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**TO:** HOME Advisory Group

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**DATE:** November 13, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Occupancy Rights Under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Policy Update

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**Action Requested:** CDC staff recommend approval of the updated Notice of Occupancy Rights Under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Policy.

**Details:** The Community Development Commission (CDC) staff have amended a policy to comply with and address the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Despite the name of this law, VAWA protections are available equally to all individuals regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation, and does not discriminate based on any protected characteristic. VAWA does not replace any Federal, State, or local law that provides greater protection for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

As of the date of the last amendment to the policy HUD was developing further guidance and revising its VAWA forms to ensure compliance with VAWA 2022. HUD forms have been updated, and this policy amendment incorporates those updated forms. Additionally, the amended policy clarifies specific VAWA requirements under the two covered housing programs administered by the CDC, the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. Lastly, the amendment updates the County's Emergency Transfer Plan, based on the recently updated Form HUD-5381 Model Emergency Transfer Plan for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking.