



VAWA Policy

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Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Policy

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PROTECTIONS PROVIDED UNDER THE VAWA

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) provides protections to women or men who are applicant to or residents of any "covered housing program" and who are the victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and/or stalking – collectively referred to as VAWA crimes. The owner/agent understands that, regardless of whether state or local laws protect victims of VAWA crimes, people who have been victims of violence have certain rights under federal fair housing regulation.

This policy is intended to support or assist victims of VAWA crimes and protect victims, as well as affiliated persons, from being denied housing or from losing their HUD assisted housing as a consequence of their status as a victim of VAWA crimes.

VAWA protections are provided to affiliated persons which are defined as follows:

1. A spouse, parent, brother, sister, or child of the victim, or a person to whom the victim stands in the place of a parent or guardian (for example, the affiliated individual is a person in the care, custody, or control of the victim); or
2. Any individual, resident/applicant, or lawful occupant living in the household of that individual.

Other than what is described above, VAWA protections are not provided to guests, unauthorized residents or service providers (including live-in aides) hired by the resident.

VAWA ensures that victims are not denied housing and housing assistance is not terminated solely because the person is a victim of a VAWA crime.

However, being a victim of a VAWA crime is not reason to change the eligibility or applicant screening requirements set forth in the Tenant Selection Plan unless such requirements interfere with protections provided under the VAWA.

For example: An owner/agent may waive the requirement to review landlord history for an applicant if the victim has provided necessary documentation to certify their status as a victim and if contacting a previous landlord would put the applicant's location at risk of exposure to the accused perpetrator.

Being a victim of a VAWA crime is not reason to waive requirements set forth in the HUD Model Lease or in any lease attachment or HUD approved lease addendum unless such requirements interfere with protections provided under the VAWA.

For example: An owner/agent may waive the requirement for a 30-day notice to vacate if the victim has provided necessary documentation to certify their status as a victim and the resident wishes to move to elude the accused perpetrator.

The owner/agent will not assume that any act is a result of abuse covered under the Violence Against Women Act. In order to receive the protections outlined in the VAWA, the applicant/resident must specify that he/she wishes to exercise these protections. If any applicant or resident wishes to exercise the protections provided in the VAWA, he/she should contact the owner/agent or the property staff immediately. The owner/agent is committed to ensuring that the Privacy Act is enforced in this and all other situations.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The **Notice of Occupancy Rights under the Violence Against Women Act** provides notice to the resident/applicant of the confidentiality of information about a person seeking to exercise VAWA protections and the limits thereof. The identity of the victim and all information provided to the owner/agent relating to the incident(s) of abuse covered under the VAWA will be retained in confidence. Information will not be entered into any shared database nor provided to a related entity, except to the extent that the disclosure is

1. Requested or consented to by the victim in writing; or
2. Required for use in an eviction proceeding or termination of assistance; or
3. Otherwise required by applicable law.



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The owner/agent will retain all documentation relating to an individual's domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and/or stalking in a separate file that is kept in a separate secure location from other applicant or resident files.

REQUESTS & CERTIFICATION

The person seeking VAWA protections may make a request for a VAWA accommodation in any reasonable manner. The resident/applicant may:

- Complete a VAWA Request Form provided by the owner/agent
- Submitted a written request (*including email but not texting*)
- Make a personal (oral) request either in person or via phone/Facetime, etc.

Once a request is made, the owner/agent requires that the applicant certifies their status as a victim of a VAWA crime or is a person affiliated with a victim of a VAWA crime using one of the following methods. Applicants and residents decide which of the following methods is used to certify their status as a victim of a VAWA crime or as someone affiliated with a victim of a VAWA crime.

Option 1: When the owner/agent responds to a request to exercise protections provided under the VAWA, the owner/agent will request that an individual provide HUD approved form *Certification as a Victim of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking or Sexual Assault* to certify status as a VAWA victim or as a person affiliated with a VAWA Victim. The person seeking VAWA protections may obtain this form from the property staff or from HUD's web site.

The owner/agent understands that the delivery of the certification form to the applicant/resident via mail may place the victim at risk, (e.g., the accused perpetrator may monitor the mail). The owner/agent will work with the applicant/resident in making acceptable delivery arrangements.

Alternatively, if the applicant/resident has sought assistance in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and/or stalking from a federal, state, tribal, territorial jurisdiction, local police or court, the resident may submit written proof of this outreach in lieu of the certification form.

Option 2: The owner/agent will accept a federal, state, tribal, territorial, or local police record or court record other official record documenting status as a victim of a VAWA crime or a person affiliated with a victim of a VAWA crime as defined in this policy.

Option 3: The owner/agent will also accept a document signed and attested to by a professional (*employee, agent or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney, medical personnel, etc.*) from whom the person seeking VAWA protections has sought assistance in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and/or stalking or the effects of the abuse. This document must be signed by the applicant/resident. The signatory attests under penalty of perjury that he/she believes it is the occurrence of the incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that is the ground for protection and remedies under the VAWA, and that the incident meets the applicable definition of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Based on HUD's instruction above, the written statement must be signed, dated, and notarized or witnessed, and must include the following language:

(Name of person seeking protections) has worked with me to receive assistance in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and/or stalking or the effects of the abuse.

(Name of professional providing documentation) believe it is the occurrence of the incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that is the ground for protection and remedies under the VAWA, and that the incident meets the applicable definition of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking

Title 18, Section 1001 of the U.S. Code states that a person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly making false or fraudulent statements to any department of the United States Government, HUD, the PHA and any owner (or any employee



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of HUD, the PHA or the owner) 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 this verification form is restricted to the purposes cited above. 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, the PHA or the owner responsible for the unauthorized disclosure or improper use. Penalty provisions for misusing the social security numbers are contained in the Social Security Act at 208 (a) (6), (7) and (8). Violation of these provisions are cited as violations of 42 U.S.C. 408 (a) (6), (7) and (8).

The information provided above is true and is based on my knowledge of incidents involving domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking.

Signed and dated by person providing certification: _____

I acknowledge that submission of false information is a basis for denial of admission, termination of assistance, or eviction. In addition, providing false information may prompt the owner/agent to notify HUD and pursue civil action related to fraud based on HUD requirements. I am requesting to exercise protections provided through the VAWA because I am a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and/or sexual assault (VAWA crimes) or I am a person affiliated with someone who is a victim of a VAWA crime as defined in this document.

Signed and dated by person seeking VAWA protections: _____

Option 4: If the applicant/resident is currently living in a shelter established to protect victims of violence covered under the VAWA, The owner/agent will accept verification of such living arrangement in lieu of certification methods described above.

Option 5: If the person seeking VAWA protections cannot provide any of the documents described above, the person should contact the property management staff or the owner/agent to discuss acceptable alternatives. If the documents above cannot be provided, the owner/agent will be the final decision maker regarding acceptable alternatives.

The victim is not required to name his/her accused perpetrator if doing so would result in imminent threat or if the victim does not know the name of his/her accused perpetrator.

The person seeking VAWA protections will have thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the written request to provide such certification. This certification may be submitted in an equally effective manner, as a reasonable accommodation, if there is the presence of a disability.

If the owner/agent receives documentation that contains conflicting information (including 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 perpetrator), the owner/agent will require an applicant or tenant to submit third-party documentation, as described above, within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of the request for the third-party documentation.

To ensure that a person is not wrongly accused of committing an act covered under the VAWA, The owner/agent will carefully evaluate abuse claims as to avoid denial, termination of assistance, termination of tenancy or eviction based on false or unsubstantiated accusations.

The owner/agent will review and respond to requests to exercise protections provided under the VAWA as quickly as possible but within no more than ten (10) business days of receiving all required documentation. The owner/agent may provide the response in any manner acceptable to the victim and the owner/agent. Responses include:

- Approval of the Request for a specific VAWA accommodation
- Denial of the Request for a specific VAWA accommodation
- Request for additional information or Request to Meet



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If the request is denied, the person seeking VAWA protections will have the right to appeal. Requests to appeal must be received within ten (10) business days of the date of the denial. When requested, the appeal will be held with someone who was not involved in the original decision to deny. The owner/agent will grant a reasonable accommodation when there is the presence of a disability.

LEASE BIFURCATION

If the owner/agent determines that physical abuse caused by a resident is clear and present, the law provides the owner/agent the authority to bifurcate a lease (*i.e., remove, evict, or terminate housing assistance to any accused perpetrator*), while allowing the victim, who lawfully occupies the home, to maintain tenancy.

The owner/agent may attempt to evict the accused perpetrator, but residents should know that state/local tenant/landlord laws prevail and the owner/agent must comply with such laws. The owner/agent cannot guarantee that a court will award or enforce an eviction.

The resident must keep in mind that eviction of or termination action must be in accordance with the procedures prescribed by federal, state, and local law. The owner/agent is committed to attempting to assist the victim and persons affiliated with the victim, however, evictions are generally carried out through the court system and the owner/agent cannot override or circumvent a legal decision.

In the event that one household member is removed from the unit because of engaging in acts of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and/or stalking against another household member, an appropriate certification will be processed reflecting the change in household composition. Special consideration will be given if the remaining household members are not qualified to remain in the unit as a “remaining household member”.

LEGAL ACTION

Victims are encouraged to seek police/legal protection from their accused perpetrator. In some cases, the owner/agent may file a restraining order against the accused perpetrator to prevent the accused perpetrator from entering the property.

VAWA does not limit the authority of an owner/agent, when notified of a court order, to comply with a court order with respect to:

- The rights of access or control of property, including civil protection orders issued to protect a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; or
- The distribution or possession of property among members of a household.

TERMINATION OF TENANCY OR TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE

VAWA does not limit an owner/agent’s authority to deny, evict or terminate assistance to a resident/applicant for any violation that is not the result of an act of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

The owner/agent will not subject the resident/applicant, who is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or is affiliated with an individual who is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking, to a more demanding standard than other resident/applicants in determining whether to evict or terminate assistance.

VAWA does not limit an owner/agent’s authority to deny, terminate assistance to or evict a resident/applicant under a covered housing program when the owner/agent can demonstrate an actual and imminent threat to other resident/applicants or those employed at or providing service to property of the covered housing provider would be present if that resident/applicant or lawful occupant is not evicted or terminated from assistance. In this context, words, gestures, actions, or other indicators will be considered an “actual and imminent threat” if they meet the standards provided in the definition of “actual and imminent threat”.

*Note: **Actual and imminent threat** refers to a physical danger that is real, would occur within an immediate time frame, and could result in death or serious bodily harm. In determining whether an individual would pose an actual and imminent threat, the factors to be considered include: The duration of the risk, the nature and severity of the potential harm, the likelihood that the potential harm will occur, and the length of time before the potential harm would occur.*



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Determinations about the presence of imminent danger will not be based on stereotypes, but will be tailored to particularized concerns about individual residents.

The owner/agent will take into account individual circumstances when making a determination to terminate tenancy; such circumstances might include, among other things, the seriousness of the offending action, the extent of participation by the leaseholder in the offending action, and whether the leaseholder, if not the wrongdoer, took all feasible steps to prevent the offending action from occurring and has removed the offending person from the lease or otherwise banned the offending person from the premises in the future.

Any eviction or termination of assistance will be initiated only when there are no other actions that could be taken to reduce or eliminate the threat. Examples of such action include, but are not limited to:

- Transferring the victim to a different unit when doing so would reduce or eliminate the threat – *Also see Addendum A for information about VAWA Emergency Transfers,*
- Barring the perpetrator from the property,
- Contacting law enforcement to increase police presence
- Develop other plans to keep the property safe, or
- Seeking other legal remedies to prevent the perpetrator from acting on a threat

LEASE ADDENDUM

The HUD approves lease addendum will be implemented and provided in accordance with HUD guidance.

ENSURING EQUAL ACCESS

If you are disabled or have difficulty understanding English, please request our assistance and we will ensure that you are provided with meaningful access based on your individual needs.

(Si se desactivan o tienen dificultad para entender el inglés, por favor solicite nuestra ayuda y nos aseguramos de que le proporciona un acceso significativo basado en sus necesidades individuales.)

The owner/agent does not discriminate on the basis of disability status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs and activities.

The person named below has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR, part 8 dated June 2, 1988).

Name of Section 504 Coordinator:	SHERRIE GARNER
Address:	117 MURPHY ROAD, HARTFORD, CT 06114
Phone Number:	860-951-9411
TDD/TTY Number:	711



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ADDENDUM A: VAWA EMERGENCY TRANSFER (VET) PLAN

The Cheshire Housing Authority is concerned about the safety of residents and applicants, and such concern extends to residents and applicants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking – collectively referred to as VAWA crimes.

In accordance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), The Cheshire Housing Authority allows residents who are victims of VAWA crimes to request a VAWA Emergency Transfer from the resident's current unit to another unit. The resident is responsible for paying for any expenses associated with the move.

The ability of The Cheshire Housing Authority to honor such request for residents currently receiving assistance may depend upon a preliminary determination that the resident is or has been a victim of a VAWA crime or is a person affiliated with a victim of a VAWA crime, and on whether The Authority has another dwelling unit that is available and is safe to offer the resident for temporary or more permanent occupancy.

This VAWA Emergency Transfer Plan identifies:

- Residents who are eligible for an emergency transfer,
- Applicants who are eligible for an emergency transfer
- The documentation needed to request or receive an emergency transfer,
- Confidentiality
- How an emergency transfer may occur, and
- Guidance about 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).

Eligibility for Emergency Transfers

A resident/applicant who is a victim of a VAWA crime is eligible for an emergency transfer when:

1. The person making the request is a victim of a VAWA crime or are a person affiliated with a victim of a VAWA crime
2. There is a request for a VAWA Emergency Transfer; and
3. The resident reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm if the resident remains within the same unit; or
If the resident is a victim of sexual assault, the resident 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.

This is true even if the resident is not a resident in good standing.

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

Emergency Transfer Request Documentation

Victims of VAWA crimes (resident/applicant or someone representing the resident/applicant) must submit a request for a VAWA Emergency Transfer (VET) with HUD regulations and the property VAWA policy.

To request a VET, the victim of the VAWA crime (resident/applicant or someone representing the resident/applicant) must notify The Cheshire Housing Authority's or property staff and

1. Submit a written request for a transfer using a form provided by the owner/agent or
2. Request and participate in a meeting during which the victim of the VAWA crime (resident/applicant or someone representing the resident/applicant) may verbally request a VAWA Emergency Transfer which will be documented on a form signed by the person seeking the VAWA Emergency Transfer

The person requesting VAWA protections may also submit their own written request for an emergency transfer. Such a request must include either:

1. A statement expressing that the resident reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the resident were to remain in the same dwelling unit; OR



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

The [Cheshire Housing Authority](#) will accept the VET request in an equally effective format as a reasonable accommodation when there is the presence of a disability.

Victims of VAWA crimes or people affiliated with victims must certify their status in accordance with HUD regulations and the property VAWA policy. Please see the HUD VAWA Notice or see the Property VAWA Policy for additional information regarding certification.

Confidentiality

Any information that the victim of the VAWA crime (resident/applicant or someone representing the resident/applicant) submits in requesting an emergency transfer, and information about the emergency transfer will remain confidential and will be maintained in a file separate from the applicant tenant file. This includes keeping the new location of the dwelling unit confidential, if one is provided.

This information will not be disclosed unless the resident/applicant gives [The Cheshire Housing Authority](#) 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.

See the **Notice of Occupancy Rights under the Violence Against Women Act** for more information about [The Cheshire Housing Authority's](#) responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of information related to incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Internal and External VET

Please be aware of the following definitions:

Internal emergency transfer refers to an emergency relocation of a resident to another unit where the resident would not be categorized as a new applicant; that is, the resident may reside in the new unit without having to undergo an application process. If a unit is available, the resident must be eligible for the unit based on the requirements set forth by the governing agency. The resident should discuss unit transfer eligibility requirements with the owner/agent and/or property staff to fully understand the requirements.

External emergency transfer refers to an emergency relocation of a resident to another unit where the resident would be categorized as a new applicant; that is the resident must undergo an application process in order to reside in the new unit. The applicant may be required to meet the eligibility requirements and/or screening requirement set forth by the agencies that govern the housing program and by the property's owner/agent.

Safe unit refers to a unit that the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking believes is safe.

Regardless of whether the resident/applicant is applying for an internal emergency transfer or an external emergency transfer, residents/applicants requesting a VET must qualify for the new unit based on the requirements set forth by the governing agency. When requesting an external emergency transfer, resident/applicant should understand that they may also be subject to other screening requirements set forth by the owner/agent responsible for the other property.

Internal emergency transfer: If an existing resident qualifies for an internal VET, and when there are no other requests for unit transfers, the first available unit that the requestor deems safe will be offered to the resident.

If a "safe" unit is not immediately available, the resident will be added to the property waiting list.

When an appropriate unit is not available on this property, the owner/agent will work with the resident to identify alternative housing under this or other federally funded programs.



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External emergency transfer: If an existing resident qualifies for an external VET, and the resident wishes to move to another property owned or managed by [The Cheshire Housing Authority](#), and when the property's waiting list is open, the owner/agent will:

- Accept a completed application,
- Determine eligibility based on the requirements of the governing agency and the property tenant selection plan and,
- If appropriate, will add the resident to that property's waiting list with a preference

When there are no other requests for unit transfers or applications with appropriate preference, the first available unit that the requestor deems safe will be offered.

If a "safe" unit is not immediately available, the resident will be added to the property waiting list.

In cases where the resident requests and qualifies for an internal transfer or an external transfer when the new property is owned or managed by [The Cheshire Housing Authority](#), the resident/applicant will be given an "imminent threat (IT)" preference.

See below for a more detailed description of preferences.

Before the transfer is granted, the resident/applicant must agree to abide by the terms and conditions that govern occupancy in the new unit.

If a resident/applicant reasonably believes a proposed transfer would not be safe, the resident may request a transfer to a different unit. When the new unit is offered and accepted, the resident will have thirty (30) calendar days to complete appropriate paperwork, take possession of the new unit and move out of the current unit.

If an existing resident qualifies for an external VET, and the resident wishes to move to another property that **is not** owned or managed by [The Cheshire Housing Authority](#) the owner/agent will work closely with the resident and will take all reasonable measures to assist with the victims efforts to find alternative housing and to ensure strict confidentiality. The resident/applicant is required to meet the eligibility requirements and/or screening requirement set forth by the agencies that govern the housing program.

If [The Cheshire Housing Authority](#) has no safe and available units for which a resident who needs an emergency transfer is eligible, [The Cheshire Housing Authority](#) will assist the resident in identifying other housing providers who may have safe and available units. If the property is not owned or managed by [The Cheshire Housing Authority](#), the owner/agent cannot guarantee that the resident will receive priority placement based on the resident's status as a victim of a VAWA crime or the resident's status as a person affiliated with a victim of a VAWA crime. The resident should contact the property staff at the new property and ask for information about applicant selection and placement preference.

Please see Appendix B and Appendix C for additional information.

The owner/agent will work with the resident to ensure that the new location is not disclosed except as specified in the VAWA policy. The property manager will also meet with the resident to discuss provision of information needed to establish eligibility or to screen household members.

The owner/agent only accepts applications when the property waiting list is open. When an applicant applies to the property and requests preference based on their status as a victim of a VAWA crime or a person affiliated with a victim of a VAWA crime, the owner/agent will require appropriate paperwork as described in the property VAWA policy.

Applications will be processed based on eligibility for the program and eligibility for the preference as described in the property tenant selection plan.

Regardless, before the transfer is granted, the resident/applicant must agree to abide by the terms and conditions that govern occupancy in the new unit.



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Emergency Transfer Timing and Availability

The Cheshire Housing Authority cannot guarantee that a transfer request will be approved or how long it will take to process a transfer request. The Cheshire Housing Authority will, however, act as quickly as possible to move a resident who is a victim of a VAWA crime to another unit, subject to availability and safety of a unit.

The Cheshire Housing Authority may be unable to transfer a resident to a particular unit if the resident has not or cannot establish eligibility for that unit.

When a person seeking VAWA protections requests a VAWA Emergency Transfer and when that resident qualifies for the emergency transfer and qualifies for a proposed unit owned or managed by The Cheshire Housing Authority, the unit will be offered based on the following:

Residents who are requesting new units and who qualify for the following preferences will be placed on the preferred waiting list based on the date and time the completed Unit Transfer Request is received. These existing residents will be placed first based on the date and time the completed Unit Transfer request is received.

- Verified need for an accessible unit
- Verified need for a reasonable accommodation
- Verified medical need
- Imminent Threat (including involuntary displacement, VAWA Emergency Transfer)
- Resident is currently living in an accessible unit and no longer needs the features
- Under housed (unit is too small)

Applicants who qualify for the following preferences will be placed on the waiting list based and will be selected after the residents described above who are requesting unit transfers. These applicants will be selected based on the date and time the completed application is received.

- Verified need for an accessible unit
- Verified need for a reasonable accommodation
- Verified medical need
- Imminent Threat (including Homeless and VAWA Emergency Transfer)

Residents who are requesting new units and who do not qualify for the preferences described above will be placed next based on the date and time the completed Unit Transfer Request is received and based on their eligibility for other preferences.

Applicants who do not qualify for the preferences described above will be placed next based on the date and time the completed application is received and based on their eligibility for other preferences.

Accessible units will always be offered to residents and applicants who need the features of the accessible unit before they are offered to residents and applicants who do not need the features of an accessible unit.

Please see the property Tenant Selection Plan for additional information.

As part of this plan, the owner/agent has also identified resources, including temporary housing alternatives that are available to residents and applicants.

At the resident's request, The Cheshire Housing Authority will also assist residents in contacting local organizations offering assistance to victims of VAWA Crimes.

A list of organizations is included as part of this VAWA Emergency Transfer Plan.

Safety and Security of Residents

Victims of VAWA crimes and/or any person affiliated with a victim of a VAWA crime are urged to take all reasonable precautions to be safe.



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Residents/applicants 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).

Residents/applicants 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/> .

Residents/applicants 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/ourprograms/stalking-resource-center> .



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ADDENDUM B: LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS OFFERING ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING.

If you are experiencing domestic violence the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (—CCADV) can assist you. The telephone number for CCADV's 24 hour hotline at 1-888-774-2900. Or, you may find your local domestic violence organization listed below

Safe Haven of Grater Waterbury:

VOICE: 203-575-0036

MERIDEN - WALLINGFORD CHRYSALIS | DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER

VOICE-203-237-3713 HOTLINE-203-238-1501 HOTLINE-888-774-2900

VOICE-203-630-1638

Dial 2-1-1 for Shelter Intake through Coordinated Access Network

Bloom's Place – Voice - 203-237-0454

Hotline - 844-831-9200

CHESHIRE SOCIAL SERVICES: 203-271-6690

In addition, because domestic violence is a crime, you have the option of contacting your local police department 203-271-5500 (Cheshire PD non-emergency number), 500 Highland Ave, Cheshire CT 06410

Two legal means of gaining relief from abuse include obtaining either a restraining order or a protective order. In addition, most civil courts have a Service Center where someone can explain how to complete the application and the affidavit. Meriden Judicial District courthouse (203) 238-6499 2nd floor is the closest to Cheshire.

THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CANNOT DIRECTLY ASSIST YOU WITH OBTAINING A RESTRAINING ORDER OR A PROTECTIVE ORDER. HOWEVER, AN ADVOCATE FROM THE LOCAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST YOU WITH APPLYING FOR A RESTRAINING ORDER. THEY CAN ALSO ASSIST YOU WITH SAFETY PLANNING AND, WHEN AVAILABLE, MAY BE ABLE TO ATTEND COURT WITH YOU AT THE TIME OF THE HEARING. YOU CAN REACH A LOCAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM BY CALLING CCADV'S HOTLINE AT 1-888-774- 2900.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO THE CCADV WEBSITE AT WWW.CTCADV.ORG OR TO LEARN HOW TO APPLY FOR A RESTRAINING ORDER TO GO THE CT JUDICIAL WEBSITE HTTP://WWW.JUD.CT.GOV/PUB.HTM#FAMILY (RESTRAINING ORDERS: HOW TO APPLY FOR RELIEF FROM ABUSE JD-FM-142)



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ADDENDUM C: OTHER PROPERTIES PROVIDING HUD SUBSIDY AND SUBJECT TO THE RULES PROVIDED BY THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT 2013

Connecticut

This listing is ordered by city.

HA Code	PHA Name, Phone & Fax Number	Address	Type [?]
CT015	Ansonia Housing Authority Phone: (203)736-8888 Fax: (203)736-8833	36 Main Street Ansonia CT 06401	Both
CT001	Bridgeport Housing Authority Phone: (203)337-8900 Fax: (203)337-8830	150 Highland Avenue Bridgeport CT 06604	Both
CT023	Bristol Housing Authority Phone: (860)582-6313 Fax: (860)585-6033	164 Jerome Avenue Bristol CT 06010	Both
CT066	Brooklyn Housing Authority Phone: (860)963-6829 Fax: (860)963-6832	31 Tiffany Street Brooklyn CT 06234	Low-Rent
CT068	Canton Housing Authority Phone: (860)693-6464 Fax: (860)231-2615	21 Dowd Avenue Canton CT 06019	Section 8
CT020	Danbury Housing Authority Phone: (203)743-8822 Fax: (203)790-2334	2 Mill Ridge Road Danbury CT 06811	Both
CT061	Killingly Housing Authority Phone: (860)774-3905 Fax: (860)774-6808	41 Birchwood Terrace Danielson CT 06239	Section 8
CT017	Derby Housing Authority Phone: (203)735-6652 Fax: (203)734-0204	101 West Fourth Street PO Box 843 Derby CT 06418	Section 8
CT013	East Hartford Housing Authority Phone: (860)290-8301 Fax: (860)290-8308	546 Burnside Avenue East Hartford CT 06108	Both
CT063	East Haven Housing Authority Phone: (203)468-3287 Fax: (203)468-3916	Town Hall 250 Main Street East Haven CT 06512	Section 8
CT008	Enfield Housing Authority Phone: (860)745-7493 Fax: (860)741-8439	1 Pearson Way Enfield CT 06082	Section 8
CT052	Fairfield Housing Authority Phone: (203)366-6578 Fax: (203)333-5330	15 Pine Tree Lane Fairfield CT 06825	Section 8
CT041	Farmington Housing Authority Phone: (860)675-2390 Fax: (860)675-2397	Town Hall Two Monteith Drive Farmington CT 06032	Section 8
CT040	Glastonbury Housing Authority Phone: (860)652-7568	25 Risley Road Glastonbury	Both



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	Fax: (860)652-7582	CT 06033	
CT019	Greenwich Housing Authority Phone: (203)869-1138 Fax: (203)869-2307	249 Milbank Avenue Greenwich CT 06830	Both
CT042	Hamden Housing Authority Phone: (203)248-9036 Fax: (203)248-5505	51 Worth Street PO Box 185095 Hamden CT 06518	Section 8
CT051	City of Hartford Housing Authority Phone: (860)757-9032 Fax: (860)722-6630	250 Constitution Plaza 4th Floor Hartford CT 06103	Section 8
CT003	Hartford Housing Authority Phone: (860)723-8400 Fax: (860)723-8551	180 John D. Wardlaw Way Hartford CT 06106	Both
CT901	Ct Dept of Housing Phone: (860)270-8227 Fax: (860)706-5741	505 Hudson Street Room 240 Hartford CT 06106	Section 8
CT026	Manchester Housing Authority Phone: (860)643-2164 Fax: (860)643-2999	24 Bluefield Drive Manchester CT 06040	Both
CT011	Meriden Housing Authority Phone: (203)235-0157 Fax: (203)634-1971	22 Church Street PO Box 911 Meriden CT 06450	Both
CT009	Middletown Housing Authority Phone: (860)346-8671 Fax: (860)347-0534	40 Broad Street Middletown CT 06457	Both
CT030	Milford Redev And Hsg Partnership Phone: (203)877-3223 Fax: (203)874-6003	75 DeMaio Drive Milford CT 06460	Both
CT047	Naugatuck Housing Authority Phone: (203)729-8214 Fax: (203)729-5181	16 Ida Street Naugatuck CT 06770	Both
CT005	New Britain Housing Authority Phone: (860)225-3534 Fax: (860)832-6079	16 Armistice Street New Britain CT 06053	Both
CT054	New Canaan Housing Authority Phone: (203)324-2154 Fax: (203)324-1187	57 Millport Avenue New Cannan CT 06840	Low-Rent
CT004	New Haven Housing Authority Phone: (203)498-8800 Fax: (203)497-8728	360 Orange Street New Haven CT 06511	Both
CT022	New London Housing Authority Phone: (860)443-2851 Fax: (860)447-8879	78 Walden Avenue New London CT 06320	Low-Rent
CT049	Newington Housing Authority Phone: (860)521-8396 Fax: (860)247-2318	Town Hall 131 Cedar Street Newington CT 06111	Section 8
CT002	Norwalk Housing Authority	24 1/2 Monroe Street	Both



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	Phone: (203)838-8471 Fax: (203)838-6535	Norwalk CT 06854	
CT018	Norwich Housing Authority Phone: (860)887-1605 Fax: (860)889-3139	10 Westwood Park Norwich CT 06360	Both
CT058	Plainfield Housing Authority Phone: (860)230-3022 Fax: (860)564-0158	Town Hall 8 Community Avenue Plainfield CT 06374	Section 8
CT036	Portland Housing Authority Phone: (860)342-1688 Fax: (860)342-3961	11 Riverside Street Portland CT 06480	Both
CT024	Putnam Housing Authority Phone: (860)963-6829 Fax: (860)963-6832	123 Laconia Avenue Putnam CT 06260	Both
CT035	Seymour Housing Authority Phone: (203)888-4579 Fax: (203)888-2096	32 Smith Street Seymour CT 06483	Low-Rent
CT033	South Windsor Housing Authority Phone: (860)644-3082 Fax: (860)648-9486	50 Elm Street South Windsor CT 06074	Section 8
CT007	Stamford Housing Authority Phone: (203)977-1400 Fax: (203)977-1419	22 Clinton Avenue Stamford CT 06901	Both
CT038	Mansfield Housing Authority Phone: (860)487-0693 Fax: (860)429-6127	309 Maple Road Storrs CT 06268	Section 8
CT027	Stratford Housing Authority Phone: (203)375-4483 Fax: (203)375-9449	295 Everett Street Stratford CT 06615	Both
CT031	Torrington Housing Authority Phone: (860)482-3581 Fax: (860)482-5841	110 Prospect Street Torrington CT 06790	Both
CT028	Vernon Housing Authority Phone: (860)871-0886 Fax: (860)875-9811	21 Court Street Vernon CT 06066	Both
CT067	Wallingford Housing Authority Phone: (203)269-5173 Fax: (203)269-5150	45 Tremper Drive Wallingford CT 06492	Section 8
CT006	Waterbury Housing Authority Phone: (203)596-2640 Fax: (203)757-7850	2 Lakewood Road Waterbury CT 06704	Both
CT039	West Hartford Housing Authority Phone: (860)953-0002 Fax: (860)953-5773	80 Shield Street West Hartford CT 06110	Section 8
CT029	West Haven Housing Authority Phone: (203)934-8671 Fax: (203)937-5788	15 Glade Street West Haven CT 06516	Both
CT053	Wethersfield Housing Authority Phone: (860)529-2267 Fax: (860)721-6626	60 Lancaster Road Wethersfield CT 06109	Section 8
CT010	Willimantic Housing Authority	49 West Avenue	Both



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Phone: (860)456-2086
Fax: (860)456-3356

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 CT 06226

CT056	Bloomfield Housing Authority Phone: (860)285-8090 Fax: (860)688-7131	c/o Windsor Housing Authority 156 Bloomfield Ave Windsor CT 06095	Low-Rent
CT048	Windsor Housing Authority Phone: (860)285-8090 Fax: (860)688-7131	156 Bloomfield Ave Windsor CT 06095	Section 8
CT032	Windsor Locks Housing Authority Phone: (860)627-1455 Fax: (860)292-5994	120 Southwest Ave Windsor Locks CT 06096	Both
CT025	Winchester Housing Authority Phone: (860)379-4573 Fax: (860)379-0430	80 Chestnut Street Winsted CT 06098	Low-Rent

Type: This indicates the type of program administered by a PHA. "Both" represents administration of both Section-8 and Low-rent programs.

Please note: you can find Section 8 apartments on HUD's web sites

<http://www.hud.gov/apps/section8/>

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contacts



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**CERTIFICATION OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,
DATING VIOLENCE,
SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING,
AND ALTERNATE DOCUMENTATION**

**U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development**

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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

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1. Date the written request is received by victim _____

2. Name of victim: _____

3. Your name (if different from victim's): _____

4. Name(s) of other family member(s) listed on the lease: _____

5. Residence of victim: _____

6. Name of the accused perpetrator (if known and can be safely disclosed): _____

7. Relationship of the accused perpetrator to the victim:

8. Date(s) and times(s) of incident(s) (if known): _____

10. Location of incident(s): _____

In your own words, briefly describe the incident(s):

This is to certify that the information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and recollection, and that the individual named above in Item 2 is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. I acknowledge that submission of false information could jeopardize program eligibility and could be the basis for denial of admission, termination of assistance, or eviction.

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.



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EMERGENCY TRANSFER REQUEST FOR CERTAIN VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, 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.

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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 TRANSFER

1. Name of victim requesting an emergency transfer: _____

2. Your name (if different from victim's)

3. Name(s) of other family member(s) listed on the lease: _____

4. Name(s) of other family member(s) who would transfer with the victim: _____

5. Address of location from which the victim seeks to transfer: _____

6. Address or phone number for contacting the victim:

7. Name of the accused perpetrator (if known and can be safely disclosed): _____

8. Relationship of the accused perpetrator to the victim:

9. Date(s), Time(s) and location(s) of incident(s): _____

10. Is the person requesting the transfer a victim of a sexual assault that occurred in the past 90 days on the premises of the property from which the victim is seeking a transfer? If yes, skip question 11. If no, fill out question 11. _____

11. Describe why the victim believes they are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if they remain in their current unit.



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12. If voluntarily provided, list any third-party documentation you are providing along with this notice: _____

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This is to certify that the information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that the individual named above in Item 1 meets the requirement laid out on this form for an emergency transfer. I acknowledge that submission of false information could jeopardize program eligibility and could be the basis for denial of admission, termination of assistance, or eviction.

Signature _____ Signed on (Date) _____



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