

Dear Applicant:

To be placed on the MHA waiting list, complete the attached and provide the requested documents. Incomplete or unreadable applications will not be processed. To qualify for admission in the Public Housing Program at the Moundsville Housing Authority, an applicant must first complete this pre-application and be placed on the waiting list. The order of the waiting list is determined by date and time received, as well as verified preference points. Preference points are listed on the enclosed preference form and will be confirmed before any points given.

Once the applicant has reached the top of the waiting list, the MHA will contact the applicant for an interview. A full application and additional information will be used determine final admission eligibility to participate in the program.

All applicants 18 years old and older are screened for criminal background. Income is verified, as well as all information provided by an applicant. Rental history and debts owed are also checked. The process is used for every applicant in the same way, fairly, consistently, and uniformly. By making application, you acknowledge that these checks and verifications will be completed and you give your permission for MHA to do so. Additionally, you understand that if you provide false information, you will be denied assistance. Being placed on the waiting list does not guarantee admission to the program; final admission eligibility is determined when your name reaches the top of the waiting list, n interview is completed, and all information has been verified.

While on the waiting list you must report all changes of address, income and family composition **IN WRITING** within 10 days. You may mail, fax, email, or drop off in person the changes you need made to your application. Phone calls will not be accepted to report any change to your application. If the post office returns any type of correspondence stamped "insufficient address," "moved", or "vacant," the Housing Authority will immediately remove your name from the waiting list.

Please contact the MHA office if you have questions. Our hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and phone number is 304-845-3141.

PLEASE NOTE Your application MUST be filled out completely and all forms MUST be signed and dated.



Pre-Application Checklist

Please note that your application will NOT be processed if you do not follow the instructions below. All questions must be answered. If the question does not apply, please put "N/A" for that question. All family members 18 years and over submit a photo I.D. and sign the application and forms. <u>NO EXCEPTIONS</u>

You must have the following documents in order for our agency to process your application:

Fully completed pre-application (all sections MUST be fully completed or the application will not be processed)
Current Picture I.D for Adults (18 years & Older)
Birth Certificates (all household members)
Social Security Card (all household members)
Proof of ALL income
Fully-Completed Authorization of Release Form for ALL Adults (18 years & older) HUD-9886
Release of Information Form for ALL Adults (18 years & older)
Preference Request Form (any forms with a preference checked will NOT be accepted without the required documentation)
Debts Owed for ALL Adults (18 years & older)
Applicant Screening Release Form
Supplemental and optional contact form HUD form 92006

Please note the MHA is a **SMOKE FREE** facility.

Date:	Time Received:	
MHA Staff:		
	Pre-Application	
does not guarantee approval	idered for placement on the MHA waiting list; being placed on the waiting list for the MHA public housing program. Final determination is made when the ne top of the list, is provided a full application, the application is completed, and eligibility is verified.	
Failure to complete this form	completely and legibly will result in the application not being processed.	
For which site(s) are you ap	lying?	
(You must indicate your cho	ce(s) in preference order.)	
_	Towers Gatts Court avilion Francine Court Court Dorsey Street	
Name:	Phone:()	
Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
list, your application will be be reached regarding this pro	tion: If we are unable to contact you when your application reaches the top of made inactive; therefore, it is to your benefit to provide information where yo application. Please list an alternate address and phone number.	f our
Relationship to you:		
Alternate Address:		
Alternate City, State, Zip: _		
Alternate Phone: () _		
may be required to submit a Birth Certificate for Social Security Card Photo Identification	red to claim any preferences (listed on the reference form, no preference will	

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List all Household members, beginning with yourself, who will be residing in this apartment.

	Name First, Middle, Last	Relationship To Head of Household	Sex	Social Security Number	Birthdate (month, date, year)	Birthplace (City, State)
1		Head of Household				
2		Co-Head				
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						

Bedroom	unit size you	are requestin	g: (cneck all	tnat apply)	
□ 0BR	☐ 1 BR	☐ 2BR	☐ 3BR	☐ 4BR	☐ 5BR

Income:

For each household member listed above indicate Yes/No for the source of income. Note that Child Support and Pension also request the provider's name. (If additional space is needed, please attach a sheet)

** PLEASE NOTE IT SHALL BE CONSIDERED FRAUD IF A WORKING APPLICANT VOLUNTARILY RESIGNS FROM A JOB WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF ADMISSION WHEN THE FAMILY'S ADMISSION WAS BASED ON PREFERENCE FOR WORKING FAMILIES**

Household Member	Employer Name	Self- Employed	SS./SSI	TANF	Child Support	Pension	Unemployment
1 (Head)							
2 (Co-Head)							
3							
4							
5							
6	<u> </u>						
7							
8							



Other income not lis	ted above?	Yes	No			
If yes, source of inco	ome:					
Who receives this ot	ther income a	and how ofte	en?			
Assets:						
For each household bank/company name		ed above, inc	dicate Yes	/No for each type	of asset. Where in	ndicated, list
Household Member	Bank Account(s) (Bank Name)	Stocks, Bonds, Securities	Trust Fund	Pay into Pension, IRA, retirement account (Bank/Company Name)	Whole Life Insurance Policy (Insurance Co. Name/Policy Number)	Own real Estate
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6			-			
7						
I in househald man	h 10		le e esternel	ash as I full an mont	time and ashool	attandina
List household mem						
Member Name						
Member Name						
Member Name				School		
Do you or any memi	ber of your h	ousehold ne	ed a hand	icap accessible un	it? Yes	No
Are you a legal resid	lent of the U	nited States	?Y	esNo		
Are you currently a	public housi	ng resident o	or HCVP	participant?	Yes No	
Have you received (Government	Assisted Ho	using befo	ore? Yes	No	
Where				Whe	en:	



Provide the name, address, and phone number of your landlord(s) for the previous three (3) years: Name: ______ Name: Address: Address: City, State, Zip: City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: Phone: Term of Residency: Term of Residency: Address of Residency: Address of Residency: Fax: I certify that the information in this application is accurate and complete. I understand that submission of false information or misrepresentation may result in loss of eligibility to participate in any housing programs. Head of Household Date Adult Household Member Date Adult Household Member Date Date Adult Household Member If you or anyone in your family is a person with disabilities, and you require a specific accommodation in order to fully utilize our programs and services, please contact the housing authority.

Use this form for reexaminations effective on or after January 1, 2024. Use form HUD-9886 for reexaminations effective prior to January 1, 2024.

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

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

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

Moundsville Housing Authority
501 Tenth Street
Moundsville, WV 26041

Leasing/Occupancy Specialist
Date:

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

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

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

Uses of Information to be Obtained: HUD is required to protect the income information it obtains in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. HUD may disclose information (other than tax return information) for certain routine uses, such as to other government agencies for law enforcement purposes, to Federal agencies for employment suitability purposes and to HAs for the purpose of determining housing assistance. The HA is also required to protect the income information it obtains in accordance with any applicable State privacy law. HUD and HA employees may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of the income information that is obtained based on the consent form. Private owners may not request or receive information authorized by this form.

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

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

Public Housing
Housing Choice Voucher
Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation

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

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

Sources of Information to be Obtained

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

U.S. Social Security Administration (HUD only) (This consent is limited to the wage and self-employment information and payments of retirement income as referenced at Section 6103(1)(7)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signatures:



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Public and Indian Housing

DEBTS OWED TO PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES AND TERMINATIONS

Paperwork Reduction Notice: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 7 minutes per response. This includes the time for respondents to read the document and certify, and any record keeping burden. This information will be used in the processing of a tenancy. Response to this request for information is required to receive benefits. The agency may not collect this information, and you are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB Number is 2577-0266, and expires 06/30/2026.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE FOLLOWING HUD RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

- Public Housing (24 CFR 960)
- Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher, including the Disaster Housing Assistance Program (24 CFR 982)
- Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation (24 CFR 882)
- Project-Based Voucher (24 CFR 983)

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development maintains a national repository of debts owed to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) or Section 8 landlords and adverse information of former participants who have voluntarily or involuntarily terminated participation in one of the above-listed HUD rental assistance programs. This information is maintained within HUD's Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) system, which is used by Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) and their management agents to verify employment and income information of program participants, as well as, to reduce administrative and rental assistance payment errors. The EIV system is designed to assist PHAs and HUD in ensuring that families are eligible to participate in HUD rental assistance programs and determining the correct amount of rental assistance a family is eligible for. All PHAs are required to use this system in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 5.233.

HUD requires PHAs, which administers the above-listed rental housing programs, to report certain information at the conclusion of your participation in a HUD rental assistance program. This notice provides you with information on what information the PHA is required to provide HUD, who will have access to this information, how this information is used and your rights. PHAs are required to provide this notice to all applicants and program participants and you are required to acknowledge receipt of this notice by signing page 2. Each adult household member must sign this form.

What information about you and your tenancy does HUD collect from the PHA?

The following information is collected about each member of your household (family composition): full name, date of birth, and Social Security Number.

The following adverse information is collected once your participation in the housing program has ended, whether you voluntarily or involuntarily move out of an assisted unit:

- 1. Amount of any balance you owe the PHA or Section 8 landlord (up to \$500,000) and explanation for balance owed (i.e. unpaid rent, retroactive rent (due to unreported income and/ or change in family composition) or other charges such as damages, utility charges, etc.); and
- 2. Whether or not you have entered into a repayment agreement for the amount that you owe the PHA; and
- 3. Whether or not you have defaulted on a repayment agreement; and
- 4. Whether or not the PHA has obtained a judgment against you; and
- 5. Whether or not you have filed for bankruptcy; and
- 6. The negative reason(s) for your end of participation or any negative status (i.e., abandoned unit, fraud, lease violations, criminal activity, etc.) as of the end of participation date.

Who will have access to the information collected?

This information will be available to HUD employees, PHA employees, and contractors of HUD and PHAs.

How will this information be used?

PHAs will have access to this information during the time of application for rental assistance and reexamination of family income and composition for existing participants. PHAs will be able to access this information to determine a family's suitability for initial or continued rental assistance, and avoid providing limited Federal housing assistance to families who have previously been unable to comply with HUD program requirements. If the reported information is accurate, a PHA may terminate your current rental assistance and deny your future request for HUD rental assistance, subject to PHA policy.

How long is the debt owed and termination information maintained in EIV?

Debt owed and termination information will be maintained in EIV for a period of up to ten (10) years from the end of participation date or such other period consistent with State Law.

What are my rights?

In accordance with the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 USC 552a) and HUD regulations pertaining to its implementation of the Federal Privacy Act of 1974 (24 CFR Part 16), you have the following rights:

- 1. To have access to your records maintained by HUD, subject to 24 CFR Part 16.
- 2. To have an administrative review of HUD's initial denial of your request to have access to your records maintained by HUD.
- 3. To have incorrect information in your record corrected upon written request.
- 4. To file an appeal request of an initial adverse determination on correction or amendment of record request within 30 calendar days after the issuance of the written denial.
- 5. To have your record disclosed to a third party upon receipt of your written and signed request.

What do I do if I dispute the debt or termination information reported about me?

If you disagree with the reported information, you should contact in writing the PHA who has reported this information about you. The PHA's name, address, and telephone numbers are listed on the Debts Owed and Termination Report. You have a right to request and obtain a copy of this report from the PHA. Inform the PHA why you dispute the information and provide any documentation that supports your dispute. HUD's record retention policies at 24 CFR Part 908 and 24 CFR Part 982 provide that the PHA may destroy your records three years from the date your participation in the program ends. To ensure the availability of your records, disputes of the original debt or termination information must be made within three years from the end of participation date; otherwise the debt and termination information will be presumed correct. Only the PHA who reported the adverse information about you can delete or correct your record. Your filing of bankruptcy will not result in the removal of debt owed or termination information from HUD's EIV system.

However, if you have included this debt in your bankruptcy filing and/or this debt has been discharged by the bankruptcy court, your record will be updated to include the bankruptcy indicator, when you provide the PHA with documentation of your bankruptcy status.

The PHA will notify you in writing of its action regarding your dispute within 30 days of receiving your written dispute. If the PHA determines that the disputed information is incorrect, the PHA will update or delete the record. If the PHA determines that the disputed information is correct, the PHA will provide an explanation as to why the information is correct.

This Notice was provided by the below-listed PHA:	I hereby acknowledge that the PHA provided me with the Debts Owed to PHAs & Termination Notice:		
	Signature	Date	
	Printed Name		

Supplemental and Optional Contact Information for HUD-Assisted Housing Applicants

SUPPLEMENT TO APPLICATION FOR FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING

This form is to be provided to each applicant for federally assisted housing

Instructions: Optional Contact Person or Organization: You have the right by law to include as part of your application for housing, the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant information of a family member, friend, or social, health, advocacy, or other organization. This contact information is for the purpose of identifying a person or organization that may be able to help in resolving any issues that may arise during your tenancy or to assist in providing any special care or services you may require. You may update, remove, or change the information you provide on this form at any time. You are not required to provide this contact information, but if you choose to do so, please include the relevant information on this form.

Applicant Name:				
Mailing Address:				
Telephone No:	Cell Phone No:			
Name of Additional Contact Person or Organization:				
Address:				
Telephone No:	Cell Phone No:			
E-Mail Address (if applicable):				
Relationship to Applicant:				
Reason for Contact: (Check all that apply) Emergency Unable to contact you Termination of rental assistance Eviction from unit Late payment of rent	Assist with Recertification Process Change in lease terms Change in house rules Other:			
Commitment of Housing Authority or Owner: If you are a arise during your tenancy or if you require any services or spe issues or in providing any services or special care to you.	approved for housing, this information will be kept as part of your tenant file. If issues cial care, we may contact the person or organization you listed to assist in resolving the			
Confidentiality Statement: The information provided on this applicant or applicable law.	s form is confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted by the			
Legal Notification: Section 644 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-550, approved October 28, 1992) requires each applicant for federally assisted housing to be offered the option of providing information regarding an additional contact person or organization. By accepting the applicant's application, the housing provider agrees to comply with the non-discrimination and equal opportunity requirements of 24 CFR section 5.105, including the prohibitions on discrimination in admission to or participation in federally assisted housing programs on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, and familial status under the Fair Housing Act, and the prohibition on age discrimination under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.				
Check this box if you choose not to provide the conta	ct information.			
Signature of Applicant	Date			

The information collection requirements contained in this form were submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520). The public reporting burden is estimated at 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Section 644 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13604) imposed on HUD the obligation to require housing providers participating in HUD's assisted housing programs to provide any individual or family applying for occupancy in HUD-assisted housing with the option to include in the application for occupancy the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant information of a family member, friend, or person associated with a social, health, advocacy, or similar organization. The objective of providing such information is to facilitate contact by the housing provider with the person or organization identified by the tenant to assist in providing any delivery of services or special care to the tenant and assist with resolving any tenancy issues arising during the tenant controls the tenant. This supplemental application information is to be maintained by the housing provider and maintained as confidential information. Providing the information is basic to the operations of the HUD Assisted-Housing Program and is voluntary. It supports statutory requirements and program and management controls that prevent fraud, waste and mismanagement. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Privacy Statement: Public Law 102-550, authorizes the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to collect all the information (except the Social Security Number (SSN)) which will be used by HUD to protect disbursement data from fraudulent actions.



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Applicant/Resident Screening Consent Form

I, the below listed named ha	ve made application	with Moundsville	Housing Authority for Resident Screening.
First Name:			
Middle Name:			
Last Name:			
Maiden Name:			
Any other aliases:			
Current Address:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Previous Address:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Date of Birth:	Sex	Social Se	curity Number:
Driver's License:	State	e:	Home Phone:
Release:			
provided in my application for application. I/We understand fa deposit. A complete investigati criminal record search, rental h offender search, terrorism sear- information may come from, b employers, federal or state reco	residency. I/We have p nilure to complete these on may include any or listory references (inclu- ch, check writing histor ut is not limited to: cree ords including state emplicant's eligibility, non-	ersonally filled in an an documents comple all of the following: ading MHA), unlawing and personal intendit bureaus, banks an ployment security ageligibility and/or be	mpany to do a complete investigation of all information ad/or reviewed all information contained within the tely and truthfully may result in denial and/or forfeit of credit report, verification of employment and income, ful detainer/eviction investigation, identity trace, sex eviews with all provided references. The source of the and other depository institutions, current and former gency records, county or state criminal records, county mefit amounts received by the tenant, or other sources as will serve as authorization.
Housing Authority of the City the date I sign the authorization	of Moundsville. I furthen and that I will not be ring a public housing ur	er understand that the notified of future indi it. This authorization	eligibility for housing, as well as continued occupancy, at the is authorization is valid for a period of five (5) years from quiries during that period of time, as long as I am continuing on releases disclosure information contained in any federal,
Applicant Signature			Date:
PHA Official Signature:			Date:

MOUNDSVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

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.² The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is the Federal agency that oversees that Moundsville Housing 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 Moundsville Housing, 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 Moundsville Housing, you may not be denied assistance, terminated from participation, or be evicted from your rental housing because you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

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 Moundsville Housing 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.

¹ Despite the name of this law, VAWA protection is available regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

² 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.

Removing the Abuser or Perpetrator from the Household

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

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

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

Moving to Another Unit

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

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

OR

You are a victim of sexual assault and the assault occurred on the premises during the 90-calendar-day period before you request a transfer. If you are a victim of sexual assault, then in addition to qualifying for an emergency transfer because you reasonably believe you are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if you remain in your unit, you may qualify for an emergency transfer if the sexual assault occurred on the premises of the property from which you are seeking your transfer, and that assault happened within the 90-calendar-day period before you expressly request the transfer.

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

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

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

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

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

- A complete HUD-approved certification form given to you by HP with this notice, that
 documents an incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The
 form will ask for your name, the date, time, and location of the incident of domestic
 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and a description of the incident. The
 certification form provides for including the name of the abuser or perpetrator if the name
 of the abuser or perpetrator is known and is safe to provide.
- A record of a Federal, State, tribal, territorial, or local law enforcement agency, court, or administrative agency that documents the incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Examples of such records include police reports, protective orders, and restraining orders, among others.

- A statement, which you must sign, along with the signature of an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney, a medical professional or a mental health professional (collectively, "professional") from whom you sought assistance in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or the effects of abuse, and with the professional selected by you attesting under penalty of perjury that he or she believes that the incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking are grounds for protection.
- Any other statement or evidence that HP has agreed to accept.

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

If HP receives conflicting evidence that an incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking has been committed (such as certification forms from two or more members of a household each claiming to be a victim and naming one or more of the other petitioning household members as the abuser or perpetrator), HP has the right to request that you provide third-party documentation within thirty 30 calendar days in order to resolve the conflict. If you fail or refuse to provide third-party documentation where there is conflicting evidence, HP does not have to provide you with the protections contained in this notice.

Confidentiality

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

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

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

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

VAWA does not limit HP's duty to honor court orders about access to or control of the property. This includes orders issued to protect a victim and orders dividing property among household members in cases where a family breaks up.

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

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

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

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

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

Other Laws

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

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 the Charleston, West Virginia field office.

For Additional Information

You may view a copy of HUD's final VAWA rule at: https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/11/16/2016-25888/violence-against-women-reauthorization-act-of-2013-implementation-in-hud-housing-programs Additionally, HP must make a copy of HUD's VAWA regulations available to you if you ask to see them. For questions regarding VAWA, please contact Moundsville Housing.

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:

YWCA Family Violence Prevention Program

1-800-698-1247

www.ywcawheeling.org

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:

www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center

For help regarding sexual assault, you may contact:

Sexual Assault Help Center

(304) 234-1783

www.sexualassaulthelpcenter.com

West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information & Services

(304) 234-8519

www.fris.org

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Attachment: Certification form HUD-5382

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

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

OMB Approval No. 2577- 0286 Exp. 06/30/2017

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," "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

. Date the written request is received by victim:							
. Name of victim:							
3. Your name (if different from victim's):							
4. Name(s) of other family member(s) listed on t	he lease:						
5. Residence of victim:							
6. Name of the accused perpetrator (if known an	d can be safely disclosed):						
7. Relationship of the accused perpetrator to the	e 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):							
knowledge and recollection, and that the individ domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assaul	on this form is true and correct to the best of my ual named above in Item 2 is or has been a victim of it, or stalking. I acknowledge that submission of false y and could be the basis for denial of admission,						
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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AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

CONSENT

I authorize and direct any Federal, State, or local agency, organization, business, or individual to release to the Moundsville Housing Authority (MHA) any information or materials needed to complete and verify my application for participation, and/or maintain my continued assistance under Low Income Public Housing, and/or other housing assistance programs. I understand and agree that this authorization or the information obtained with its use may be given to and used by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in administering and enforcing program rules and policies. I also consent for HUD and/or the MHA to release information from my file about rental history to HUD, credit bureaus, collection agencies, or future landlords. This includes information on my payment history and any violations of my lease or MHA policies.

INFORMATION COVERED

I understand that, depending on program policies and requirements, previous or current information regarding me or my household may be needed. Verifications and inquiries that may be requested include, but are not limited to: identity and marital status, employment, income and assets, residences and rental activity, medical or child care allowances, and credit and criminal activity. I understand that this authorization cannot be used to obtain any information about me that is not pertinent to my eligibility for and continued participation in a housing assistance program.

GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS THAT MAY BE ASKED

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

COMPUTER MATCHING NOTICE AND CONSENT

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

CONDITIONS

I agree that a photocopy of this authorization may be used for the purposes stated above. The original is on file with MHA and will stay in effect for fifteen (15) months from the date it was signed. I understand I have the right to review my file and correct any information that I can prove is incorrect. I agree that MHA is not responsible for any result arising from the release of information pursuant to this authorization.

SIGNATURES

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



MOUNDSVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY PREFERENCE REQUEST FORM

The Moundsville Housing Authority has adopted the following preferences for ranking applicants to prioritize selection for assistance. These preferences can change the order of placement on the waiting list.

Applicants applying for a preference must complete this form and will be required to provide acceptable verification that they are eligible for a preference.

Acceptable verification must come from a government agency, law enforcement agency, or employer. Adequacy of the verification shall be determined by Moundsville Housing Authority in its sole discretion. The verification will be good for ninety (90) days.

	NONE	This family has none of the preferences listed on the preference form.	
	VETERAN PREFERENCE	I am a veteran or the spouse of a veteran who is currently on active duty, or the wid a veteran who was killed in action.	
		VERIFICATION REQUIRED: Copy of DD-214 as proof of veteran status. For widow of a Veteran, in addition to the DD2-14, a copy of marriage certificate and death certificate. For spouse of an active duty, Veteran copy of marriage certificate and DD-214	
	WORKING/SS/SSI PREFERENCE	I the head of household, spouse, co-head or sole member of this family is employed at least 20 hours a week and has been for more than 6 months; I the head of household (and my spouse) am/are at least 62 years old or older; I the head of household (and my spouse) am/are a person with disabilities;	
		VERIFICATION REQUIRED: For working applicants: Written verification from the employer and most recent (4) four consecutive check stubs. Applicants may use of employer statement located in the MHA office. For applicants receiving SSI/SS: Award letter from the Social Security Office	
	INVOLUNTARY DISPLACEMENT	I have been involuntarily displaced due to: A Presidentially Declared Disaster Fire due to no fault of my own Flood due to no fault of my own Other Natural Disaster: Action by local, state or federal government	
		VERIFICATION REQUIRED: Verification from the local, state, or governmental agency declaring the disaster or emergency or who enacted the governmental action causing the displacement. In the event of a fire, verification from the Fire Marshall will be required stating that the fire was no fault of neglect. In the event of flooding verification will be needed stating that the flood was no fault of neglect.	
	stand that any preference lication.	es I checked listed above MUST be verified with the proper documentation before it can be applied to	
Signatı	ıre:	Date:	