

# APPLYING FOR HUD HOUSING ASSISTANCE?

## THINK ABOUT THIS... IS FRAUD WORTH IT?

#### Do You Realize...

If you commit fraud to obtain assisted housing from HUD, you could be:

- Evicted from your apartment or house.
- Required to repay all overpaid rental assistance you received.
- Fined up to \$10,000.
- Imprisoned for up to five years.
- Prohibited from receiving future assistance.
- Subject to State and local government penalties.

#### Do You Know...

You are committing fraud if you sign a form knowing that you provided false or misleading information.

The information you provide on housing assistance application and recertification forms will be checked. The local housing agency, HUD, or the Office of Inspector General will check the income and asset information you provide with other Federal, State, or local governments and with private agencies. Certifying false information is fraud.

#### So Be Careful!

When you fill out your application and yearly recertification for assisted housing from HUD make sure your answers to the questions are accurate and honest. You <u>must</u> include:

All sources of income and changes in income you or any members of your household receive, such as wages, welfare payments, social security and veterans' benefits, pensions, retirement, etc.

Any money you receive on behalf of your children, such as child support, AFDC payments, social security for children, etc.

Any increase in income, such as wages from a new job or an expected pay raise or bonus.

All assets, such as bank accounts, savings bonds, certificates of deposit, stocks, real estate, etc., that are owned by you or any member of your household.

All income from assets, such as interest from savings and checking accounts, stock dividends, etc.

Any business or asset (your home) that you sold in the last two years at less than full value.

The names of everyone, adults or children, relatives and non-relatives, who are living with you and make up your household.

(Important Notice for Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita Evacuees: HUD's reporting requirements may be temporarily waived or suspended because of your circumstances. Contact the local housing agency before you complete the housing assistance application.)

#### **Ask Questions**

If you don't understand something on the application or recertification forms, always ask questions. It's better to be safe than sorry.

#### Watch Out for Housing Assistance Scams!

- Don't pay money to have someone fill out housing assistance application and recertification forms for you.
- Don't pay money to move up on a waiting list.
- Don't pay for anything that is not covered by your lease.
- Get a receipt for any money you pay.
- Get a written explanation if you are required to pay for anything other than rent (maintenance or utility charges).

#### **Report Fraud**

If you know of anyone who provided false information on a HUD housing assistance application or recertification or if anyone tells you to provide false information, report that person to the HUD Office of Inspector General Hotline. You can call the Hotline toll-free Monday through Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, at 1-800-347-3735. You can fax information to (202) 708-4829 or e-mail it to <a href="https://hotline@hudoig.gov">Hotline@hudoig.gov</a>. You can write the Hotline at:



HUD OIG Hotline, GFI 451 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20410

### HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (HCV) Frequently Asked Questions

How does the program work?

Huron Housing Authority's Housing Choice Voucher program is designed to offer rental assistance to low income families in Beadle County. Participants select the privately owned rental property where they would like to live. If the property meets the program's requirements regarding condition of the unit, cost of rent and utilities, unit size for your household, etc. (these will be explained during your briefing once your eligibility is established), your contribution toward rent and utilities will be approximately 30% of your adjusted annual income and your housing voucher will pay your landlord the balance.

#### How do I get on the Waiting List?

Your name will be placed on the Waiting List according to the date and time your application is received. You must be sure to inform our office immediately if you have any change of address, income, resources, number of persons in your household, etc. When your name reaches the top of the list you will be notified by mail. Please keep in mind that failure to contact the Housing Authority by the date given in the letter will result in your name being removed from the waiting list. Once your name has been removed from the waiting list for failure to respond, you must reapply in order to be placed back on the waiting list.

#### How long is your Waiting List?

There is no way to determine how long of a wait you will have before your name reaches the top of the list. There are many variables involved in how quickly the waiting list moves. It depends on how many participants leave the program and how many applicants on the waiting list qualify for a preference.

#### Who can receive a preference?

It is the policy of the Huron Housing Authority that qualified elderly or disabled individuals will be selected from the Waiting List first.

#### Why do I have to sign a Consent to Release Information form?

A Consent to Release Information form must be signed by all applicants in order for us to verify the information you have given us on your application. Verification of your information is required by law.

#### Can I be on the program if I have a criminal history?

It is required that an applicant's criminal history be verified at the time their name comes to the top of the waiting list. Huron Housing will deny participation in the program due to criminal activity based on the current Tenant Selection Policy and current HUD rulings.

#### Tell your landlord to call us!

It is very easy for your landlord to participate in the Housing Choice Voucher program. Have them give us a call at 352-1520 and we will be glad to answer any questions they may have.





FOR C	FFICE USE ONLY
Date: _	<del></del>
Time:	

#### PO Box 283 255 IOWA AVENUE SE HURON, SOUTH DAKOTA 57350 (605) 352-1520

## APPLICATION FOR HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER SECTION 8 RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Male \_\_\_\_ Female\_\_\_

The Huron Housing and Redevelopment Commission does not discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin. The Huron Housing and Redevelopment Commission is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Complete every item on the application - leave nothing blank.

Print N/A if an item does not apply to you.

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Head of Household Legal Name

Address

Please provide accurate information. All applicants must meet income eligibility requirements.

Street			City		Zip Code
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The following is requested by the federal good Rights laws prohibiting discrimination again are encouraged to do so. This information neither discriminate on the basis of this information federal regulations, this program representations.	nst applicants seeking to pa will not be used in the eval prmation nor on whether yo	nrticipate in th uation of you u choose to f	e program. Yo application a urnish it. How	ou are not required to fur nd the law requires that vever, if you choose not	nish this information, but a program recipient may to furnish it, under
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				Asian	_ Native Hawaiian/Other
					Pacific Islander
HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION:					
Names of all	Relation to	Elderly?	Disabled?	Date of	Social Security
Family Members	Head Of Household	Yes/No	Yes/No	Birth	Number
	Head				

#### **HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION CONTINUED:**

Are you or is any adult member	er (18 or older) of y			
Do you or a member of your h	ousehold qualify fo	Yesor a reasonable accomm Yes		-
Accommodation Requested:				-
Do you or any member of you	r household have a	a history of substance at Yes	ouse that has not been abate No	ed through rehabilitation?
Have you or any member of yo	our household bee			-
Is any member of your househ	nold subject to a lif		ender registration requiremen	
Have you or any member of you	our household bee		No of violence?	-
		Yes	No	-
Case Manager's Name:			Phone Number:	
Representative Payee's Name	<u>)</u> :		Phone Number:	
Do you have any income?  If yes, please list the income for members under 18. Include all members who are temporarily employed away from home.  Income can include:  alimony, child support, disa pay, periodic gifts, retirement welfare benefits, worker's contact the contact of the property of the proper	or the all members I income you expe absent, such as n bility benefits, as nt, self employme	s 18 or older, including in act to receive in the next nembers serving in the Act is sistance to attend schent, social security ben	12 months. This includes far Armed Forces, or members to ool, food stamps, military refits, SSI, unemployment,	nily emporarily wages and salaries,
Name of Family Member	Gross Amount Received	How Often Received: (Weekly, Bi-weekly	Source of Income or Employer Name	Address
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BANK ACCOUNTS			V	M-	
Do you have any ba If yes, please list the		r other assets?	Yes	No	
Cash on Hand:		\$			
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Checking					
Savings or CD's					
Stocks or Bonds					
Money Market Accounts					
Cash Value of					
Life Insurance					
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Property					
Other					
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Name	of	Physician, I	Hospital, Clinic,		Cost
Family Me		Drug Store or Child Care Provider		Address	Monthly/Annually
Health Insurance Co	ompany:				
Mailing Address:					
Premium: \$		How often paid	? (Circle One) Mor	nthly, Quarterly, Semi-Annual	y, Annually

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#### **HOUSING INFORMATION:**

Do you currently live or have or any other type of federally If "Yes", when and where?	lar nighttime residence, live in a shelf you previously lived in, public housing subsidized housing?Yes ublic Housing Authority or a provider	g, housing assisted by th _No	ne Section 8 program	_YesNo
YesNo If "Yes", please list the name	e and address of the Public Housing A	Authority or other provide	r and how much you	owe.
Do you owe any utility provid If "Yes", please list.	er money for unpaid utility bills?	Yes	No	
Have you or anyone in your	household been evicted?Yes _	No		
Does anyone living outside y	our household pay for or provide mor	ney of any of your housel	hold bills or living exp	penses?
YesNo	If yes, who?			
Rented Hom Own Home Rented Apar Other:  Present amount of Monthly F	tment Rent: \$	In the Home	ile Home Home - Lot Rent \$_ of Relative or Friend	I
List all landlords within the p	ast 2 years, listing most current landle	ord first:	T Do	ntes
Landlord Name	Address	Phone	From	To
I declare that I have read a true, correct and complete governmental matter such does not believe it to be tr	ou have lived in other than South Dak nd understand this application, an . Further, I am aware that under SE as this, he makes false written sta ue. n Housing Authority Staff immedian	d to the best of my kno OCL 4-9-5, a person is g tements when the state	uilty of a felony if it ement is material ar	n a nd he
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My signature below consti information from any nece	tutes my consent for the Huron Hossary source.	using & Redevelopme	nt Authority to obta	<u>in verifying</u>
Head of Household		Spouse or C	o-Head of Househol	d
Date		Date		

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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)  Emergency Unable to contact you Termination of rental assistance Eviction from unit Late payment of rent	Assist with Recertification P Change in lease terms Change in house rules Other:	rocess	
<b>Commitment of Housing Authority or Owner:</b> If you are approarise during your tenancy or if you require any services or special issues or in providing any services or special care to you.			
<b>Confidentiality Statement:</b> The information provided on this for applicant or applicable law.	rm is confidential and will not be discl	osed to anyone except as permitted by the	
<b>Legal Notification:</b> Section 644 of the Housing and Community requires each applicant for federally assisted housing to be offered organization. By accepting the applicant's application, the housing requirements of 24 CFR section 5.105, including the prohibitions programs on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex age discrimination under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.	d the option of providing information g provider agrees to comply with the on discrimination in admission to or	regarding an additional contact person or non-discrimination and equal opportunity participation in federally assisted housing	
Check this box if you choose not to provide the contact	information.		
Signature of Applicant		Date	

The information collection requirements contained in this form were submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520). The public reporting burden is estimated at 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Section 644 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13604) imposed on HUD the obligation to require housing providers participating in HUD's assisted housing programs to provide any individual or family applying for occupancy in HUD-assisted housing with the option to include in the application for occupancy the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant information of a family member, friend, or person associated with a social, health, advocacy, or similar organization. The objective of providing such information is to facilitate contact by the housing provider with the person or organization identified by the tenant to assist in providing any delivery of services or special care to the tenant and assist with resolving any tenancy issues arising during the tenancy of such tenant. This supplemental application information is to be maintained by the housing provider and maintained as confidential information. Providing the information is basic to the operations of the HUD Assisted-Housing Program and is voluntary. It supports statutory requirements and program and management controls that prevent fraud, waste and mismanagement. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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