

# MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# **Board Session** Agenda Review Form

Meeting date	June 29,	2022					
Department:	Board of	f Commissioners	Agenda Plannii	ng Date:	( pr	Time required:	15 min
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Contact:	Tim Glis	son		Phone:	503-302-4700		
Department F	Head Sign	ature:					
TITLE		Multiple Resolutions approving Program Manuals/Policies/Plans	Community Deve s/and or Procedur	elopment Bl	ock Grant/HOM	E Investment Partn	erships
Issue, Description & Background		Under the Federal Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships Program Marion County must have various written manuals/policies/procedures/plans to administer its program. The required list include the following:  Resolution approving the Community Development Block Grant Program Manual the CDBG Program Manual for Public Services the CDBG Acquisition and Construction Projects Program Manual Resolution approving the HOME Program Policy and Procedure Manual Resolution approving the Affirmative Marketing Policy Resolution approving the Violence Against Womens Act Transfer Plan Resolution approving the Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan (RARAP) Resolution approving the Limited English Proficiency Plan (Language Access Plan) Resolution approving the Section 3 Plan					
Financial Impa	acts:	none					
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Options for Consideration:		A.) Approve each Resolution B.) Do Not Approve each Resolution					
Recommendat	Recommend Approval of each Resolution						
List of attachments: Resolutions for each Program Manual/Policy/Pl		lanual/Policy/Plan	n and or Procedure				
Presenter:		Tim Glisson					

Copies of completed paperwork sent to the following: (Include names and e-mail addresses.)

# BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of adopting the	)	
Emergency Transfer Plan	)	
Under the Violence Against Women Act	)	
Pertaining to the Federal	)	
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	)	
And the Community Development Block	)	
Grant Program	)	
RESOLUT	ION#	

This matter came before the Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on June 22, 2022, to adopt the Emergency Transfer Plan under the requirements of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) set forth in 24 CFR part 5; and

WHEREAS on March 7, 2013 the statutory protections of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) prohibits denial or termination of assistance or eviction solely because an applicant or tenant is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; and

WHEREAS as of December 16, 2016 the regulatory requirements under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) are required for any tenant-based rental assistance or rental housing project for which HOME or CDBG funding is committed; and

WHEREAS participating jurisdictions must provide notice and certification forms that meet the requirement of 24 CFR 5.2005(a) to the owner of HOME-assisted rental housing; and

WHEREAS as part of the requirements as an entitlement community a participating jurisdiction must develop and implement an Emergency Transfer Plan and must make the determination of whether a tenant qualifies under the plan. The plan must meet the requirements in 24 CFR 5.2005(e)

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Board of Commissioners adopt the attached Emergency Transfer Plan to be implemented when necessary under the federal Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships Programs.

DATED at Salem, Oregon, this 22nd day of June 2022.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS		
Chair		
Commissioner		
Commissioner		

- (iv) Whether the affirmative marketing requirements of § 92.351 are being observed and followed; and
- (v) Any other factor relevant to the participating jurisdiction's determination, including the timing of the requested exception.

[61 FR 48750, Sept. 16, 1996, as amended at 62 FR 28930, May 28, 1997; 78 FR 44679, July 24, 2013; 80 FR 75935, Dec. 7, 2015]

# § 92.357 Executive Order 12372.

- (a) General. Executive Order 12372, as amended by Executive Order 12416 (3 CFR, 1982 Comp., p. 197 and 3 CFR, 1983 Comp., p. 186) (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 52, allow each State to establish its own process for review and comment on proposed Federal financial assistance programs.
- (b) Applicability. Executive Order 12372 applies to applications submitted with respect to HOME funds being competitively reallocated under subpart J of this part to units of general local government.

# § 92.358 Consultant activities.

No person providing consultant services in an employer-employee type relationship shall receive more than a reasonable rate of compensation for personal services paid with HOME funds. In no event, however, shall such compensation exceed the limits in effect under the provisions of any applicable statute (e.g., annual HUD appropriations acts which have set the limit at the equivalent of the daily rate paid for Level IV of the Executive Schedule, see the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1997, Pub. L. 104-204 (September 26, 1996)). Such services shall be evidenced by written agreements between the parties which detail the responsibilities, standards, and compensation. Consultant services provided under an independent contractor relationship are not subject to the compensation limitation of Level IV of the Executive Schedule.

[62 FR 28930, May 28, 1997]

# § 92.359 VAWA requirements.

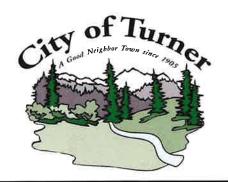
- (a) General.
  - (1) The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) requirements set forth in 24 CFR part 5, subpart L, apply to all HOME tenant-based rental assistance and rental housing assisted with HOME funds, as supplemented by this section.
  - (2) For the HOME program, the "covered housing provider," as this term is used in HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 5, subpart L, refers to:
    - (i) The housing owner for the purposes of 24 CFR 5.2005(d)(1), (d)(3), and (d)(4) and § 5.2009(a); and
    - (ii) The participating jurisdiction and the owner for purposes of 24 CFR 5.2005(d)(2), 5.2005(e), and 5.2007, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (g) of this section.
- (b) Effective date. The core statutory protections of VAWA that prohibit denial or termination of assistance or eviction solely because an applicant or tenant is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking became applicable upon enactment of VAWA 2013 on March 7, 2013. Compliance

- with the VAWA regulatory requirements under this section and 24 CFR part 5, subpart L, are required for any tenant-based rental assistance or rental housing project for which the date of the HOME funding commitment is on or after *December 16*, 2016.
- (c) Notification requirements. The participating jurisdiction must provide a notice and certification form that meet the requirements of 24 CFR 5.2005(a) to the owner of HOME-assisted rental housing.
  - (1) For HOME-assisted units. The owner of HOME-assisted rental housing must provide the notice and certification form described in 24 CFR 5.2005(a) to the applicant for a HOME-assisted unit at the time the applicant is admitted to a HOME-assisted unit, or denied admission to a HOME-assisted unit based on the owner's tenant selection policies and criteria. The owner of HOME-assisted rental housing must also provide the notice and certification form described in 24 CFR 5.2005 with any notification of eviction from a HOME-assisted unit.
  - (2) For HOME tenant-based rental assistance. The participating jurisdiction must provide the notice and certification form described in 24 CFR 5.2005(a) to the applicant for HOME tenant-based rental assistance when the applicant's HOME tenant-based rental assistance is approved or denied. The participating jurisdiction must also provide the notice and certification form described in 24 CFR 5.2005(a) to a tenant receiving HOME tenant-based rental assistance when the participating jurisdiction provides the tenant with notification of termination of the HOME tenant-based rental assistance, and when the participating jurisdiction learns that the tenant's housing owner intends to provide the tenant with notification of eviction.
- (d) Bifurcation of lease requirements. For the purposes of this part, the following requirements shall apply in place of the requirements at 24 CFR 5.2009(b):
  - (1) If a family living in a HOME-assisted rental unit separates under 24 CFR 5.2009(a), the remaining tenant(s) may remain in the HOME-assisted unit.
  - (2) If a family who is receiving HOME tenant-based rental assistance separates under 24 CFR 5.2009(a), the remaining tenant(s) will retain the HOME tenant-based rental assistance. The participating jurisdiction must determine whether the tenant that was removed from the unit will receive HOME tenant-based rental assistance.
- (e) VAWA lease term/addendum. The participating jurisdiction must develop a VAWA lease term/addendum to incorporate all requirements that apply to the owner or lease under 24 CFR part 5, subpart L, and this section, including the prohibited bases for eviction and restrictions on construing lease terms under 24 CFR 5.2005(b) and (c). This VAWA lease term/addendum must also provide that the tenant may terminate the lease without penalty if the participating jurisdiction determines that the tenant has met the conditions for an emergency transfer under 24 CFR 5.2005(e). When HOME tenant-based rental assistance is provided, the lease term/addendum must require the owner to notify the participating jurisdiction before the owner bifurcates the lease or provides notification of eviction to the tenant. If HOME tenant-based rental assistance is the only assistance provided (i.e., the unit is not receiving project-based assistance under a covered housing program, as defined in 24 CFR 5.2003), the VAWA lease term/addendum may be written to expire at the end of the rental assistance period.
- (f) **Period of applicability.** For HOME-assisted rental housing, the requirements of this section shall apply to the owner of the housing for the duration of the affordability period. For HOME tenant-based rental assistance, the requirements of this section shall apply to the owner of the tenant's housing for the period for which the rental assistance is provided.
- (g) Emergency Transfer Plan.

- (1) The participating jurisdiction must develop and implement an emergency transfer plan and must make the determination of whether a tenant qualifies under the plan. The plan must meet the requirements in 24 CFR 5.2005(e), as supplemented by this section.
- (2) For the purposes of § 5.2005(e)(7), the required policies must specify that for tenants who qualify for an emergency transfer and who wish to make an external emergency transfer when a safe unit is not immediately available, the participating jurisdiction must provide a list of properties in the jurisdiction that include HOME-assisted units. The list must include the following information for each property: The property's address, contact information, the unit sizes (number of bedrooms) for the HOME-assisted units, and, to the extent known, any tenant preferences or eligibility restrictions for the HOME-assisted units. In addition, the participating jurisdiction may:
  - (i) Establish a preference under the participating jurisdiction's HOME program for tenants who qualify for emergency transfers under 24 CFR 5.2005(e);
  - (ii) Provide HOME tenant-based rental assistance to tenants who qualify for emergency transfers under 24 CFR 5.2005(e); or
  - (iii) Coordinate with victim service providers and advocates to develop the emergency transfer plan, make referrals, and facilitate emergency transfers to safe and available units.

[81 FR 80803, Nov. 16, 2016]

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May 25, 2022

Mr. Tim Glisson CDBG/HOME Program Manager Marion County P.O. Box 14500 Salem, OR 97301

Re: 2021 Annual Action Plan for the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan

Dear Mr. Glisson:

The City of Turner would like to voice our support for continued funding of Community Facilities and Infrastructure Projects. These are listed in the Annual Action Plan AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives and AP-25 Projects – 91.220(d). CDBG funds have been a vital source of project funding for Oregon cities for many years. With Marion County now receiving direct funding, we hope that this funding source will be maintained for our cities.

As you may know, a substantial portion of Turner was developed based on standards that were much lower than today's typical development standards. Many streets lack sidewalks, or curb, gutter and sidewalks. Stormwater systems are minimal or non-existent in some neighborhoods.

Utilizing CDBG funds would give us a very valuable path for funding street/pedestrian improvements and would strongly support priorities identified by the County. We are proud to be located in Marion County and would appreciate the opportunity to make us an even better Marion County city.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Action Plan. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments about this letter.

Sincerely,

Scott D. McClure City Administrator

# **Marion County**

# 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> The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is the Federal agency that oversees that **Marion County CDBG & HOME Grant Program**, is in compliance with VAWA. 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 assistance under Marion County CDBG & HOME Grant 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**

If you are receiving assistance under <u>Marion County CDBG & HOME Grant Program</u>, you may not be denied assistance, terminated from participation, or be evicted from your rental housing

<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.

because you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

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 under **Marion County CDBG & HOME Grant Program** 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

Marion County, through its CDBG & HOME Grant Program, 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 <u>Marion County</u>, through its CDBG & HOME Grant Program chooses to remove the abuser or perpetrator, <u>Marion County</u>, through its CDBG & HOME Grant Program 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, <u>Marion County</u>, through its CDBG & HOME Grant Program 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, <u>Marion County</u>, through its <u>CDBG</u>

& <u>HOME Grant Program</u> must follow Federal, State, and local eviction procedures. In order to divide a lease, <u>Marion County</u>, through its <u>CDBG</u> & <u>HOME Grant Program</u> 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, Marion County, through its CDBG & HOME Grant Program may permit you to move to another unit, subject to the availability of other units, and keep your assistance. In order to approve a request, Marion County, through its CDBG & HOME Grant Program 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.

Marion County, through its CDBG & HOME Grant Program 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.

<u>Marion County CDBG & HOME Grant Program</u>'s emergency transfer plan provides further information on emergency transfers, and <u>Marion County</u> 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

Marion County, through its CDBG & HOME Grant Program may, although not required, ask you to provide documentation to "certify" that you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, Form HUD-5380 (12/2016)

dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Such request from <u>Marion County</u> must be in writing, and <u>Marion County</u> 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. <u>Marion County, through its CDBG & HOME Grant Program</u> may, under certain circumstances, extend the deadline for the submission of documentation upon your request.

You can provide one of the following to <u>Marion County</u> as documentation. It is your choice which of the following to submit if <u>Marion County</u> 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 Marion County 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 **Marion County** has agreed to accept.

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

If <u>Marion County</u> 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), <u>Marion County</u> 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, <u>Marion County</u> does not have to provide you with the protections contained in this notice.

### Confidentiality

Marion County, through its CDBG & HOME Grant Program, 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.

Marion County must not allow any individual administering assistance or other services on behalf of Marion County (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.

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

- You give written permission to <u>Marion County</u> to release the information on a time limited basis.
- Marion County 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 Marion County or your landlord to release the information.

VAWA does not limit **Marion County**'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, **Marion County, through its CDBG &HOME Grant Program** 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, 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 **Marion County** 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 Marion County can demonstrate the above, Marion County 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.

Non-Compliance with The Requirements of This Notice

You may report a covered housing provider's violations of these rights and seek additional

assistance, if needed, by contacting or filing a complaint with Marion County CDBG & HOME

Grant Program at 503-302-4700 or the Portland Field Office at 971-222-2600.

For Additional Information

You may view a copy of HUD's final VAWA rule at Federal Register :: Violence Against Women

Reauthorization Act of 2013: Implementation in HUD Housing Programs.

Additionally, Marion County must make a copy of HUD's VAWA regulations available to you

if you ask to see them.

For questions regarding VAWA, please contact Marion County CDBG & Home Grant

Program at 503-302-4700.

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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 Center for Hope and Safety is a Local organization that can help victims of Sexual

Assault, Stalking, and Human Trafficking. 24 Hour Hotline 503-399-7722

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 Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network's

National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800-656-HOPE (4673) or visit the online hotline at

https://ohl.rainn.org/online/.

Victims of stalking seeking help may contact the National Center for Victims of Crime's Stalking

Resource Center at https://www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center.

**Attachment:** Certification form HUD-5382

## **Marion County**

Model Emergency Transfer Plan for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence,

Sexual Assault, or Stalking

# **Emergency Transfers**

Marion County, through its Marion County CDBG & HOME Grant Program, is concerned about the safety of its tenants, and such concern extends to tenants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. In accordance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Marion County, through its Marion County CDBG & HOME Grant Program, allows tenants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to request an emergency transfer from the tenant's current unit to another unit. The ability to request a transfer is available regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation. The ability of Marion County CDBG & HOME Grant Program to honor such request for tenants currently receiving assistance, however, may depend upon a preliminary determination that the tenant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and on whether Marion County CDBG & HOME Grant Program, has another dwelling unit that is available and is safe to offer the tenant for temporary or more permanent occupancy.

This plan identifies tenants who are eligible for an emergency transfer, the documentation needed to request an emergency transfer, confidentiality protections, how an emergency transfer may

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<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.

occur, and guidance to tenants on safety and security. This plan is based on a model emergency transfer plan published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Federal agency that oversees that **Marion County**, is in compliance with VAWA.

# **Eligibility for Emergency Transfers**

A tenant who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, as provided in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR part 5, subpart L is eligible for an emergency transfer, if: the tenant reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the tenant remains within the same unit. If the tenant is a victim of sexual assault, the tenant may also be eligible to transfer if the sexual assault occurred on the premises within the 90-calendar-day period preceding a request for an emergency transfer.

A tenant requesting an emergency transfer must expressly request the transfer in accordance with the procedures described in this plan.

Tenants who are not in good standing may still request an emergency transfer if they meet the eligibility requirements in this section.

# **Emergency Transfer Request Documentation**

To request an emergency transfer, the tenant shall notify Marion County CDBG & HOME Grant Program's management office and submit a written request for a transfer to Marion County CDBG & HOME Grant Program. Marion County, through CDBG & HOME Grant Program, will provide reasonable accommodations to this policy for individuals with disabilities. The tenant's written request for an emergency transfer should include either:

 A statement expressing that the tenant reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the tenant were to remain in the same dwelling unit assisted under Marion County CDBG & HOME Grant Program. OR

2. A statement that the tenant was a sexual assault victim and that the sexual assault occurred on the premises during the 90-calendar-day period preceding the tenant's request for an emergency transfer.

### Confidentiality

Marion County, through its CDBG & HOME Grant Program, will keep confidential any information that the tenant submits in requesting an emergency transfer, and information about the emergency transfer, unless the tenant gives Marion County CDBG & HOME Grant Program written permission to release the information on a time limited basis, or disclosure of the information is required by law or required for use in an eviction proceeding or hearing regarding termination of assistance from the covered program. This includes keeping confidential the new location of the dwelling unit of the tenant, if one is provided, from the person(s) that committed an act(s) of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking against the tenant. See the Notice of Occupancy Rights under the Violence Against Women Act For All Tenants for more information about Marion County CDBG & HOME Grant Program's responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of information related to incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

# **Emergency Transfer Timing and Availability**

Marion County, through its CDBG & HOME Grant Program, cannot guarantee that a transfer request will be approved or how long it will take to process a transfer request. Marion County, through its CDBG & HOME Grant Program will, however, act as quickly as possible to move a tenant who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to another

unit, subject to availability and safety of a unit. If a tenant reasonably believes a proposed transfer would not be safe, the tenant may request a transfer to a different unit. If a unit is available, the transferred tenant must agree to abide by the terms and conditions that govern occupancy in the unit to which the tenant has been transferred. Marion County, through its CDBG & HOME Grant Program may be unable to transfer a tenant to a particular unit if the tenant has not or cannot establish eligibility for that unit.

If the Marion County CDBG & HOME Grant Program has no safe and available units for which a tenant who needs an emergency is eligible, Marion County will assist the tenant in identifying other housing providers who may have safe and available units to which the tenant could move. At the tenant's request, Marion County will also assist tenants in contacting the local organizations offering assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are attached to this plan.

# Safety and Security of Tenants

Pending processing of the transfer and the actual transfer, if it is approved and occurs, the tenant is urged to take all reasonable precautions to be safe.

Tenants who are or have been victims of domestic violence are encouraged to contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233, or a local domestic violence shelter, for assistance in creating a safety plan. For persons with hearing impairments, that hotline can be accessed by calling 1-800-787-3224 (TTY).

Tenants who have been victims of sexual assault may call the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network's National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800-656-HOPE (4673) or visit the online hotline at https://ohl.rainn.org/online/.

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.

Center for Hope and Safety is a Local organization that can help victims of Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Human Trafficking. 24 Hour Hotline 503-399-7722.

CERTIFICATION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING, AND ALTERNATE DOCUMENTATION

**Purpose of Form:** The Violence Against Women Act ("VAWA") protects applicants, tenants, and program participants in certain HUD programs from being evicted, denied housing assistance, or terminated from housing assistance based on acts of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking against them. Despite the name of this law, VAWA protection is available to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

Use of This Optional Form: If you are seeking VAWA protections from your housing provider, your housing provider may give you a written request that asks you to submit documentation about the incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

In response to this request, you or someone on your behalf may complete this optional form and submit it to your housing provider, or you may submit one of the following types of third-party documentation:

- (1) A document signed by you and an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney, or medical professional, or a mental health professional (collectively, "professional") from whom you have sought assistance relating to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or the effects of abuse. The document must specify, under penalty of perjury, that the professional believes the incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking occurred and meet the definition of "domestic violence," "dating violence," "sexual assault," or "stalking" in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 5.2003.
- (2) A record of a Federal, State, tribal, territorial or local law enforcement agency, court, or administrative agency; or
- (3) At the discretion of the housing provider, a statement or other evidence provided by the applicant or tenant.

**Submission of Documentation:** The time period to submit documentation is 14 business days from the date that you receive a written request from your housing provider asking that you provide documentation of the occurrence of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Your housing provider may, but is not required to, extend the time period to submit the documentation, if you request an extension of the time period. If the requested information is not received within 14 business days of when you received the request for the documentation, or any extension of the date provided by your housing provider, your housing provider does not need to grant you any of the VAWA protections. Distribution or issuance of this form does not serve as a written request for certification.

Confidentiality: All information provided to your housing provider concerning the incident(s) of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking shall be kept confidential and such details shall not be entered into any shared database. Employees of your housing provider are not to have access to these details unless to grant or deny VAWA protections to you, and such employees may not disclose this information to any other entity or individual, except to the extent that disclosure is: (i) consented to by you in writing in a time-limited release; (ii) required for use in an eviction proceeding or hearing regarding termination of assistance; or (iii) otherwise required by applicable law.

# TO BE COMPLETED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING

1. Date the written request is received by victim:				
2. Name of victim:				
3. Your name (if different fr	om victim's):			
4. Name(s) of other family m	nember(s) listed on the lease:			
5. Residence of victim:				
6. Name of the accused perp	etrator (if known and can be safely disclosed):			
•	d perpetrator to the victim:			
8. Date(s) and times(s) of inc	ident(s) (if known):			
10. Location of incident(s):_				
In your own words, briefly desc	ribe the incident(s):			
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and recollection, and that the in dating violence, sexual assaul	nation provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge dividual named above in Item 2 is or has been a victim of domestic violence, t, or stalking. I acknowledge that submission of false information could and could be the basis for denial of admission, termination of assistance, or			
Signature	Signed on (Date)			

**Public Reporting Burden:** The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response. This includes the time for collecting, reviewing, and reporting the data. The information provided is to be used by the housing provider to request certification that the applicant or tenant is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The information is subject to the confidentiality requirements of VAWA. This 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.

SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING

# U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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Purpose of Form: If you are a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and you are seeking an emergency transfer, you may use this form to request an emergency transfer and certify that you meet the requirements of eligibility for an emergency transfer under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Although the statutory name references women, VAWA rights and protections apply to all victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. Using this form does not necessarily mean that you will receive an emergency transfer. See your housing provider's emergency transfer plan for more information about the availability of emergency transfers.

# The requirements you must meet 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. In response, you may submit Form HUD-5382, or any one of the other types of documentation listed on that Form.
- (2) You expressly request the emergency transfer. Submission of this form confirms that you have expressly requested a transfer. Your housing provider may choose to require that you submit this form, or may accept another written or oral request. Please see your housing provider's emergency transfer plan for more details.
- (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 submit this form or otherwise expressly request the transfer.

Submission of Documentation: If you have third-party documentation that demonstrates why you are eligible for an emergency transfer, you should submit that documentation to your housing provider if it is safe for you to do so. Examples of third party documentation include, but are not limited to: a letter or other documentation from a victim service provider, social worker, legal assistance provider, pastoral counselor, mental health provider, or other professional from whom you have sought assistance; a current restraining order; a recent court order or other court records; a law enforcement report or records; communication records from the perpetrator of the violence or family members or friends of the perpetrator of the violence, including emails, voicemails, text messages, and social media posts.

Confidentiality: All information provided to your housing provider concerning the incident(s) of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and concerning your request for an emergency transfer shall be kept confidential. Such details shall not be entered into any shared database. Employees of your housing provider are not to have access to these details unless to grant or deny VAWA protections or an emergency transfer to you. Such employees may not disclose this information to any other entity or individual, except to the extent that disclosure is: (i) consented to by you in writing in a time-limited release; (ii) required for use in an eviction proceeding or hearing regarding termination of assistance; or (iii) otherwise required by applicable law.

TO BE COMPLETED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE PERSON REQUESTING A TRANS	SFER
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1. Name of victim requesting	g an emergency transfer:
2. Your name (if different f	rom victim's)
3. Name(s) of other family 1	member(s) listed on the lease:
4. Name(s) of other family 1	nember(s) who would transfer with the victim:
5. Address of location from	which the victim seeks to transfer:
6. Address or phone number	r for contacting the victim:
7. Name of the accused perp	netrator (if known and can be safely disclosed):
8. Relationship of the accus	ed perpetrator to the victim:
9. Date(s), Time(s) and loca	tion(s) of incident(s):
	the transfer a victim of a sexual assault that occurred in the past 90 days rty from which the victim is seeking a transfer? If yes, skip question 11.
if they remain in their curre	believes they are threatened with imminent harm from further violence nt unit.
12. If voluntarily provided, notice:  This is to certify that the informand that the individual named transfer. I acknowledge that su	nation provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, above in Item 1 meets the requirement laid out on this form for an emergency abmission of false information could jeopardize program eligibility and could ssion, termination of assistance, or eviction.
Signature	
	Form HUD-5383