**Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) CERTIFICATION**

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The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Reauthorization Act of 2022, which became effective October 1, 2022, includes a new requirement for Grantees (Grant Subrecipients) to support an individual’s, including survivor’s, right to seek law enforcement or emergency assistance.

CDBG-I grants awarded on or after the effective date will be required to:

1. “Report any of their laws or policies, or, as applicable, the laws or policies adopted by subgrantees, that impose penalties on landlords, homeowners, tenants, residents, occupants, guests, or housing applicants based on requests for law enforcement or emergency assistance or based on criminal activity that occurred at a property; and

2. Certify that they are in compliance…” the VAWA requirements.

**Grantees are required to fill the VAWA Certification form out during their Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI) and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Plan. The completed and signed form must be attached your AI and AFFH submission.**

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Grantee (Grant Subrecipient):

As Civil Rights Officer, I certify that the Grant Recipient is in compliance with the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2022.

The Grantee has reviewed its ordinances, local regulations, and policies (collectively referred to as “policies”) adopted by the local government and currently in effect, with the following results:

* No policies were identified that contain any financial or regulatory penalty imposed on property owners or residents as a result of any use of emergency services.

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* The following policies were identified that may contain financial or regulatory penalties imposed on property owners or residents as a result of any use of emergency services.

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| **Policy** | **Purpose of Policy** | **Financial or Regulatory Penalty (or Potential Penalty)** |
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The Grantee commits to re-evaluating and addressing any policies identified above as follows:

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The Grantee understands that any policies identified above must be re-evaluated and addressed within the grant agreement period.

• A summary of efforts to evaluate alternative policies that do not impede the Right to Report Crime and Emergencies from One’s Home and a timeline for action on one or more alternatives must be submitted prior to the release of grant funds for construction.

• The timeline for implementation of alternative policies is subject to CDBG-I review and approval; grant funds will be placed on hold if the Grantee fails to comply with the requirements of this VAWA certification.

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| Name of Civil Rights Officer | Date Policy Review Completed |
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| Signature of Civil Rights Officer  | Date of Certification |