody may be required):	☐ Yes	□ No
1. Have there been any changes in household composition in the last twelve months?	☐ Yes	□ No
If yes, explain:		
2. Do you anticipate any changes in household composition in the next twelve months'	?	□ No
If yes, explain:	Farmer	
3. Is there someone not listed above who would normally be living with the household	?   Yes	□ No
If yes, explain:		
4. Are you living with anyone now who will not be moving into this unit with you?	☐ Yes	□ No
If yes, explain:	<u>, ,</u> , . <u>-</u>	
5. Will all of the persons in the household be or have been full-time students during fix this year or plan to be in the next calendar year at an educational institution (other than school) with regular faculty and students?  FYES, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (6-10):	a correspon	ndence  No
6. Are any full-time student(s) married and filing a joint tax return?	☐ Yes	□ No
6. Are any full-time student(s) married and filing a joint tax return? 7. Are any student(s) enrolled in a job-training program receiving assistance under the Job Training Partnership Act?	☐ Yes	<ul><li>□ No</li><li>□ No</li></ul>
7. Are any student(s) enrolled in a job-training program receiving assistance under the Job Training Partnership Act?	Valued —	
7. Are any student(s) enrolled in a job-training program receiving assistance under	☐ Yes	□ No

# C. INCOME

List ALL sources of income as requested below. If a section doesn't apply, cross out or write NA.

Household Member Name	Source of Income	Gross Monthly Amount
11.	Social Security	\$
12.	Social Security	\$
13.	SSI Benefits	\$
14.	SSI Benefits	\$
15.	Pension (list source)	\$
16.	Pension (list source)	\$
17.	Veteran's Benefits (list claim #)	\$
18.	Veteran's Benefits (list claim #)	\$
19.	Unemployment Compensation	\$
20.	Unemployment Compensation	\$
21.	Public Assistance (Title IV/TANF etc.)	\$
22.	Contributions to the Household (monetary or not)	\$
23.	Full-Time Student Income (18 & Over Only)	\$
24.	Financial Aid (excluding loans)	\$
25.	Annuities (list sources)	\$
26.	Long Term Medical Care Insurance Payments in excess of \$180/day	\$
27.	Scheduled Payments from Investments	\$
28.	Retirement Account Payments (including RMDs)	\$
29.	Income From Rental Property	\$

Household Member Name	Source of Income	Monthly Amount
30.	Employment amount	\$
	Employer:	
	Position Held	
	How long employed:	
31.	Employment amount	\$
	Employer:	
	Position Held	-
	How long employed:	
Household Member Name	Source of Income	Monthly Amount
32.	Employment amount	\$
	Employer:	
	Position Held	
	How long employed:	

33.		Previous Employment a	mount (last 60 d	ays)	\$	
		Employer:				
		Position Held				
		How long employed:				
34.		Alimony				
		Do you receive alimony?			☐ Yes	☐ No
		If yes list amount you reco	eive.		\$	
25						·
35.		Child Support  Do you receive formal/inf	farmal (manay it			
		etc.) child support?	iorinar (intoney, no	ziiis,	☐ Yes	
		If yes, list the amount you	receive.		\$	
36.		Cia Incomo em Ilhon D	an Park etc		1 &	
37.		Gig Income ex: Uber, Do Self Employment, Day la		dent	\$   \$	
-		contractor, Seasonal wo	rker	uciit	Ψ	
38.		Other Income			\$	
20 TOTAL CROSS ANN	TAL INCOME	2 1 1 1 11	1. 1 1			
		Based on the monthly amounts		′	\$	
40. TOTAL GROSS ANNU	JAL INCOME	ROM PREVIOUS YEAR (Do	NOT leave this	blank)	\$	
41. Do you anticipate any	changes in th	s income in the next 12 mor	nths?		☐ Yes	□ No
42. Is any member of the	household leg	ally entitled to receive incom	me assistance?		☐ Yes	□ No
43. Is any member of the <i>not</i> ) from someone who i	household like	ly to receive income or assist of the household as listed of	stance <i>(monetar</i> on Page 2 etc.)?	y or	☐ Yes	□ No
44. If yes to any of the al	bove, explain:			I	Introd — 111	-
				***************************************		
45. Is the income received	d?				☐ Yes	
If your	assets are too n	ASSETS (even if jointly he merous to list here, please request of the doesn't apply, cross out or we have the doesn't apply th	uest an additional	form.		
46. Checking Accounts	#	Bank		Balanc	ce \$	
	#	Bank		Balano	ce \$	
	#	Bank		Balanc	ce \$	
	#	Bank		Balanc		
47. Savings Accounts	#	Bank		Balanc	ce \$	
	#	Bank		Balanc	ce \$	
	#	Bank		Balanc	ce \$	
	#	Bank		Balanc	e \$	
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48. Trust Account (revocable)	#	Bank		Balanc	ee \$	
	#	Bank		Balanc	ee \$	

49. Debit cards not associated with a		#	Bank		Ba	lance \$
checking account e	ex:	#	Bank		Ва	lance \$
211000 211111000		#	Bank		Ba	lance \$
50. Certificates of		#	Bank		Ba	lance \$
Deposit		#	Bank		Ba	lance \$
		#	Bank		Ba	lance \$
51. Money Market		#	Bank		Ba	lance \$
Accounts		#	Bank		Ba	lance \$
		#	Bank		Ba	lance \$
		#	Maturity	Date	Va	lue \$
52. Savings Bonds		#	Maturity	Date	Va	lue \$
		#	Maturity	Date	Va	lue \$
		#	Maturity	Date	Va	lue \$
53. Peer-to-peer		Name:			Ba	lance:\$
ex: Venmo, PayPal Apple Pay	l,	Name:			Balance:\$	
54. Sport vehicle or other		Type:			Value:\$	
Non-necessary Personal Property		Type:			Va	lue:\$
	5. Collection or other on-necessary Personal		Type:			lue:\$
Property ex: coin collection		Type:			Va	lue:\$
56. Deed of Trust/I	Loan	Type:			Ва	lance:\$
(you loaned someone and they are paying back with or without interest)	you	Type:			Ba	lance:\$
57. Life Insurance	Policy	#			Ca	sh Value \$
58. Life Insurance		#				sh Value \$
59. Cash on Hand					An	nount:\$
60. Digital Banking	g	Name:				lance:\$
Ex: Cash App		Name:			Ba	lance:\$
		Name:			Ba	lance:\$
61. Mutual Funds	Name:		#Shares:	Interest or Dividend \$	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Value \$
	Name:		#Shares:	Interest or Dividend \$		Value \$
	Name:		#Shares:	Interest or Dividend \$		Value \$
60.0	Name:		#Shares:	Dividend Paid \$		Value \$
62. Stocks	Name:		#Shares:	Dividend Paid \$		Value \$
	Name:		#Shares:	Dividend Paid \$		Value \$

63. Bonds	Name	<b>:</b>	#Shares:	Interes	t or Dividend \$		Value \$	
	Name	<b>:</b>	#Shares:	Interes	t or Dividend \$		Value \$	
64. Crowd Funding Account ex:	Туре	:					Balance:\$	
GoFundMe, Kickstarter	Туре	•					Balance:\$	
65. Investment Accounts (accounts	#						Value:\$	
that include stocks, bonds, and other like investments)	#			:			Value:\$	
66. Investments in Precious metals	Туре	•					Value:\$	
including gold, silver, copper, etc.	Туре	:					Value:\$	
67. Crypto- Currency (Bitcoin,	Туре	•					Value:\$	
Altcoins, Crypto coins, etc.)	Туре						Value:\$	
68. Special Needs Trust	Name	e:					Balance:\$	
			Real Pr	operty				
69. Does any family								
A home or dwelling legal authority to se							∏ Yes □	No
residence		1 1 3		1 0 0				
For Sale?:		Market Value	<b>::</b> \$	Cost to Sell:	\$	Cash	Value:\$	
□ NO								
□ YES								
□ N/A		1 11' 1	1 1		1	4 •		NI.
Rental Property-hor and the effective leg family as a residence right to reside in	gal autl	hority to sell an	d the propert	y is suitable	for occupancy	by the	∏ Yes □	No
For Sale?:		Market Value:	\$	Cost to Sell:\$		Cash \	Value:\$	
□ NO								
□ YES								
□ N/A RENTAL INCOME		<b>©</b>	Weekly M	onthly N/A	Annual Expe	2.2021		
	1.0	1 .					Yes	No
Real Property not us For Sale?:		<del>,</del>					<u> </u>	
for sale ::		Market Value:\$		Cost to Sell:\$		Casii V	/alue:\$	
□ N/A								

Real Property used for a property	business when a memb	per has legal a	authority to sell such	Ye	S	No
For Sale?:	Market Value:\$	C	Cost to Sell:\$	Cash Va	lue:\$	
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□ YES						
□ N/A						
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value of your assets.	sn. 17 you do noi know,	pieuse ieuve	inis jieta otank ana we wi	u ussisi you	in aerivi	ng ine cash
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Asset	ts Disposed of For	Less Tha	n Fair Market Val	ue (choos	se one)	
70. I have NOT dispo	sed of any assets for l	ess than fair	market value		☐ Yes	□ No
	us two-year (24-mont	h) period I h	ave disposed of assets f	or less that	n fair ma	rket value
as indicated below:						
Classic Classic I	` _	None	Date Disposed:		Amou	nt: \$
Churhes, Charities, In	dividuals, etc.)					
Property sold for less	s than fair market					
value (this identifies pr						
away or sold for substan	ntially less than					
current real estate mark	tet would bear such a					
Quit Claim)						
Trust/Savings/Invest						
opened for another p Transfer of Assets fo						
than Market Value						
stock or mutual funds or						
someone who does not l						
Other:						
	E. ADD	ITIONAL I	NFORMATION			
73. Are you or any me	ember of your family of	currently usi	ng an illegal substance?		Yes	
74. Have you or any m	ieinber of your family	ever been c	onvicted of a felony?		Yes	_ □ No
If yes, describe:						
75. Will you take an a	partment when one is	available?		*annya	Yes	□ No

## F. REFERENCE INFORMATION

	Name:			
	Address:		 	
76. Current Landlord	Cell Phone:	 	 	 
	Email:	 	 	 
	How Long?			 
	Name:			
	Address:		 	 
77. Prior Landlord	Cell Phone:		 	 
	Email:		 	
	How Long?		 -	
78. Credit Reference #1:				 
Address:				 <del></del>
Account #:		Phone #:	 	
79. Credit Reference #2:				
Address:				 
Account #:		Phone #:		
80. Personal Reference #1:				
Address:				 
Relationship:		Phone #:	 	
81. Personal Reference #2:				 
Address:		 _		
Relationship:		 Phone #:		
82. Personal Reference #3:				
Address:				
Relationship:		Phone #:		 
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83. In case of emergency n	otify:	 	 	 
Address:		 	 	 
Relationship:		Phone #:		

G. V	CHICLE AND PET INFORMATION (if applicable)
List any cars, trucks, or other vehicles ov Management will be necessary for more	ned. Parking will be provided for one vehicle. Arrangements win
84. Type of Vehicle:	License Plate #:
Year/Make:	Color:
85. Type of Vehicle:	License Plate #:
Year/Make:	Color:
86. Do you own any pets?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, describe:	
*Please note the property may only allo	service/support animals

H. APPLICATION ASSISTANCE		
87. Did anyone help/assist you in filling out this application?	□ Yes	□No

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I/We hereby certify that I/We Do/Will Not maintain a separate subsidized rental unit in another location. I/We further certify that this will be my/our permanent residence. I/We understand I/We must pay a security deposit for this apartment prior to occupancy. I/We understand that my eligibility for housing will be based on applicable income limits and by management's selection criteria. I/We certify that all information in this application is true to the best of my/our knowledge, and I/We understand that false statements or information are punishable by law and will lead to cancellation of this application or termination of tenancy after occupancy. All adult applicants, 18 or older, must sign and date the application.

ANY INFORMATION OR MATER	RIALS WHICH ARE DEEMED NECESSARY T MANAGED BY TWO PLUS FOUR MANAGEM	O COMPLETE MY/OUR APPLICATION FOR
I/WE DO HEREBY AUTHORIZI	AUTHORIZATION  E TWO PLUS FOUR MANAGEMENT COM	ORGANIZATIONS TO OBTAIN AND VERIFY
(Signature of Co-Tenar	nt)	Date
(Signature of Co-Tenar	nt)	Date
(Signature of Co-Tenar	nt)	Date
(Signature of Tenant)		Date

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# Homes and Community Renewal

RUTHANNE VISNAUSKAS Commissioner/CEO

# Know Your Rights: New York State's Anti-Discrimination Policy When Assessing Justice-Involved Applicants for State-Funded Housing

If you are applying for state-funded housing and have a history of involvement with the criminal justice system, you have rights and protections.

# There Are Only Two Mandatory Reasons That You Can Automatically Be Rejected:

- 1. Conviction for methamphetamine production in the home; and
- 2. Being a lifetime registrant on a state or federal Sex Offender database.

### You Cannot Be Rejected Based On:

- 1. All pending arrests (including those with adjournments in contemplation of dismissal (ACOD));
- 2. Arrest records that were resolved in your favor;
- 3. Convictions for offenses committed before you turned 18 years old;
- 4. Misdemeanor convictions that occurred more than 1 year ago;
- 5. Felony convictions that occurred more than 5 years ago;
- 6. Convictions resulting in incarceration/parole supervision, from which you were released more than 1 year ago;
- 7. Convictions that did not involve physical violence or danger to persons or property, or did not affect the health, safety and welfare of others;
- 8. Convictions for which you have received a Certificate of Good Conduct or Certificate of Relief from Disabilities that is permanent and covers housing.
- 9. Youthful offender adjudications;
- 10. Convictions for violations sealed pursuant to Section 160.55 of New York State Criminal Procedure Law;
- 11. Convictions sealed pursuant to Section 160.58 or 160.59 of New York State Criminal Procedure Law;
- 12. Convictions that were excused by pardon, overturned on appeal or vacated;

# You Cannot Be Asked About 9-12 Above

If a housing provider asks you about them or any pending arrest with an ACOD, you may answer as if the protected arrest, conviction or adjudication never occurred. If you believe you have been discriminated against based on these protections, file a complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights: <a href="https://dhr.ny.gov/complaint">https://dhr.ny.gov/complaint</a>

# You Must be Given 14 Days to Provide Additional Information Before Any Rejection

You must be contacted and provided 14 business days to provide additional relevant information including:

- 1. How much time has passed since the conviction(s)?
- 2. How old were you at the time of the conviction(s)?
- 3. How serious was the conviction(s)?
- 4. Evidence about your rehabilitation, including treatment programs, volunteer work, paid employment, etc. since your conviction(s)
- 5. Were there mitigating circumstances surrounding the offense that reduce the severity of the offense?

If you were not given an opportunity to answer these questions, or if you feel the housing provider did not properly evaluate your application and wrongfully denied you housing, contact New York State Homes and Community Renewal's Fair and Equitable Housing Office at <a href="mailto:feho@hcr.ny.gov">feho@hcr.ny.gov</a> for assistance. More information is available here: <a href="https://hcr.ny.gov/marketing-plans-policies#credit-and-justice-involvement--assess ment-policies">https://hcr.ny.gov/marketing-plans-policies#credit-and-justice-involvement--assess ment-policies</a>



# Homes and Community Renewal

ANDREW M. CUOMO Governor RUTHANNE VISNAUSKAS
Commissioner/CEO

# Know Your Rights: New York State's Credit & Housing Court Policy for Applicants to State-Funded Housing

Under new policy, a housing provider/landlord cannot automatically deny your application to state-funded rental housing based solely on your credit score or housing court history. If you have poor credit or negative housing court history, you must be provided with the opportunity to present additional information to explain or refute the findings.

### What is the policy?

- You CANNOT be rejected because of your credit score or housing court history if:
  - o Your FICO credit score is 580 or above (or 500 if you are homeless),
  - O You have limited or nonexistent credit history,
  - o Rent subsidies pay your entire rent,
  - O Your credit or housing court history is a direct result of a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)-covered crime (like domestic violence, stalking or harassment), or
  - You have a history of bankruptcy, eviction due to non-payment of rent, or outstanding debt but present evidence of on-time rental payments over the past 12 months.
- You CANNOT be rejected based on:
  - o Medical debt or student loan debt.
  - o Bankruptcies that occurred over 1 year ago.
  - o Unpaid debt that is less than \$5,000.
  - o Evictions that occurred over 2 years ago
  - o Evictions that were not for-cause (like non-payment of rent).
  - o Evictions where you were restored to the premises by the court.

# What are my rights?

- Before rejecting your application, you must be given 14 days to present evidence of circumstances that explain negative credit and housing court findings.
- The housing provider/landlord must conduct an individual evaluation that takes mitigating information, such as errors in the credit report and short-term periods of unemployment/illness, into account.
- If you are denied, you must be told why and you must be provided with a copy of your credit report.

Find more information here: <a href="https://hcr.ny.gov/FEHO-Credit-Policy-Guide">https://hcr.ny.gov/FEHO-Credit-Policy-Guide</a>

Fair and Equitable Housing Office: feho@nyshcr.org.



## Notice of Occupancy Rights under the Violence Against Women Act1

### To all Tenants and Applicants

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) provides protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. VAWA protections are not only available to women, but are available equally to all individuals regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.<sup>2</sup> This notice explains your rights under VAWA. A HUD-approved certification form is attached to this notice. You can fill out this form to show that you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and that you wish to use your rights under VAWA.

#### **Protections for Applicants**

If you otherwise qualify for the rental housing or program, you cannot be denied admission or denied assistance because you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

#### **Protections for Tenants**

You may not be denied assistance, terminated from participation, or be evicted from your rental housing because you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Despite the name of this law, VAWA protection is available regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Housing providers cannot discriminate on the basis of any protected characteristic, including race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability, or age. HUD-assisted and HUD-insured housing must be made available to all otherwise eligible individuals regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status.

Also, if you or an affiliated individual of yours is or has been the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking by a member of your household or any guest, you may not be denied rental assistance or occupancy rights solely on the basis of criminal activity directly relating to that domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Affiliated individual means your spouse, parent, brother, sister, or child, or a person to whom you stand in the place of a parent or guardian (for example, the affiliated individual is in your care, custody, or control); or any individual, tenant, or lawful occupant living in your household.

#### Removing the Abuser or Perpetrator from the Household

# Highland Pointe may divide (bifurcate) your lease in order

to evict the individual or terminate the assistance of the individual who has engaged in criminal activity (the abuser or perpetrator) directly relating to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

If HP chooses to remove the abuser or perpetrator, HP may not take away the rights of eligible tenants to the unit or otherwise punish the remaining tenants. If the evicted abuser or perpetrator was the sole tenant to have established eligibility for assistance under the program, HP must allow the tenant who is or has been a victim and other household members to remain in the unit for a period of time, in order to establish eligibility under the program or under another HUD housing program covered by VAWA, or, find alternative housing.

In removing the abuser or perpetrator from the household, HP must follow Federal, State, and local eviction procedures. In order to divide a lease, HP may, but is not required to, ask you for documentation or certification of the incidences of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

#### Moving to Another Unit

Upon your request, HP may permit you to move to another unit, subject to the availability of other units, and still keep your assistance. In order to approve a request, HP may ask you to provide documentation that you are requesting to move because of an incidence of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. If the request is a request for emergency transfer, the housing provider may ask you to submit a written request or fill out a form where you certify that you meet the criteria for an emergency transfer under VAWA. The criteria are:

- (1) You are a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. If your housing provider does not already have documentation that you are a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, your housing provider may ask you for such documentation, as described in the documentation section below.
- (2) You expressly request the emergency transfer. Your housing provider may choose to require that you submit a form or may accept another written or oral request.
- (3) You reasonably believe you are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if you remain in your current unit. This means you have a reason to fear that if you do not receive a transfer you would suffer violence in the very near future.

#### OR

You are a victim of sexual assault and the assault occurred on the premises during the 90-calendar-day period before you request a transfer. If you are a victim of sexual assault, then in addition to qualifying for an emergency transfer because you reasonably believe you are threatened with imminent harm from

further violence if you remain in your unit, you may qualify for an emergency transfer if the sexual assault occurred on the premises of the property from which you are seeking your transfer, and that assault happened within the 90-calendar-day period before you expressly request the transfer.

HP will keep confidential requests for emergency transfers by victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and the location of any move by such victims and their families.

HP's emergency transfer plan provides further information on emergency transfers, and HP must make a copy of its emergency transfer plan available to you if you ask to see it.

# Documenting You Are or Have Been a Victim of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking

HP can, but is not required to, ask you to provide documentation to "certify" that you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Such request from HP must be in writing, and HP must give you at least 14 business days (Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays do not count) from the day you receive the request to provide the documentation. HP may, but does not have to, extend the deadline for the submission of documentation upon your request.

You can provide one of the following to HP as documentation. It is your choice which of the following to submit if HP asks you to provide documentation that you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

A complete HUD-approved certification form given to you by HP with this notice, that
documents an incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
 The form will ask for your name, the date, time, and location of the incident of domestic

violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and a description of the incident.

The certification form provides for including the name of the abuser or perpetrator if the name of the abuser or perpetrator is known and is safe to provide.

- A record of a Federal, State, tribal, territorial, or local law enforcement agency, court, or administrative agency that documents the incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Examples of such records include police reports, protective orders, and restraining orders, among others.
- A statement, which you must sign, along with the signature of an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney, a medical professional or a mental health professional (collectively, "professional") from whom you sought assistance in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or the effects of abuse, and with the professional selected by you attesting under penalty of perjury that he or she believes that the incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking are grounds for protection.
- Any other statement or evidence that HP has agreed to accept.

If you fail or refuse to provide one of these documents within the 14 business days, HP does not have to provide you with the protections contained in this notice.

If HP receives conflicting evidence that an incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking has been committed (such as certification forms from two or more members of a household each claiming to be a victim and naming one or more of the other petitioning household members as the abuser or perpetrator), HP has the right to request that you provide third-party documentation within thirty 30 calendar days in order to resolve the conflict. If you

fail or refuse to provide third-party documentation where there is conflicting evidence, HP does not have to provide you with the protections contained in this notice.

#### Confidentiality

HP must keep confidential any information you provide related to the exercise of your rights under VAWA, including the fact that you are exercising your rights under VAWA.

HP must not allow any individual administering assistance or other services on behalf of HP (for example, employees and contractors) to have access to confidential information unless for reasons that specifically call for these individuals to have access to this information under applicable Federal, State, or local law.

HP must not enter your information into any shared database or disclose your information to any other entity or individual. HP, however, may disclose the information provided if:

- You give written permission to HP to release the information on a time limited basis.
- HP needs to use the information in an eviction or termination proceeding, such as to evict your abuser or perpetrator or terminate your abuser or perpetrator from assistance under this program.
- A law requires HP or your landlord to release the information.

VAWA does not limit HP's duty to honor court orders about access to or control of the property.

This includes orders issued to protect a victim and orders dividing property among household members in cases where a family breaks up.

# Reasons a Tenant Eligible for Occupancy Rights under VAWA May Be Evicted or Assistance May Be Terminated

You can be evicted and your assistance can be terminated for serious or repeated lease violations that are not related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking committed against you. However, HP cannot hold tenants who have been victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to a more demanding set of rules than it applies to tenants who have not been victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

The protections described in this notice might not apply, and you could be evicted and your assistance terminated, if HP can demonstrate that not evicting you or terminating your assistance would present a real physical danger that:

- 1) Would occur within an immediate time frame, and
- 2) Could result in death or serious bodily harm to other tenants or those who work on the property.

If HP can demonstrate the above, HP should only terminate your assistance or evict you if there are no other actions that could be taken to reduce or eliminate the threat.

#### Other Laws

VAWA does not replace any Federal, State, or local law that provides greater protection for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. You may be entitled to additional housing protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking under other Federal laws, as well as under State and local laws.

#### For Additional Information

If you feel that they have been incorrectly denied your rights under VAWA, you should contact NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) at FEHO@hcr.ny.gov.

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).

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 <a href="https://www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center">https://www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center</a>.

HCR has also created the HCR VAWA Local Services Provider List of local organizations, including housing and legal service providers, that support individuals who are or have been victims of domestic violence, available at

https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2018/11/hcrvawaresourcelist.pdf

You may view a copy of HUD's final VAWA rule at

 $\underline{\text{https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/12/06/2016-29213/violence-against-women-reauthorization-act-of-2013-implementation-in-hud-housing-programs-correction.}$ 

Additionally, HP must make a copy of HUD's VAWA regulations available to you if you ask to see them.

Attachment: Certification form HUD-5382