# Compliance Notice

In accordance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Reauthorization of 2022 and updated HUD guidance, owners/management agents must include the AHFA updated VAWA Lease Addendum (HUD-9167), Notice of Occupancy Rights under the Violence Against Women Act (HUD-5380), and Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking (HUD-5382) with the lease at move-in, at recertification or lease renewal (unless the renewal is month-to-month), at the time of denial, or notice of eviction. To assist owners and management of AHFA funded properties, these forms are now available on AHFA's website at Reservation | Alabama Housing Finance Authority. These forms replace all prior versions and must be implemented no later than September 30, 2025.

When a resident states they are a victim under the VAWA, the owner/management should give them the Certification form (HUD-5382) with a written request for when this information should be returned. If an emergency transfer is requested or an emergency transfer is the only option, the owner or management agent should give the Emergency Transfer Request for Certain Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking Form (HUD-5383) to the person requesting the transfer.

If the person requesting the transfer cannot or will not transfer within the property, the owner or management may use the Apartment Finder feature on AHFA's website at Apartment Finder | Alabama Housing Finance Authority to get the required information (property address, contact information, unit sizes, any tenant preferences or eligibility restrictions) for other AHFA funded properties in the same area. The owner or management may also contact AHFA's compliance department. The forms used to certify VAWA and for emergency transfer of a resident(s) must be kept in a confidential manner consistent with VAWA and HUD guidance.

Each property must also develop an Emergency Transfer Plan to follow when an emergency transfer is requested by a VAWA victim. HUD developed a guide for developing an Emergency Transfer Plan (HUD-5381). AHFA recommends the owner and management follow HUD's guide when developing the emergency transfer plan for their property.

The HUD VAWA Forms are available at https://www.hud.gov/hudclips/forms.

AHFA will review for compliance with this notice during future monitoring visits.