

Fairport Urban Renewal Agency
Emergency Transfer Plan for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual
Assault, or Stalking

Emergency Transfers

Fairport Urban Renewal (FURA) is concerned about the safety of its program participants, and such concern extends to participants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. In accordance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), FURA allows participants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to request an emergency transfer from the participant's current unit to another unit.

The ability to request a transfer is available regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation. The ability of FURA to honor such requests for participants currently receiving assistance, however, may depend upon a preliminary determination that the participant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and on whether another dwelling unit is available and safe for the participant to occupy.

This plan identifies participants who are eligible for an emergency transfer, the documentation needed to request an emergency transfer, confidentiality protections, how an emergency transfer may occur, and guidance to participants on safety and security.

Eligibility for Emergency Transfers

A program participant who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, as provided in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR part 5, subpart L is eligible for an emergency transfer, if: the participant reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the participant remains within the same unit. If the participant is a victim of sexual assault, the participant may also be eligible to move if the sexual assault occurred on the premises within the 90-calendar-day period preceding a request for an emergency transfer. Participants who are not in good standing may still request an emergency transfer if they meet the eligibility requirements in this section.

Emergency Transfer Request Documentation

To request an emergency transfer, the participant shall submit an Emergency Transfer Request Form as well as a written statement from the participant expressing that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the participant were to remain in the same dwelling unit assisted under FURA's program **or** a certification that the participant was a sexual assault victim and that the sexual assault occurred on the premises during the 90-calendar-day period preceding the participant's request for an emergency transfer.

FURA staff will provide the participant with a Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking form and a written request asking for documentation about the incident(s) if needed. FURA will provide reasonable accommodations to this policy for individuals with disabilities.

Emergency Transfer Timing and Availability

FURA cannot guarantee that a transfer request will be approved or how long it will take to process the transfer request. FURA will however, act as quickly as possible to assist a participant to move to a safe unit by issuing a moving voucher to a participant who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, subject to FURA's HCV moving policies.

If a participant is unable to locate a safe and available unit, FURA will refer the participant to other housing providers who may have safe and available units to which the participant could move. Options for portability will be discussed and processed quickly to ensure safety to the participant. At the participant's request, FURA will also assist participants in contacting the local organizations offering assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are attached to this plan.

Confidentiality

FURA will keep confidential any information that the participant submits in requesting an emergency transfer, and information about the emergency transfer, unless the participant gives FURA written permission to release the information on a time limited basis, or disclosure of the information is required by law or required for use in an eviction proceeding or hearing regarding termination of assistance from the covered program. This includes keeping confidential the new location of the dwelling unit of the participant, if one is provided, from the person(s) that committed an act(s) of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking against the participant. See the Notice of Occupancy Rights under the Violence Against Women Act For All Participants for more information about FURA's responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of information related to incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Safety and Security of Participants

Pending processing of the transfer and the actual transfer, if it is approved and occurs, the participant is urged to take all reasonable precautions to be safe.

Participants who are or have been victims of domestic violence are encouraged to contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233, or a local domestic violence shelter, for assistance in creating a safety plan. For persons with hearing impairments, that hotline can be accessed by calling 1-800-787-3224 (TTY).

Participants who have been victims of sexual assault may call the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network's National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800-656-HOPE, or visit the online hotline at <https://ohl.rainn.org/online/>.

Participants who are or have been victims of stalking may visit the National Center for Victims of Crime's Stalking Resource Center at <https://www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center>.

Attachment A
Local Domestic Violence Service Providers

For help regarding an abusive relationship, you may call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 or, for persons with hearing impairments, 1-800-787-3224 (TTY).

For tenants who are or have been victims of stalking seeking help may visit the National Center for Victims of Crime's Stalking Resource Center at <https://www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center>.

New York State 24-Hour Domestic & Sexual Violence Hotlines: English (800) 942-6906, Spanish (800) 942-6908

Willow Domestic Violence Center: 24-hr Hotline (585) 222-SAFE

Lifespan NY Elder Abuse Coalition: 1-866-454-5110

Alternatives for Battered Women: (585) 232-7353

Monroe County's Victim's Assistance: (585) 753-4389

Resolve of Greater Rochester: (585) 425 1580

RPD Victim Assistance: (585) 428-6630

Catholic Family Center: (585) 546-7220

The Legal Aid Society of Rochester, NY: (585) 232-4090

Safe Journey: (585) 425-1580