



## **PHA Plan Elements (24 CFR 903.07) Plan Element 13**

### ***Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Goals.***

Provide a statement of the PHA's goals, activities objectives, policies, or programs that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

In accordance with the requirements of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Housing Authority has established goals, objectives, activities, services, policies and programs to serve the needs of applicants, participants and tenants for VAWA protections as victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking:

1. **Goals and Objectives:** The Housing Authority goal is all applicants, tenants and participants understand their rights to protection through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The objective is for the Housing Authority to provide the educational material to all applicants, tenants and participants. The Housing Authority serves the needs of child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking through education on VAWA protections.
2. **Activities and Services:** The Housing Authority activity that enables the PHA to serve the needs of child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking is to provide all applicants, participants and tenants with the VAWA Notice of Occupancy and Certification Form. In addition to information on the rights to VAWA protection, the Notice includes local and national resources for victims. Other activities include the Housing Authority can transfer victims through the Emergency Transfer procedure and refer victims to social service and law enforcement agencies with expertise in domestic violence and other VAWA crimes. Housing Authority activities ensure that victims are not denied assistance, evicted or terminated from housing assistance for being a victim – or being affiliated with a victim - of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking.
3. **Policies and Programs:** The Housing Authority has established policies and procedures to serve the needs of child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. These policies and procedures implement VAWA protections. These include Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Procedures, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Emergency Transfer Plan, and Screening and Eviction Policy. The Housing Authority has developed a prevention program, the Emergency Transfer Plan that complies with VAWA. For families renting units owned or managed by the Housing Authority, agency staff also work closely with local law enforcement to address any and all crime-related problems in a proactive manner. Police officers live at several public housing locations and can assist with crime prevention and reporting.