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5-Year PHA Plan (for All PHAs)

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

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Purpose. The 5-Year and Annual PHA Plans provide a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the PHA's operations, programs, and services, and informs HUD, families served by the PHA, and members of the public of the PHA's mission, goals, and objectives for serving the needs of low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families.

Applicability. The Form HUD-50075-5Y is to be completed once every 5 PHA fiscal years by all PHAs.

PHA Information. PHA Name: Valley Falls Housing Authority PHA Code: KS056 PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning: (MM/YYYY): 07/2025 The Five-Year Period of the Plan (i.e., 2019-2023): 2025-2029 Plan Submission Type 5-Year Plan Submission Revised 5-Year Plan Submission Availability of Information. In addition to the items listed in this form, PHAs must have the elements listed below readily available to the public. A PHA must identify the specific location(s) where the proposed PHA Plan, PHA Plan Elements, and all information relevant to the public hearing and proposed PHA Plan are available for inspection by the public. Additionally, the PHA must provide information on how the public may reasonably obtain additional information on the PHA policies contained in the standard Annual Plan, but excluded from their streamlined submissions. At a minimum, PHAs must post PHA Plans, including updates, at each Asset Management Project (AMP) and the main office or central office of the PHA. PHAs are strongly encouraged to post complete PHA Plans on their official websites. PHAs are also encouraged to provide each resident council a copy of their PHA Plans. How the public can access this PHA Plan: Administrative Building at 2010 SE California Ave., Topeka, KS Housing Authority website (tha.gov) A.1 PHA Consortia: (Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete table below.) PHA Program(s) in the No. of Units in Each Program Program(s) not in the **Participating PHAs** Code Consortia Consortia PH HCV Plan Elements. Required for all PHAs completing this form. B. Mission. State the PHA's mission for serving the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families in the PHA's jurisdiction for the next five years. **R.1** Our Mission is to successfully provide accessible affordable housing. Success is defined as: 1. Putting applicants, tenants, and participants first; 2. Market competitiveness; and 3. Fiscal strength and integrity. Goals and Objectives. Identify the PHA's quantifiable goals and objectives that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of low- income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families for the next five years. **B.2** Goals: 1. Public Housing Occupancy 100%; 2. Zero Audit Findings; Progress Report. Include a report on the progress the PHA has made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5-Year Plan. **B.3** The Housing Authority continues to work to improve the quality of our public housing portfolio to make it more desirable, comfortable, high curb appeal and affordable. **B.4** 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.

| | The Housing Authority has policies and procedures in place that outline our process when dealing with a VAWA claim. Staff is trained on what to do and how to handle a VAWA claim, and they are make a priority. |
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| C. | Other Document and/or Certification Requirements. |
| C .1 | Significant Amendment or Modification. Provide a statement on the criteria used for determining a significant amendment or modification to the 5-Year Plan. If there is a significant change to the funding received from HUD or if there is the need to update our plan due to unforeseen circumstances, then a significant amendment request is submitted to the Field Office for consideration. |
| C.2 | Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments. (a) Did the RAB(s) have comments to the 5-Year PHA Plan? Y N (b) If yes, comments must be submitted by the PHA as an attachment to the 5-Year PHA Plan. PHAs must also include a narrative describing their analysis of the RAB recommendations and the decisions made on these recommendations. |
| C.3 | Certification by State or Local Officials. Form HUD-50077-SL, Certification by State or Local Officials of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan. |
| C.4 | Required Submission for HUD FO Review. (a) Did the public challenge any elements of the Plan? Y N (b) If yes, include Challenged Elements. |
| D. | Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH). |
| D.1 | Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. (Non-qualified PHAs are only required to complete this section on the Annual PHA Plan. All qualified PHAs must complete this section.) Provide a statement of the PHA's strategies and actions to achieve fair housing goals outlined in an accepted Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) consistent with 24 CFR § 5.154(d)(5). Use the chart provided below. (PHAs should add as many goals as necessary to overcome fair housing issues and contributing factors.) Until such time as the PHA is required to submit an AFH, the PHA is not obligated to complete this chart. The PHA will fulfill, nevertheless, the requirements at 24 CFR § 903.7(o) enacted prior to August 17, 2015. See Instructions for further detail on completing this item. Fair Housing Goal: The Housing Authority makes sure there are training opportunities for our Staff and Board annually preferably in person but virtual is allowed. Describe fair housing strategies and actions to achieve the goal Fair Housing information is posted in our lobby and is included in all leases, advertisement and solicitations. |
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This information collection is authorized by Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act, which added a new section 5A to the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, which introduced the 5-Year PHA Plan provides the PHA's mission, goals and objectives for serving the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families and the progress made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5-Year Plan.

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Certifications of Compliance with PHA Plan and Related Regulations (Standard, Troubled, HCV-Only, and High Performer PHAs)

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PHA Certifications of Compliance with PHA Plan, Civil Rights, and Related Laws and Regulations including PHA Plan Elements that Have Changed

Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Agency (PHA) listed below, as its Chairperson or other authorized PHA official if there is no Board of Commissioners, I approve the submission of the X_5-Year and/or X_Annual PHA Plan, hereinafter referred to as" the Plan", of which this document is a part, and make the following certification and agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the PHA fiscal year beginning 2025, in connection with the submission of the Plan and implementation thereof:

- 1. The Plan is consistent with the applicable comprehensive housing affordability strategy (or any plan incorporating such strategy) for the jurisdiction in which the PHA is located (24 CFR § 91.2).
- 2. The Plan contains a certification by the appropriate State or local officials that the Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan, which includes a certification that requires the preparation of an Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice, or Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) when applicable, for the PHA's jurisdiction and a description of the manner in which the PHA Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan (24 CFR §§ 91.2, 91.225, 91.325, and 91.425).
- 3. The PHA has established a Resident Advisory Board or Boards, the membership of which represents the residents assisted by the PHA, consulted with this Resident Advisory Board or Boards in developing the Plan, including any changes or revisions to the policies and programs identified in the Plan before they were implemented, and considered the recommendations of the RAB (24 CFR 903.13). The PHA has included in the Plan submission a copy of the recommendations made by the Resident Advisory Board or Boards and a description of the manner in which the Plan addresses these recommendations.
- 4. The PHA provides assurance as part of this certification that:
 - (i) The Resident Advisory Board had an opportunity to review and comment on the changes to the policies and programs before implementation by the PHA;
 - (ii) The changes were duly approved by the PHA Board of Directors (or similar governing body); and
 - (iii) The revised policies and programs are available for review and inspection, at the principal office of the PHA during normal business hours.
- 5. The PHA made the proposed Plan and all information relevant to the public hearing available for public inspection at least 45 days before the hearing, published a notice that a hearing would be held and conducted a hearing to discuss the Plan and invited public comment.
- 6. The PHA certifies that it will carry out the public housing program of the agency in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d-2000d—4), the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), and other applicable civil rights requirements and that it will affirmatively further fair housing in the administration of the program. In addition, if it administers a Housing Choice Voucher Program, the PHA certifies that it will administer the program in conformity with the Fair Housing Act, title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other applicable civil rights requirements, and that it will affirmatively further fair housing in the administration of the program.
- 7. The PHA will affirmatively further fair housing, which means that it will take meaningful actions to further the goals identified in the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) conducted in accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR § 5.150 through 5.180, that it will take no action that is materially inconsistent with its obligation to affirmatively further fair housing, and that it will address fair housing issues and contributing factors in its programs, in accordance with 24 CFR § 903.7(o)(3). The PHA will fulfill the requirements at 24 CFR § 903.7(o) and 24 CFR § 903.15(d). Until such time as the PHA is required to submit an AFH, the PHA will fulfill the requirements at 24 CFR § 903.7(o) promulgated prior to August 17, 2015, which means that it examines its programs or proposed programs; identifies any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs; addresses those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available; works with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement; and maintains records reflecting these analyses and actions.
- For PHA Plans that include a policy for site-based waiting lists:
 - The PHA regularly submits required data to HUD's 50058 PIC/IMS Module in an accurate, complete and timely manner (as specified in PIH Notice 2011-65);

- The system of site-based waiting lists provides for full disclosure to each applicant in the selection of the development in which to reside, including basic information about available sites; and an estimate of the period of time the applicant would likely have to wait to be admitted to units of different sizes and types at each site;
- Adoption of a site-based waiting list would not violate any court order or settlement agreement or be inconsistent with a pending complaint brought by HUD;
- The PHA shall take reasonable measures to assure that such a waiting list is consistent with affirmatively furthering fair housing; and
- The PHA provides for review of its site-based waiting list policy to determine if it is consistent with civil rights laws and certifications, as specified in 24 CFR 903.7(o)(1).
- The PHA will comply with the prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age pursuant to the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.
- 10. In accordance with 24 CFR § 5.105(a)(2), HUD's Equal Access Rule, the PHA will not make a determination of eligibility for housing based on sexual orientation, gender identify, or marital status and will make no inquiries concerning the gender identification or sexual orientation of an applicant for or occupant of HUD-assisted housing.
- 11. The PHA will comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and 24 CFR Part 41. Policies and Procedures for the Enforcement of Standards and Requirements for Accessibility by the Physically Handicapped.
- 12. The PHA will comply with the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Employment Opportunities for Low-or Very-Low Income Persons, and with its implementing regulation at 24 CFR Part 135.
- 13. The PHA will comply with acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24 as applicable.
- The PHA will take appropriate affirmative action to award contracts to minority and women's business enterprises under 24 CFR 5.105(a).
- 15. The PHA will provide the responsible entity or HUD any documentation that the responsible entity or HUD needs to carry out its review under the National Environmental Policy Act and other related authorities in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58 or Part 50, respectively.
- 16. With respect to public housing the PHA will comply with Davis-Bacon or HUD determined wage rate requirements under Section 12 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.
- 17. The PHA will keep records in accordance with 2 CFR 200,333 and facilitate an effective audit to determine compliance with program requirements.
- The PHA will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, and 24 CFR Part 35.
- 19. The PHA will comply with the policies, guidelines, and requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements. Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Assistance, including but not limited to submitting the assurances required under 24 CFR §§ 1.5, 3.115, 8.50, and 107,25 by submitting an SF-424, including the required assurances in SF-424B or D, as applicable.
- 20. The PHA will undertake only activities and programs covered by the Plan in a manner consistent with its Plan and will utilize covered grant funds only for activities that are approvable under the regulations and included in its Plan.
- 21. All attachments to the Plan have been and will continue to be available at all times and all locations that the PHA Plan is available for public inspection. All required supporting documents have been made available for public inspection along with the Plan and additional requirements at the primary business office of the PHA and at all other times and locations identified by the PHA in its PHA Plan and will continue to be made available at least at the primary business office of the PHA.
- The PHA certifies that it is in compliance with applicable Federal statutory and regulatory requirements, including the Declaration of Trust(s).

| Valley Falls Housing Authority PHA Name | KS056 PHA Number/HA Code |
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| _X_ Annual PHA Plan for Fiscal Year 2025_ | |
| _X 5-Year PHA Plan for Fiscal Years 2025 2029 | |
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| Name of Executive Director William D. George III | Name Board Chairman. John Sheretts |
| Signature | Signature Dane 2/12/2025 Page 2 of 3 form HUD-50077-ST-HCV-HP (3/31/2024) |

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Civil Rights Certification (Qualified PHAs)

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Civil Rights Certification

Annual Certification and Board Resolution

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| Valley Falls Housing Authority PHA Name | KS056 PHA Number/HA Code | |
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| I hereby certify that all the statement above, as well as any information provided in the false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. | accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate, Warning: HUD will prosecute 18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802) | |
| Name of Executive Director: William D. George III | Name of Board Chairperson: John Sherretts | |
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Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions

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Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 30 minutes. This includes the time for collecting, reviewing, and reporting data. The information requested is required to obtain a benefit. This form is used to ensure federal funds are not used to influence members of Congress. There are no assurances of confidentiality [H4]) may not conduct or sponsor, and an applicant is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number

Applicant Name

Valley Falls Housing Authority

Program/Activity Receiving Federal Grant Funding

Public Housing

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying, in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352. Title 31. U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate. Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010,

| Name of Authorized Official | Tale |
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| William D. George III | Executive Director |
| Signature | Date (mm/dd/yyyy) |
| | 3/12/2025 |
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Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

| Applicant Name Valley Falls Housing Authority | |
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| Program/Activity Receiving Federal Grant Funding | |
| Public Housing | |
| | zed Official. I make the following certifications and agreements to ording the sites listed below: |
| I certify that the above named Applicant will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by: | (1) Abide by the terms of the statement: and |
| a. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the un- lawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the Applicant's work- place and specifying the actions that will be taken against | (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction: c. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph d.(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designce on |
| b. Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees | |
| (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace: | whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federalagency has designated a central point for the |
| (2) The Applicant's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace: | receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant; |
| (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and | f. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph d.(2) with respect |
| (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace. | to any employee who is so convicted |
| c. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph a.; | (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or |
| d. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph a, that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will | (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency: |
| | g. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug- free workplace through implementation of paragraphs a, thru f. |
| Sites for Work Performance. The Applicant shall list (on separate partition) funding of the program/activity shown above: Place of Perform Identify each sheet with the Applicant name and address and the program of | ages) the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the |
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| heck here if there are workplaces on file that are not identified on the attac | hed sheets |
| hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any info Varning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012, 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802) | |
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| gnature | Executive Director |
| | 3/12/2025 |

Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan (All PHAs)

U. S Department of Housing and Urban Development

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Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan

| I, Jeanette Shipley | , the Mayor |
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| Official's Name | Official's Title |
| certify that the 5-Year PHA Plan for f year 2025-2026 of the Valley | iscal years <u>25-29</u> and/or Annual PHA Plan for fiscal Falls Housing Authority is consistent with the PHA Name |
| Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Housing Choice or Assessment of Fair H | Plan including the Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair lousing (AFH) as applicable to the |
| City of Valley Falls | • |
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| pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91 and 24 CFR § | , |
| Provide a description of how the PHA Pla State Consolidated Plan. | m's contents are consistent with the Consolidated Plan or |
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| hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any info- trosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal | rmation provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate. Warning: HUD will and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802) |
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VALLEY FALLS HOUSING AUTHORITY

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) POLICY & PROCEDURES

A. Applicability

The federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) offers some protections against eviction for residents of Public Housing and Section 8 Housing who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. Additionally, admission to these program shall not be denied on the basis that the applicant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, if the applicant otherwise qualifies for assistance or admission.

The provisions of 24 CFR Part 5, Subpart L are incorporated by reference in this VAWA policy, and these provisions shall apply if there is any conflict between federal provisions and the policies and procedures stated here.

B. Protections

- 1. Incidents of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking will not be considered to be serious or repeated violations of the lease or other "good cause" for termination of assistance, tenancy or occupancy rights of the victim of abuse.
- Criminal activity directly relating to abuse, engaged in by a member of a tenant's household or any guest or
 other person under the tenant's control, will not be cause for termination of assistance, tenancy, or occupancy
 rights if the tenant or an immediate member of the tenant's family is the victim or threatened victim of that
 abuse.
- To protect the rights and promote the safety of victims of violence, a lease may be bifurcated (divided) so
 certain tenants can be evicted or removed while the remaining family members' lease and occupancy rights
 are preserved.
- 4. VAWA protections do not limit the authority of VFHA or a Section 8 landlord to evict or terminate assistance of the tenant or a family member for violations of the lease or family obligations that otherwise would constitute good cause to evict or grounds for termination.

C. THA Responsibilities

The following VFHA responsibilities are spelled out in 24 CFR Part 5, Subpart L:

- 1. Inform VFHA Public Housing tenants and Section 8 participants of their rights under VAWA, including their right to confidentiality and any exceptions to these rights and confidentiality protections.
- Provide notice to Section 8 landlords of their rights and obligations under VAWA and related HUD
 regulations. In turn, Section 8 landlords are responsible for handling all requests for VAWA protections
 submitted on behalf of their tenants.
- 3. Include a description of VAWA protections in the Public Housing Dwelling Lease Agreement.
- 4. Implement policies and procedures to respond to VAWA protections requested by VFHA Public Housing tenants and occupants.

D. Procedures for Handling Requests for VAWA Protections Submitted on Behalf of Public Housing Tenants & Occupants

- 1. VFHA, at its discretion, may provide VAWA protections to a victim based solely on the victim's verbal statement or other corroborating evidence, and not require the written certification described below.
- 2. If VFHA determines that written certification of domestic violence must be provided:
 - a. VFHA's request for certification will be made in writing asking the victim, or a family member on the victim's behalf to certify that the individual is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.
 - b. The written request will include the following information:

- i. Use of HUD-50066 is not required; other types of certification are acceptable, and these other types are listed on the HUD-50066 form.
- ii. The requested written certification must be returned to the specific VFHA employee named in the request letter, within 14 business days of receiving the request.
- iii. If the requested written certification is not returned within 14 business days VFHA may evict the tenant or a family member for violations of the lease or family obligations that otherwise would constitute good cause for eviction.
- c. A copy of HUD-50066 will be enclosed with the written request from VFHA.
- 3. VFHA may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for submitting written certifications.

E. Processing Written VAWA Certifications

- If written certification is requested, the victim may submit either HUD-50066 or Other Types of Certification listed below.
 - a. Form HUD-50066
 - i. It must include the name of the perpetrator.
 - ii. It may be based solely on the signed statement of the victim.
 - iii. THA will not request additional certification if a fully completed HUD-50066 is submitted.
 - b. Other Types of Certification (these are listed on HUD-50066)
 - i. Identification of the perpetrator is not required.
 - ii. May consist of a federal, state, tribal, territorial, or local police report or court record, or;
 - iii. Documentation signed by an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney, or medical professional, from whom the victim has sought assistance in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, or the effects of abuse. If this type of documentation is submitted:
 - The person signing the form must attest under penalty of perjury under 28 U.S.C. 1746 to the person's belief that the incident or incidents in question are bona fide incidents of abuse, and;
 - o The victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking must sign or attest to the documentation.
- 2. Confidentiality. Any document provided for this purpose will be kept confidential, which means:
 - a. VFHA will not enter the information contained in the documentation into any shared database;
 - b. VFHA will not allow employees or contractors to have access to such information unless explicitly authorized by VFHA for reasons that specifically call for these persons to have access to this information;
 - c. VFHA will not disclose this information to any other organization or person unless:
 - i. Requested or consented to in writing by the individual making the documentation,
 - ii. Required for use in an eviction proceeding, or
 - iii. Otherwise required by law.

F. Response to Conflicting Certification

- In cases where VFHA receives conflicting certification documents 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:
 - a. VFHA may determine which is the true victim by requiring third-party documentation as described above in <u>E. Processing Written VAWA Certifications</u>, and;
 - b. In accordance with any HUD guidance on how such determinations will be made.
- 2. VFHA will honor any court orders addressing rights of access or control of the property, including civil protection orders issued to protect the victim and issued to address the distribution or possession of property.

G. Eviction When an Actual or Imminent Threat Exists

VFHA may evict or terminate assistance to any tenant or lawful occupant if VFHA can demonstrate an actual and imminent threat to other tenants or those employed at or providing service to the Public Housing or Section 8 assisted property if that tenant or lawful occupant is not terminated from assistance.

In this context, words, gestures, actions, or other indicators will be considered an "actual imminent threat" if they meet the definition of Actual and Imminent, below.

Eviction or termination of assistance will occur only when there are no other actions that could be taken to reduce or eliminate the threat, including, but not limited to:

- 1. Transferring the victim to a different unit;
- 2. Barring the perpetrator from the property;
- 3. Contacting law enforcement to increase police presence or develop other plans to keep the property safe, or;
- 4. Seeking other legal remedies to prevent the perpetrator from acting on a threat.

Restrictions related to public safety cannot be based on stereotypes, but must be tailored to specific concerns about individual residents.

H. Definitions

Actual and imminent threat is a physical danger that is real, would occur soon, and could result in death or serious bodily harm. In determining whether an individual would pose an actual an 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.

<u>Bifurcate</u> means to divide a lease so certain tenants can be evicted or removed while the remaining family members' lease and occupancy rights are allowed to remain intact.

<u>Dating violence</u> means violence committed by a person:

- 1. Who is or has been in a romantic or intimate relationship with the victim; and
- 2. The existence of such a relationship is determined by the following:
 - a. The length of the relationship;
 - b. The type of relationship; and
 - c. The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

<u>Domestic violence</u> includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under Kansas domestic or family violence laws, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under Kansas domestic or family violence laws.

Immediate family member means, with respect to a person:

- 1. A spouse, parent, brother, or sister, or child of that person, or an individual to whom that person stands in loco parentis; or
- 2. Any other person living in the household of that person and related to that person by blood or marriage.

Stalking means:

- 1. a. To follow, pursue, or repeatedly commit acts with the intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate another person; or,
 - b. To place under surveillance with the intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate another person; and,
- 2. In the course of, or as a result of, such following, pursuit, surveillance, or repeatedly committed acts, to place a person in reasonable fear of the death of, or serious bodily injury to, or to cause substantial emotional harm to:
 - a. That person,
 - b. A member of the immediate family of that person, or
 - c. The spouse or intimate partner of that person.

<u>VAWA</u> means the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109–162, approved August 28, 2006), as amended by the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437d and 42 U.S.1437f).