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Nevada Rural Housing Authority Additional Information to the Five Year PHA Plan regarding VAWA goal and objectives:

10.0 PHA Plan

a. Progress in meeting Missions and Goals. Brief Statement

The Nevada Rural Housing Authority has updated the Administrative Plan and implemented and made applicable information regarding the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

The Nevada Rural Housing Authority's goal and objective is to serve the needs of children and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking as defined in the VAWA pub .L. 109-162. Attached is NRHA adopted provisions of the Violence Against Women.

b. PHA definition for "significant amendment" and "substantial deviation/modification".

1. Changes to NRHA overall Mission
2. Changes to the goals and objective that affects services to program participants.





Nevada Rural Housing Authority

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

The Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA) has adopted, implemented and made applicable provisions of the Violence Against Women (VAWA). Our goals and objectives enable NRHA to serve the needs of children and adult victims of domestic violence and stalking, as defined in VAWA, are stated below.

- a. Activities, services, or program provided by NRHA, directly or in partnership with other service providers, to children, adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. Partners throughout the rural communities are:
 1. Community police departments
 2. Local Social Service referrals in each community
 3. Ron Woods Family Resource Center (counseling)
 4. Affiliation with Domestic Violence Shelter

- b. Activities, services, or program provided by NRHA, directly or in partnership with other service providers, to children, adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking to obtain or maintain housing.
 1. Nevada Rural Housing Authority has revised its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan to comply with and support the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) by establishing policies to support and assist victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking from being evicted or terminated from housing assistance programs based on acts of such violence against them.
 2. Nevada Rural Housing Authority has implemented and is utilizing the form HUD 50066, *certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking* for use in its Housing Choice Voucher Program.
 3. Nevada Rural Housing Authority has implemented the use of revised form HUD 52641, *Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Contract* and HUD 52641(A), *Tenancy Addendum*.
 4. For the program administered by NRHA (Sec 8 Housing Choice Voucher), an applicant who has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking shall not be denied admission into the program if they are otherwise qualified.
 5. For the program administered by NRHA (Sec 8 Housing Choice Voucher), will not be terminated assistance for a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking based on activity associated with the act of domestic





violence, dating violence, or stalking as long as the victim submits the completed form HUD-50066 within 14 business days.

6. Incidents or threats of abuse directly relating to the abuse will not be construed as serious or repeated violations of the lease or other “good cause” for termination of the assistance, tenancy or occupancy rights of a victim.
 7. Criminal activity directly relating to abuse, engaged in by a member of a participant’s household or any guest or other person under participant’s control, shall not be cause for termination of assistance, tenancy, or occupancy rights if the participant or an immediate member of the participant’s family is the victim or threatened victim of that abuse.
 8. Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher landlords/owners/managers will be notified of their right and responsibilities under VAWA.
 9. Definitions of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking have been included in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan.
 10. Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher participants will be notified of their rights and responsibilities under VAWA.
 11. NRHA provides an exception to the prohibition against a family moving under portability in violation of the lease in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program.
- C. Activities, services, or programs provided by NRHA to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking, or to enhance victim safety in assisted families.
1. VAWA notices are posted in the lobby and state protection available to victims who are either an applicant in housing assistance through NRHA.
 2. NRHA will consider transfer between units and other jurisdictions to offer safety for the victim(s).
 3. Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, NRHA works directly with the local police department, Domestic Violence Shelter, landlords/owners/managers on reported instances of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. If the form HUD 50066 is completed and submitted, NRHA will review for termination of assistance or otherwise penalizing the victim.
 4. NRHA does not have in-house counseling staff and does not provide counseling activities, services or programs. Victims are referred to the proper partnerships.

These programs and policies form a network of services that provide or offer activities, services, or programs that help children and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to obtain or maintain housing, or to enhance victim’s safety in assisted families.



