

**Missouri Housing Development Commission
Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program
HOME Program
REVISION NOTICE #13-002**

Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013

On March 7, 2013, The Office on Violence Against Women reauthorized The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). This reauthorization improves and expands legal tools and grant programs addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. The effective date of grant-related changes is October 1, 2013.

Please note that specific to the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) and HOME programs, a key element of VAWA includes requiring public housing agencies (PHAs), assisted housing owners and managers to bifurcate leases of tenants residing in federally subsidized housing. This assists in evicting a tenant who engages in domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking without penalizing a victim of such criminal activity.

The VAWA 2013 reauthorization continues this lease policy, and now provides that if the person removed as a result of bifurcation was the sole eligible tenant, remaining tenants must have the opportunity to establish their eligibility for the program, or, if not eligible, be given a reasonable amount of time to find new housing.

Public housing agencies (PHAs), assisted housing owners and managers are required to attach the HUD-approved Lease Addendum, Form HUD-91067, which includes the VAWA provisions to each existing or new lease.

For the HUD-approved Lease Addendum, Form HUD-91067, please review the link below:

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=91067.doc>

LIHTC and HOME are only two of a list of covered programs. For a full listing of covered programs and the entire VAWA 2013 reauthorization, please review the link below:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-113publ4/pdf/PLAW-113publ4.pdf>