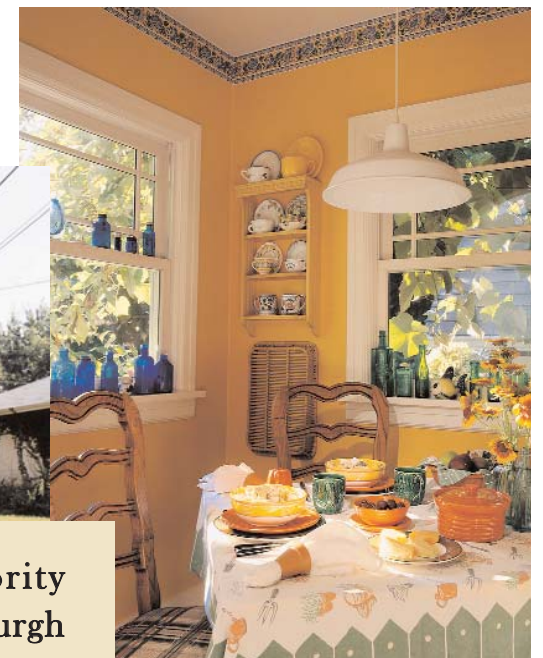
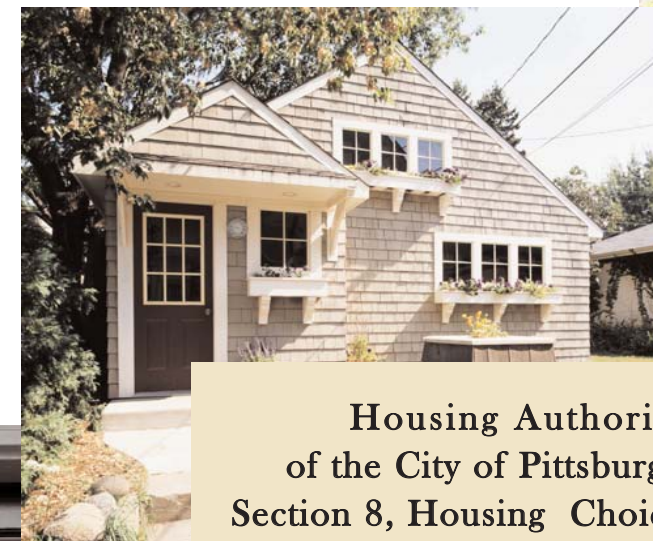


Section 8 / HCV Recertification Packet



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January 2, 2015

Dear Section 8 Participants:

Thank you for choosing the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) to be your housing provider. It is the desire of the HACP to provide you with outstanding customer service, to process your paperwork in a timely manner and to provide you with safe and affordable housing.

Please be advised that our re-certification process is a twenty-four (24) month recertification process. When you receive a re-certification package, please immediately complete and return the package to your Housing Counselor with the requested information. Please note failure to return the information in the requested time may result in termination from the Program. As such, even if you think your re-certification is not due, and you receive a re-certification package, you must complete and return the package as requested.

If you are a person with a disability and require information regarding reasonable accommodation, please contact the 504 ADA Compliance Office at 412-456-5000, ext. 2504. Thank you again for allowing the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh to supply your housing needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heather T. Gaines'. The signature is stylized with loops and flourishes.

Heather T. Gaines
Director, Housing Choice
Voucher Program

HTG/djn

**Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh
Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher Program
Recertification Packet**

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(Documents 8, 12 & 14 must be signed by each household member 18 years and older.)

RECERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

VERY IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ALL OF THE REQUIRED INFORMATION, YOU WILL BE SENT A NOTICE OF WHAT INFORMATION IS MISSING, AS WELL AS A NOTICE OF TERMINATION. YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION OR YOU WILL LOSE YOUR SUBSIDY IF WE CANNOT RECERTIFY YOUR FAMILY BY THE EFFECTIVE DATE!!!!

Income Verifications for all household members (Wages, TANF/DPA, Child Support, SSI, Social Security, Pension, Unemployment, etc.). Provide all Current Printouts and/or 6 Consecutive Pay Stubs. _____

Childcare Verification _____

Family Composition Form _____

Signed Applicant/Tenant Certification (Fraud) Form _____

Attachment A/HUD 92006 Optional Contact Information (2 copies) _____

Asset Verification (Bank Statement – Checking & Savings), Stocks, etc. Provide Current Statements. _____

Annual Continued Occupancy Form (ACO) _____

Signed Authorization of Release of Information (HUD Form 9886)
***Must be signed by each household member 18 years and older. _____

Family Obligations (2 copies) _____

Rental Housing Integrity Improvement Program (RHIP) (2 copies) _____

Medical Expense Verifications for disabled/elderly (62+) households _____

Zero Income Affidavit (if applicable) Please contact Housing Specialist for forms. _____

Full-time Student Status – For Dependents 18 years of age and older, provide letter from the Registrar's Office verifying full-time student status or a copy of student's current schedule. _____

Provide Current Statements/Verifications. _____

All forms must be completed in ink, and packets must be dropped off or mailed into the office. Faxed Copies will not be accepted.

*****PLEASE BE SURE THAT THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE ARE ENCLOSED
BEFORE RETURNING YOUR RECERTIFICATION PACKET*****



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EMPLOYMENT STATUS VERIFICATION

Applicant Name

Dear Employer:

Regulations require us to verify the incomes of applicants and tenants to establish their eligibility and rent for our Rental Assistance Housing Program. The person identified on this form has told us that he or she is now employed, or has been employed by your firm.

Your completion of this form will help us to determine whether this family is eligible for our housing program. All information will be held in confidence and will be used only in determining eligibility and/or rent and rental subsidy.

We are required to complete our determinations within a specified time; therefore, your prompt reply will be appreciated. A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Employer's Name

Employer's Phone No.

Employer's Address

City, State, Zip

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

I hereby grant the Pittsburgh Housing Authority permission to make inquiries regarding my income and assets. I understand that this information is for the purpose of determining my eligibility only, and will be kept confidential.

Signed:

Date:



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VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT AND GROSS EARNINGS

In accordance with federal law and regulations published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, it is necessary to verify the sources and amounts of income of each family making application for or receiving rental assistance. Information provided remains confidential and will be used solely for the purpose of determining eligibility for rental assistance and establishing rent in accordance with applicable law and federal regulations.

The following individual has indicated employment with your firm. To assist in the compliance with the above provisions, you are requested to provide the following information.:

Employee Name: _____ SS# _____
Presently Employed: YES _____ Date Employed _____
NO _____ Date Terminated _____
Full Time _____ Part Time _____ Title/Position _____

BASIS OF PRESENT PAYMENT

Present hourly rate base pay: \$ _____
Hours per day _____ Number of days per week _____ Average hours per week _____

Present hourly rate, overtime \$ _____
Weekly wage or salary \$ _____
Monthly Salary \$ _____
Piece Work: (average) \$ _____
Commission: (average) \$ _____

Any other compensation not included above (specify for meals, expense allowance, etc.)

For _____ \$ _____ per _____

Tip-estimate \$ _____ Anticipated earnings next 12 months. \$ _____

Amount (if any) deducted from earnings for Medical/Hospitalization Insurance
\$ _____ per _____ (week, bi-weekly, monthly, etc.)

What address do you have in your records for your employee?

Employer

Employer Signature

Date

Title

201__ Gross Income \$ _____

201__ Gross Income to Date \$ _____

PLEASE COMPLETE EACH QUESTION



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VERIFICATION OF CHILDCARE

Name: _____
Address: _____
Contact No: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY TENANT

This is to certify that I pay to _____ \$_____ per week for the care of my child/children while I am employed, or while attending school.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Are you being reimbursed for childcare from DPA or any other Agency?
Yes _____ No _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY CHILDCARE PROVIDER

This is to certify that I receive \$_____ per week from _____ for childcare services.

<u>Names of Children</u>	<u>Age</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Signed: _____	Date: _____
Address: _____	Phone: _____
_____	S.S.#: _____

PLEASE NOTE:

CERTIFICATE STATEMENT

Knowing the penalty for making a false statement under the United States Criminal Code, I hereby certify that the above is a true and full statement.

Section 35(a) of the United States Criminal Code makes it a criminal offense, punishable by the maximum of 10 years imprisonment, \$10,000 fine or both, to make false statement or representation of any department or agency of the United States as to any matter within their jurisdiction. The information provided above was requested by the Pittsburgh Housing Authority as a verification document.



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FAMILY COMPOSITION & UTILITY INFORMATION

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

- 1) What type of heating do you have in your unit?
ELECTRIC HEAT _____ or GAS HEAT _____
Do you pay for heating? YES _____ NO _____
- 2) What type of range do you have? GAS _____ ELECTRIC _____
Do you pay for cooking gas? YES _____ NO _____
- 3) Do you pay for electricity? YES _____ NO _____
- 4) Is your hot water heater, GAS _____ ELECTRIC _____
Do you pay for hot water heating? YES _____ NO _____
- 5) Do you pay for WATER _____ SEWAGE _____ TRASH _____
- 6) Do you own the range in your unit? YES _____ NO _____
- 7) Do you own the refrigerator in your unit? YES _____ NO _____
- 8) How many bedrooms are in your unit? _____
- 9) Have you had a change in family composition since your last recertification?
YES _____ NO _____
- 10) What type of change has occurred in your unit? _____
- 11) Did you report this change of family members at the time the change took place?
YES _____ NO _____
- 12) Did the person who moved out or moved in have a source of income?
YES _____ NO _____ If yes, did you report this source of income to the
Pittsburgh Housing Authority? YES _____ NO _____
- 13) Did you report this change in income to the Pittsburgh Housing Authority?
YES _____ NO _____
- 14) Do you plan to remain at your present unit? YES _____ NO _____
- 15) IF YOU ARE TERMINATING YOUR LEASE, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO
SEND A LETTER OF TERMINATION BY CERTIFIED MAIL, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE LEASE TERMS TO YOUR LANDLORD AND RETURN A COPY OF THE
LETTER AND CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT ALONG WITH THIS PACKET
- 16) Have you or any family member engaged in drug related criminal activity or violent
criminal activity? YES _____ NO _____ If YES, explain:

**SIGN AND DATE THIS FORM. THIS OFFICE MUST HAVE YOUR PHONE NUMBER,
EVEN IF IT IS AN UNLISTED NUMBER.**

Tenant Signature

Address

Phone Number

City, State, Zip

Date




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ATTACHMENT


APPLICANT/TENANT CERTIFICATION


APPLICANT(S) TENANT(S) STATEMENT

I/We certify that the information* given to the PITTSBURGH HOUSING AUTHORITY on household composition, income, net assets, allowances and deductions is accurate and complete to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. I/We understand that false statements or information are punishable under Federal Law. (Add reference to State Law if applicable.) I/We also understand that false statements or information are grounds for termination of housing assistance and termination of tenancy.

X 
Signature of Head of Household

X 
Date

X 
Signature of Spouse

X 
Date

If you believe you have been discriminated against, you may call the Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity National toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777. (Within the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area, call 202-708-4252.

*After verification by this Housing Agency, the information will be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development on form HUD-50058 (Tenant Data Summary), a computer-generated facsimile of the form or on magnetic tape. See the Federal Privacy Act Statement for more information about its use.

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) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to contact you <input type="checkbox"/> Termination of rental assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Eviction from unit <input type="checkbox"/> Late payment of rent </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Recertification Process <input type="checkbox"/> Change in lease terms <input type="checkbox"/> Change in house rules <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ </div> </div>	
Commitment of Housing Authority or Owner: If you are approved for housing, this information will be kept as part of your tenant file. If issues arise during your tenancy or if you require any services or special care, we may contact the person or organization you listed to assist in resolving the issues or in providing any services or special care to you.	
Confidentiality Statement: The information provided on this form is confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted by the applicant or applicable law.	
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 contact information.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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ASSET CHECKLIST

All family members 18 years or older listed on your application having any of the following assets must sign and date form.

If yes, please complete this form and provide current statements/verifications for all assets listed. If Yes, please check ☐

If no, please mark the information below with "N/A". If No, please check ☐

Additional forms for additional accounts can be obtained from the Section 8, Housing Choice Voucher Program Department at your request.

Checking Accounts

Name(s) on Account: _____

Name and Address of Bank: _____

Balance: _____ Annual Interest: _____

Savings Accounts

Name(s) on Account: _____

Name and Address of Bank: _____

Balance: _____ Annual Interest: _____

Credit Union Accounts

Name(s) on Account: _____

Name and Address of Bank: _____

Balance: _____ Annual Interest: _____

Certificates of Deposit Accounts

Name(s) on Account: _____

Name and Address of Bank: _____

Balance: _____ Annual Interest: _____

Stocks

Name(s) on Stock: _____

Name of Stock: _____

Number of Shares: _____

Savings Bonds

Name(s) on Bonds: _____ Value: _____

Property Owner

Name(s) on Property: _____

Address of Property: _____

Fair Market Value of Property: _____

I do hereby certify that all information I have provided is complete and accurate. I am aware that submitting false information is fraud and may result in loss of Housing Assistance, assessment of fines and/or imprisonment.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Authorization for the Release of Information/ Privacy Act Notice

to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
and the Housing Agency/Authority (HA)

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

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 2501-0014

exp. 1/31/2014

PHA requesting release of information: **(Cross out space if none)**
(Full address, name of contact person, and date)

IHA requesting release of information: **(Cross out space if none)**
(Full address, name of contact person, and 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 that you 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; (3) HUD to request certain tax return information from the U.S. Social Security Administration and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. The law also requires independent verification of income information. Therefore, HUD or the HA may request information from financial institutions to verify your eligibility and 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 household who is 18 years of age or older must sign the consent form. Additional signatures must be obtained from new adult members joining the household or whenever members of the household become 18 years of age.

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

PHA-owned rental public housing
Turnkey III Homeownership Opportunities
Mutual Help Homeownership Opportunity
Section 23 and 19(c) leased housing
Section 23 Housing Assistance Payments
HA-owned rental Indian housing
Section 8 Rental Certificate
Section 8 Rental 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.

Sources of Information To Be Obtained

State Wage Information Collection Agencies. (This consent is limited to wages and unemployment compensation I have received during period(s) within the last 5 years 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(l)(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 concerning unearned income (i.e., interest and dividends). 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 regarding any period(s) within the last 5 years when I have received assisted housing benefits.

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 expires 15 months after signed.

Signatures:

<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
Head of Household	Date		
<div></div>		<div></div>	<div></div>
Social Security Number (if any) of Head of Household		Other Family Member over age 18	Date
<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
Spouse	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date
<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
Other Family Member over age 18	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date
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Other Family Member over age 18	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date

Privacy Act Notice. 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). The Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C. 3543) requires applicants and participants to submit the Social Security Number of each household member who is six years old or older. Purpose: Your income and other information are being collected by HUD to determine your eligibility, the appropriate bedroom size, and the amount your family will pay toward rent and utilities. Other Uses: HUD uses your family income and other information to assist in managing and monitoring HUD-assisted housing programs, to protect the Government's financial interest, and to verify the accuracy of the information you provide. This information may be released to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, when relevant, and to civil, criminal, or regulatory investigators and prosecutors. However, the information will not be otherwise disclosed or released outside of HUD, except as permitted or required by law. Penalty: You must provide all of the information requested by the HA, including all Social Security Numbers you, and all other household members age six years and older, have and use. Giving the Social Security Numbers of all household members six years of age and older is mandatory, and not providing the Social Security Numbers will affect your eligibility. 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, the HA and any owner (or any employee of HUD, the HA or the owner) 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, the HA or the owner responsible for the unauthorized disclosure or improper use.



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What is "good cause" for the landlord to evict or HACP to deny or terminate housing assistance?

It is difficult to provide a specific list of "good causes" for landlords or HACP to evict residents. However, the landlord would have "good cause" if you commit a serious or repeated violation of the terms of your lease. HACP would have "good cause" to deny admission to the program or terminate rental assistance if you fail to meet program qualifications or violate your family obligations, or if you commit a serious or repeated violation of the terms of your lease. Some examples of what might be considered good cause are failure to pay rent on time, failure to cooperate with legal reexamination requirements, having unauthorized persons living with you, engaging in illegal activity or criminal activity.

However, VAWA protects a victim from being evicted, denied admission to the program, or terminated from the program based on incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

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Does this mean that a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, dating violence or stalking cannot be evicted from a unit, denied admission or terminated from the program at all?

No. If a victim engages in criminal activity or other lease violations not related to the abuse, she or he may be evicted from a unit, denied admission to the program, or have rental assistance terminated, as long as the landlord and Housing Authority do not hold her or him to a higher standard than other tenants.

Can the abuser or stalker be evicted?

Yes. The law allows the landlord to evict the perpetrator of domestic violence, dating violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking without penalizing the victim of the incident. HACP may deny admission or terminate the perpetrator’s participation in the program. In addition, HACP may terminate your rental assistance if the perpetrator has been residing in your unit without prior approval, or continues to reside in your unit after being removed from your household due to an incident of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking.

Can HACP ask you to provide “proof” that you are a victim?

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What if you need to move or transfer to another unit because of the violence?

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SECTION 8/HCVF APPLICATION

NAME: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS: _____ APT. # _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE # _____ HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD WORK # _____ SPOUSE WORK # _____

LIST NAMES, ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS OF TWO RELATIVES OR FRIENDS WHO GENERALLY KNOW HOW TO CONTACT YOU.

1. NAME: _____

2. NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

PHONE # _____

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION AND CHARACTERISTICS

List the Head of Household and all other members who will be living in the assisted unit. Please give the relationship of each family member to the head.

MEMBER	MEMBER'S FULL NAME	RELATIONSHIP	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	AGE	SEX	SOCIAL SECURITY #
HEAD							
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							

Does anyone live with you now who is not listed above? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, please explain: _____

Is the Head, Spouse or Co-head of this Household disabled? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, your family may be eligible for additional income deductions, housing choices or preferences. HACP may request documentation that your disability meets HUD's definition of disabled in order to verify this status.

Is any member of the Household disabled? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, your family may be eligible for additional income deductions or housing choices. HACP may request documentation that your disability meets HUD's definition of disabled in order to verify this status.

Does anyone in your Household need special communication assistance due to a disability? _____
Identify any special housing needs (reasonable accommodation) required as a result of the disability: _____

INCOME INFORMATION

Please answer each of the following questions. For each "Yes" answer, please provide the details in the chart in this section.

	YES	NO
1. Is any member of your household employed full-time, part-time, or seasonally?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does any member of your household work for someone who pays them in cash?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Does any member of your household now receive, or expect to receive unemployment benefits?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Does any member of your household now receive or expect to receive child support?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Is any member of your household entitled to child support that he/she is not receiving?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Does any member of your household now receive or expect to receive alimony payments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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10. Does any member of your household now receive or expect to receive income from a pension or annuity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Does any member of your household receive regular cash contributions from individuals not living in the unit or from agencies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Does any member of your household receive income from assets including interest on checking or savings accounts, interest and dividends from certificates of deposit, stocks or bonds, income from the rental of property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Is any member of your household over the age of 18? If so list their income below.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Have you or any household member engaged in drug related criminal activity or violent criminal activity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If yes, please explain and give dates: _____

For each type of income that your household receives, give the source of the income and the amount that can be expected from the source during the next 12 months.*

FAMILY MEMBER	SOURCE OF INCOME/TYPE OF INCOME	ANNUAL INCOME

*If additional space is needed, please list on a separate sheet of paper.

ASSET INFORMATION

List all checking and savings accounts (including IRA's, Keogh accounts, and Certificates and Deposit) of all household members, including assets or property sold or given away for less than their worth during the past two years.

FAMILY MEMBER	BANK NAME	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BALANCE

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List value of all stocks, bonds, trusts, pension contributions, or other assets:

Do you own a home or other real estate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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EXPENSES

Do you pay for childcare for children 12 years and under, which enables you or another family member to work, seek work or go to school?

☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, list names and ages of children: _____

Address, and phone number of child care provider: _____

Weekly cost of Child Care: _____ Name of member enabled to work, seek work or go to school: _____

Does any person or agency reimburse you or help you with child care costs? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, please list the name(s) or the persons and agencies: _____

Families with a Person with a Disability as part of its family composition only:

Do you pay for a care attendant, service animal or any equipment for the family member with a disability necessary to permit that person or someone else in the family to work?

☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, describe expenses: _____

Families where the Head, Co-Head or Spouse are Disabled and/or Elderly (62 years of age or older) only:

Do you have Medicare or Medicaid? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, what is your Medicare/Medicaid premium? (per year or monthly) \$ _____

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Do you expect to have any out of pocket medical expenses during the next 12 months? ☐ Yes ☐ No

COMMENTS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: _____

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION: I/We certify that the information given to the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh on household composition, income, net family assets, and allowances and deductions is accurate and complete to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. I/We understand that false statements or information are punishable under Federal Law.

Signature of Head: X

Date: X

Signature of Spouse: X

Date: X

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24 CFR Section 982.551, as amended by MtW

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Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh

Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) Department

Family Obligations

24 CFR Section 982.551, as amended by MtW

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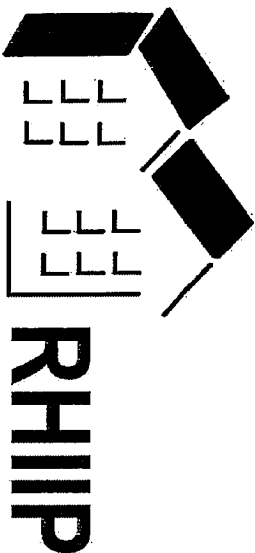
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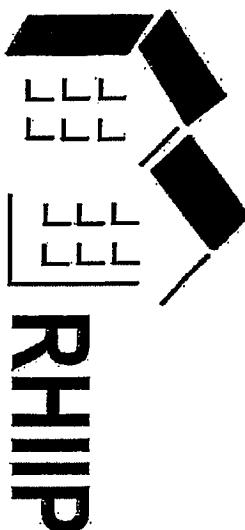
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Crisis Services

For general information
Contact Us...

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All Crisis Services Remain Confidential

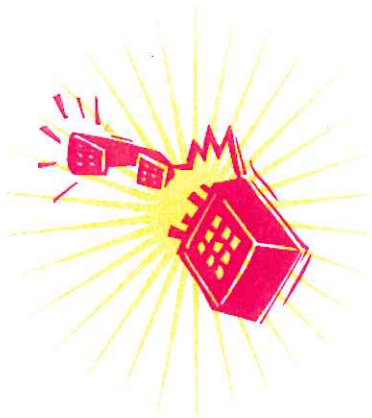
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Additional Crisis Assistance...

The Cupboard of Hope Program is an employee funded program which offers the following assistance in emergency situations:

- ◆ Food
- ◆ Household Items (Limited)
- ◆ Clothing (Limited)



Bedford Hope Center

2305 Bedford Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Phone: (412) 456-5000 Ext. 1020

Fax: (412) 395-3970



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Resident Self Sufficiency



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R.E.A.L. Program

Realizing Economic
Attainment for Life

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- ◆ Enrolling in Job Training
- ◆ Gaining Employment
- ◆ Increasing Income
- ◆ Achieving Home Ownership

Service coordinators get residents involved in goal planning and link them to necessary agencies to aid in accomplishing these goals.

Trained service coordinators recognize that there are many barriers to self-sufficiency. Issues such as child care, obtaining a GED, access to transportation, criminal records, mental health services, and job skills training are also addressed.

As an extra incentive, the program offers an escrow account. These HUD funds are available as your earned income increases and can be used toward accomplishing your goals.

Current Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh leaseholders in the Section 8 and Low Income Public Housing programs are eligible to participate.

To Enroll Contact:

(412) 456-5000 Ext. 1221

Resident Computer Program

Instructors offer basic computer instruction to HACP residents in the following locations:

- ◆ Caliguirri Hi Rise
- ◆ Northview Heights Hi Rise
- ◆ Murray Towers
- ◆ Bedford Hope Center



Bedford Hope Center Youth Lab Open M - F: Afterschool

Courses offered include:

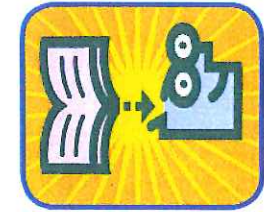
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- ◆ Microsoft PowerPoint

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Inquire about
**Computer Donation
Program**



GED Preparation



Computer Program also assists
HACP residents increase
education level by offering
GED Preparation.

The GED Instructor
can be reached at:

(412) 456-5000 Ext. 1030

The Resident Employment Program offers the following:

- ◆ Resume Building
- ◆ Job Fairs & Onsite Employer Interview
- ◆ Job Training Programs
- ◆ Job Placement

Employment Contact Information

Bedford Hope Center
2305 Bedford Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
(412) 456-5000

Ext. 1048
Ext. 1023
Ext. 1024

Fax (412) 395-3970

For Upcoming Job Fairs and Available
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PROGRAM DESIGN

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NEIGHBORHOOD SERVED

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HOURS OF OPERATION

The Resident Employment Program hours of operation are Monday – Friday 8:00am-5:00pm. Every 3rd Wednesday of the month, 10:00am – 7:00pm (Late hours).

RESIDENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM'S FUNCTIONS

- Hold recruitment sessions for community members who need assistance in finding employment twice a month at different HACP locations
- Conduct application day twice a month
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- Assist residents with job placement opportunities and job referrals
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- Computer Training
- Drivers Education Training
- Refer residents to BJWL Training
- Refer residents to Job Corps Program
- Application Day

- Scheduled one on one interviews

SECTION 3 COMPONENTS

- Assist public housing with employment in the construction field
- Pre-Orientation and Orientation sessions are conducted for residents entering the Section 3 Process
- Hiring Priority
 - ◆ 1st – HACP leaseholders from communities where the work is performed
 - ◆ 2nd – Residents from adjacent HACP communities
 - ◆ 3rd – Residents from communities where work is being performed
 - ◆ Residents from the City of Pittsburgh at-large

INTERVIEW PARTNERS

- Family Resources Inc.
- PNC Bank
- Addeco
- Diversified Health Care
- Job Corps
- Bidwell Training Center
- Mistick Construction
- Honeywell
- J&S Handyman Services
- Service Masters



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Assistance For Persons With Disabilities

The Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh can assist you in accessing suitable housing in the Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher Program if your family includes a person with a disability. We can help.....

1. Request a current listing of available units that are accessible or landlords who lease accessible units.

- The HACP will provide you with the most current listing of accessible units.

2. Ask to speak with a Housing Authority representative about your needs for accessible housing.

- A representative will discuss the housing options with you and assist you in determining your needs.
- The representative will also assist you by contacting any known owners of accessible units to determine if suitable vacancies exist.
- The representative will provide contacts at other agencies that provide specialized services for persons with disabilities.

3. If you are a voucher holder and require additional time to search for housing, ask if you are eligible for a special extension as reasonable accommodation by the Housing Authority.

- A representative will determine if you are eligible for an extension of search-time on your voucher up to a total of 150 days.

4. If the property you choose meets your accessibility needs and has a higher rent, you may qualify for a higher Housing Authority assistance payment.

- Contact your Housing Authority representative if you locate a higher rent property that meets your needs including those relating to your disability; and request a reasonable accommodation.
- Based upon the market value of the property and your special needs, the Housing Authority may approve an exception payment standard, which can make the property more affordable.

5. If you have any other special housing needs, the Housing Authority can help.

- The Housing Authority can provide reasonable accommodations at any time for persons with disabilities to use and enjoy its programs and housing options. You may request a reasonable accommodation by simply contacting your Housing Authority representative.
- The representative can offer contacts at other agencies that provide specialized services for persons with disabilities

