

Supporting Document

Housing Authority of the City of Calhoun

Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 4/1/2011 – 3/31/2012

Violence Against Women Act Report

A goal of the Housing Authority of the City of Calhoun is to fully comply with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). It is our objective to work with others to prevent offenses covered by VAWA to the degree we can.

The Housing Authority of the City of Calhoun provides or offers the following activities, services, or programs, either directly or in partnership with other service providers, to child or adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Through cooperation with the local domestic violence agency and City of Calhoun Police Department, any cases of violence as described are referred for assistance. The local domestic violence agency is Domestic Violence Outreach.

The Housing Authority of the City of Calhoun provides or offers the following activities, services, or programs that help child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, to obtain or maintain housing.

The Housing Authority has a local preference for victims of domestic violence. Domestic Violence Outreach program staff is aware of our housing program and makes client referrals to our office. Apparently eligible clients are placed on our waiting list.

For persons already living in a Housing Authority unit who become victims as described, these are referred to police and Domestic Violence Outreach program for assistance. If the management becomes aware of any violator who may be restricted through an order of protection, that person is prohibited from the premises and is considered a trespasser subject to arrest and removal. The Police Department is cooperative and supportive in cases such as this, and willingly responds and enforces the protective orders.

The Housing Authority of the City of Calhoun provides or offers the following activities, services, or programs to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, or to enhance victim safety in assisted families.

The same methods as described herein, making referrals to Domestic Violence Outreach for counseling and support services and attempting to enforce orders of protection with the cooperation of Police Department personnel, are used.

The Housing Authority of the City of Calhoun has the following procedure in place to assure applicants and residents are aware of their rights under the Violence Against Women Act:

All residents have been notified of their rights and responsibilities under the Violence Against Women Act.

The orientation for new residents includes information on their rights and responsibilities under the Violence Against Women Act.

The Admissions & Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) and the Public Housing Dwelling Lease have been revised to include screening and termination language related to the Violence Against Women Act