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This is the waitlist packet for our HUD subsidized Senior Housing.
In order to apply for the waitlist the Head of Household must be 62 years old or older.
If you ARE 62 years old or older please provide:
\square Copy of Birth Certificate for everyone 18 years old or older who will be residing in the unit.
Copy of HUD Form 92006 (Supplement to Application for Federally Assisted Housing)
Completed waitlist application
All items and a completed packet must be submitted at the same time to be considered for the waitlist.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF LANE COUNTY

PO BOX 240	308 Eugene, OR. 97402	PHONE 541-743-7134	FAX 541-687-035	1 Toll-Fro	ee 1-866-739	0867	TTY	711
		ASTER APARTM	ENTS WAITLIS	T APPLICAT	ION			
□ AST	STER APARTMENTS (1955 3 rd ST. Springfield)							
Instructions: The head of household is responsible to provide all information requested on this form for all household members, including minors. Anyone who is going to be living in the unit and are 17 years old or older must sign waitlist application.								
NAME		····		······································				
ADDRESS	S					·····		
CITY/STA	TE/ZIP			PHON	NE			·····
HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION List Head of Household and all other members who are living in the unit. Give the relationship of each family member to the Head of Household.								
MEMBER NO.	MEMBER'S	FULL NAME	RELATIONSHIP	BIRTH DATE	AGE SE	X		ECURITY IBER
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Does anyone currently live with you now who is not listed above? ☐ YES ☐ NO Please Explain:								
Do you expect a change in your household composition? ☐ YES ☐ NO Please Explain:								
Was anyone in the household 62 years or older as of 1/31/2010, who was NOT assigned a Social Security Number, receiving Section 8 assistance at another location on 1/31/2010? ☐ YES ☐ NO If yes, who?:								
Do you need or require a handicapped accessible unit?								
What accessibility do you require?								
Has any member of your household been evicted from federally assisted housing the last three (3) years? ☐ YES ☐ NO								
Are there any members of the household subject to life time sex offender registration in any State?? ☐ YES ☐ NO								
If "YES"	which States?							

Are you now living in a s	ubsidized housi	ng unit?	□ Y	YES D N	10			
Name of Complex:								
Address:					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Landlord's Phone #:								
Have you EVER lived or	CURRENTLY II	ive at St. Vincent de l	Paul I	Housing?		Yes No		
If yes, where (property n	ame and unit) a	nd when (year)?						
List Head of Household:								
STUDENT STATUS ☐ YES ☐ NO Someon		ehold is a full or part-t						
☐ YES ☐ NO Someon the next 12 months.								
Household Income List below ALL househ not limited to: * Child Support * Workman's C	old members v	who are currently real *Social Security	ceive * Annui	e income. <u>Inc</u>	ome tance	e includes, but is		
* TANF		* Financial Aid * Unemployment Benefits	* Alimo * Comn			ability Payments ettlement Payments		
Name of Family Me	ember	Source of Income				Gross ANNUAL Amount		
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Assets List ALL household member Assets include, but are not I *Checking *Savir *Money Market Accounts *401K	imited to: gs*Real Estate	*Stocks/Bonds *	<i>assets</i> *Annuit *IRA	ty *Trust I		s *Cash of Deposits		
Name of Family	Bank/Fin	ancial Institution	Т	ype of Accou	nt	Approx. Account Balance		
		2						
How did you hear about u	us? ⊐ Senior Boomer	r □ Flyer □ Frienc	1 🗆	Drive-By	Othe	er:		

TENANT CERTIFICATION

I/We certify that to continue to receive assistance, the unit I/we occupy will be my/our primary residence. I/We understand that the above information is being collected to determine my/our eligibility. I/We authorize the owner/manager/PHA to verify all information provided on this application and to contact previous or current landlords or other sources of credit and verification information which may be released to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies. I/We certify that the statements made in this application are true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. I/We understand that false statements or information are punishable under Federal Law.

Signature of Head of Household	Date
Signature of Other Household Member	Date
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Signature of Other Household Member	Date
Owner/Manager/PHA Representative	Date
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OFFICE USE ONL	Y
Received Date/Time:	(Initial's)
Annual Income: Annual Incor	ne Limit:
Full Time Student Household?: YES NO If yes, do the	ney meet an exception?
Application Status: Approved I	Denied Application #:
Approved 1	Periled Application #:
Date letter was mailed:	By: (Initial's)
The person named below has been designated to coordinate compliance with the Department of Housing and Urban Development's regulations implementing Sei	ne nondiscrimination requirements contained in the ction 504 (24 CFR Part 8 dated June 2, 1988).
	541-743-7134 711
St. Vincent de Paul does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, origin or marital status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employ	color, religion, sex, disability status, familial status, national
	mont in, no toastany assistant programs and activities.

PENALTIES FOR MISUSING THIS FORM:

Title 18, Section 1001 of the U.S. Code states that a person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly making false or fraudulent statements to any department of the United States Government. HUD and any owner (or any employee of HUD or the owner) may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of information collected based on this form. Use of the information collected based on this verification form is restricted to the purposes cited above. Any person who knowingly or willingly requests, obtains, or discloses any information under false pretenses concerning an applicant or participant may be subject to a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000. Any applicant or participant affected by negligent disclosure of information may bring civil action for damages and seek other relief, as may be appropriate, against the officer or employee of HUD or the owner responsible for the unauthorized disclosure or improper use. Penalty provisions for misusing the social security number are contained in the Social Security Act at 42 USC 208(f) (g) and (h). Violations of these provisions are cited as violations of 42 USC 408 (f) (g) and (h).





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:	AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPER					
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				
Commitment of Housing Authority or Owner: If you are approved for housing, this information will be kept as part of your tenant file. If issues arise during your tenancy or if you require any services or special care, we may contact the person or organization you listed to assist in resolving the issues or in providing any services or special care to you.						
Confidentiality Statement: The information provided on this for applicant or applicable law.	orm is confidential and will not be disc	losed to anyone except as permitted by the				
Legal Notification: Section 644 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-550, approved October 28, 1992) requires each applicant for federally assisted housing to be offered the option of providing information regarding an additional contact person or organization. By accepting the applicant's application, the housing provider agrees to comply with the non-discrimination and equal opportunity requirements of 24 CFR section 5.105, including the prohibitions on discrimination in admission to or participation in federally assisted housing programs on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, and familial status under the Fair Housing Act, and the prohibition on age discrimination under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.						
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 resolving any tenancy issues arising during 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.



St. Vincent de Paul Property Management houses elderly and disabled families without regard to race, color, religion, disability, familial status, national origin or gender. We do not discriminate on the basis of disability status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs and activities.

This project is both a Section 8 Project and a Low-income Housing Project. As such applicants and tenants must meet the following requirements to be eligible for occupancy and housing assistance. Low-income subsidies are provided by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

The guidelines stated below are to determine who can be admitted to reside at the projects. Final approval will be subject to review of all verified material.

General Eligibility Requirements:

- > The head of household, co-head or spouse must be at least sixty-two (62) years of age.
- All household members, age six and older, must disclose and document Social Security numbers. Those who have not been assigned a Social Security number must sign a certification stating that no SSN has been assigned. Documentation of the SSN must be provided once an SSN has been assigned.
- SSN Disclosure & Verification Requirements: Each assistance applicant must submit the complete and accurate SSN assigned to the assistance applicant and to each member of the assistance applicant's household, as well as documentation (below) to verify each such SSN.
 - > A valid SSN card issued by the Social Security Administration;
 - An original document issued by a federal or state government agency, which contains the name of the individual and the SSN of the individual, along with other identifying information of the individual; or
 - Such other evidence of the SSN as HUD may prescribe in administrative instructions.

Income Requirements:

A resident must meet income guidelines for the county in which the facility is located as set forth by HUD. Income limits are updated by HUD annually. Income of all types must be disclosed and verifiable.

> Households must be at or below HUD and LIHTC VLI income limits.

Procedures for Accepting Applications and Selecting From the Waiting List:

An applicant must submit a completed Application for Admission and Rental Assistance. We maintain a waiting list for each of our properties. You can express your preference for one or more properties on your application. Once received, an application will be evaluated; any application meeting the requirements as stated in the "General Eligibility Requirements", "Income Requirements" and "Applicant Screening Criteria" sections will be placed on the wait list. Any application not meeting these requirements will be rejected and not placed on the wait list. In the event that an applicant is rejected, the applicant will receive written notification. We do accept reasonable accommodations. The applicant shall have fourteen (14) days from the date of the letter to respond in writing to request a meeting to discuss the rejection. Responses may be directed to St. Vincent de Paul Attn: Denial Dept. PO Box 24608, Eugene, OR 97402.

One's place on the waiting list is determined by the date on which all application materials are received at the office; however, acceptance to the waiting list does not automatically guarantee eligibility for an apartment. Further screening as described in the applicant screening criteria section will be completed at the time an apartment is offered. Apartments are rented to eligible persons in the order of receipt.

Wait List Procedures:

The offer of an apartment will be made by telephone and by letter. A person offered an apartment has five (5) days from the date of mailing, to notify the office of their intention to accept or reject the offered apartment. An intake appointment must be set up within 7 days of contact from the applicant stating they would like to apply for the unit.

Any deviation from this time frame must be approved in writing by the Property.

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An applicant will be removed from the waiting list if mail is returned due to incorrect mailing information or if a number is disconnected or incorrect.

Any eligible person who refuses an apartment due to medically necessary reasons will not lose his or her place on the waiting list. Otherwise, any applicant who is offered a unit and refuses will be removed from the waiting list. The individual may reapply at any time. However, their position on the waiting list will be determined by the date their most recent application is submitted.

We purge our waitlists annually via mail.

If at any time there are changes to the Tenant Selection Plan all applicants on wait list will receive a copy of the updated TSP.

Intake Appointment:

- 1. All household members that are 17 years old or older present at intake appointment.
- 2. Current State issued photo ID/Passport/DD-214/State issued Birth Certificate for all household members.
- 3. Social security number* or TIN* for all household members 6 years old or older.
- 4. Proof of income (Social security award letter (The current year for SS and SSD. For SSI award letter dated within the last 120 days of appointment), 4 most recent consecutive paystubs, TANF award letter, Financial Aid award letter, etc.)
- 5. Bank Statements (6 most recent consecutive months for Checking accounts. Current statement for Savings)
- 6. Balance receipts for any loadable cards (EBT, Direct Express, Relia Cards, etc.)
- 7. Child support and or alimony case number
- 8. Unemployment print out of claim status and payment history
- 9. Retirement account statements (401K, 403B, IRA, etc)
- 10. Whole life insurance value statement
- 11.2 recent rental references (address and landlord contact information)
- 12.2 letters of recommendation

* If an applicant does not have a Social Security Number or TIN, they may be able to provide alternate documents.

Applicant Screening Criteria (No applicant screening fee):

Landlord References:

- Acceptable screening will include two positive landlord references. If landlord reference is unavailable, two positive personal references or one of each. A positive landlord reference would include verification that rent was paid and in a timely manner, compliance with facility policies, compliance with lease requirements, property left in an acceptable condition with any back balances paid in full.
- > An applicant who has had one or more evictions within the past three years may be denied.
- > If an applicant has one or more negative references, an applicant may 1) demonstrate successful completion of a renter education class; 2) provide a satisfactory reference from one or more social service agencies which may include a commitment to case manage the applicant.

Credit History:

Acceptable credit history will show no outstanding balance due for rent or damages to a property management company or a previous landlord.

Criminal Screening:

Criminal screening that does not reveal:

- > Felony or misdemeanor history related to any household member's eviction from federally-assisted housing for drug-related activity in the past three (3) years;
- > Any household member currently engaging in illegal drug use, or for which the owner has reasonable cause to believe that a member's illegal use or pattern of illegal use of a drug may interfere with the health, safety, and right to peaceful enjoyment of the property by other residents.
- > Any household member being subject to a lifetime sex offender registration program;
- Any household member is currently engaging in or has engaged in violent criminal activity or other criminal activity that would threaten the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents, or of the site's employees, contractors, or agents.
- > Felony or misdemeanor history in the past three (3) years relating to other criminal activity that threatens the health, safety, and right to peaceful enjoyment of the property by other residents or the health and safety of the owner, employees, contractors, subcontractors, or agents of the owner.
- > Any household member having an open criminal case.

In considering whether a given conviction should constitute grounds for denial of the application, management will consider the following to determine whether the person can reasonably be expected to refrain from future criminal conduct:

- > The grade of the offense.
- > Length of time since commission of the offense.
- > Other convictions.
- > Evidence of continuing dangerous behavior, current restraining orders.
- > Reports from probation or parole officers regarding potential risk of the individual.
- > Reports of social service agencies supporting the applicant.

Additional Screening Criteria:

- > A resident must conduct himself/herself in a manner which does not threaten the health and safety of self and other residents, staff or the facility.
- > A resident must be able to live according to and abide by the terms of their lease agreement.
- > As part of the screening process, management will utilize the EIV Existing Tenant Search. This will allow us to determine whether or not the applicant or applicant's household members are currently receiving HUD/PIH housing assistance.
- Applicants shall not interfere with management. If an applicant interferes with management they will be denied, and St. Vincent de Paul may refuse to rent to them completely. For purposes of this section interference with management includes but is not limited to threatening in any form, verbal harassment (eg. screaming, yelling, swearing, or using profane or offensive words), written harassment or telephonic harassment (eg. cyberbullying, sending mail, emails, or phone calls with profane or offensive words, repeat calling, or posting untrue statements on-line or on-site), and physical harassment (ex. assaulting, battering, intimidating, threatening physical harm, or preventing work to be performed) of the Property Management/Agent, including any employees or agents thereof.

If any of the above information provided is inadequate, or we do not receive a response, the application process will proceed no further.

Approved

- We will not advise applicants/tenant of when to give a 30 day notice to vacate to their landlord.
- 2. Once an applicant is approved they will be notified by phone unless another form of contact has been requested during the application.
- 3. If the unit is ready to rent the applicant will have to schedule an appointment for lease and pay move in costs within 3 business days. If they are unable to do so within the 3 business days we will offer the unit to the next approved applicant.
- 4. If the unit is not ready at the time of approval the applicant will be contacted once the unit is ready to rent. The applicant will have to schedule an appointment for lease and pay move in costs within 3 business days. If they are unable to do so within the 3 business days we will offer the unit to the next approved applicant.
- 5. If an applicant is approved, yet refuses/denies to rent the unit offered to them for any reason, they will continue to be approved but not guarantee that there will be another unit available before the application expires. (paperwork is only good for 120 days) If the paperwork expires past the 120 day period and previously a unit had been offered but they chose not to rent it, the application will be denied and removed from the waitlist.
- 6. If an applicant is offered a second unit and refuses the second unit offered to them the application will be denied and removed from the waitlist.
- 7. If the paperwork expires past the 120 day period and no unit had been previously offered the application will be denied they will remain on the waitlist in their original place and no pass will be issued.

Procedures for rejecting ineligible applicants:

Once the applicant screening criteria has been completed and all materials have been evaluated, any application not meeting the above requirements will be rejected. In the event that an applicant is rejected, the applicant will receive written notification. The applicant shall have fourteen (14) days from the date of the letter to respond in writing to

request a meeting to discuss the rejection. We do accept reasonable accommodations. Responses may be directed to:

St. Vincent de Paul Attention: Application Denials P.O. Box 24608 Eugene, OR 97402 Ph: 1-541-743-7134

OR

Toll Free: 1-866-739-0867 ext.134

TTY/TTD 711

Occupancy Standards:

Residents will be required to meet the following State and HUD standards for occupancy (information must be verified):

OCCUPANCY STANDARDS FEDERALLY SUBSIDIZED PROGRAMS (SECTION 8) Household Members Min. Max.

1 bedroom

3

Household members include:

- > All full-time members of the household
- > Children temporarily absent due to placement in a foster home;
- ➤ Children in joint custody arrangements who are present in the household 50% or more of the time;
- Children who are away at school but who live with the family during school recesses;
- > Unborn children of pregnant women.
- > Children who are in the process of being adopted.
- > Temporarily absent family members who are still considered family members.
- > Family members in the hospital or rehabilitation facility for periods of limited or fixed duration.
- > Persons permanently confined to a hospital or nursing home.

Household members excluded:

- > Foster children
- ➤ Live-in aide
- ➤ Guests

Moving into a unit where occupancy requirements are not met:

Please be advised Management can move a one person family into a 2-BR, please ensure that no qualified resident is currently on the waiting or transfer list for 2-BR unit. The agreement between ownership and new move-in it's made clear to the new move-in that he or she must surrender the apartment unit when someone qualified to use an ADA compliant and/or the appropriate size unit becomes available for that new move-in to transfer into. The new move-in must be placed on transfer list for a smaller unit.

Unit Transfer Policies:

Residents may request a transfer between apartments for the following reasons:

- > There has been a change in the household composition.
- > For medically necessary reasons when accompanied by a note from the Tenant's physician.
- > For a Reasonable Accommodation to a household member's disability or an extenuating circumstance.

Transfer requests will be placed on an in-house waiting list, in the order of the date they are received. In-house transfers have priority in regard to apartment availability. When a unit becomes available and a tenant on the in-house waiting list requires that type/size of unit, that tenant will be transferred. If no tenant on the in-house waiting list requires the type/size unit that is available, the unit will be offered to applicants on the general waiting list according to our wait list procedures. Those with an approved Reasonable Accommodation may be moved to the top of the waiting list.

If a transfer request is granted based on a Reasonable Accommodation, St. Vincent de Paul Property Management will pay the costs associated with the transfer unless doing so would be an undue financial and administrative burden.

Policies to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988:

Section 504 prohibits discrimination based upon disability in all programs or activities operated by recipients of federal financial assistance.

A Reasonable Accommodation as defined by the Fair Housing Act is any accommodation by management in rules, policies (including acceptance of assistance animals as an exception to a "no pets" rule), and practices of services to give a person with a disability an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling unit or common space. It is your responsibility to inform management of any situation where a Reasonable Accommodation is needed. Reasonable Accommodations should be submitted in writing. If unable to provide the request in writing, please notify management. Reasonable structural modifications to units and/or common areas that are needed by applicants and tenants with disabilities may be approved and funded by the project, unless these modifications would change the fundamental nature of the project or result in undue financial and administrative burdens. Fair Housing Act Amendment of 1988 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability or familial status. We do not discriminate on the basis of disability status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs and activities.

Policy for opening and closing the waiting list for the property:

It is not our policy to close the waiting list for our properties. We will evaluate the lists annually and if the lists become excessive, we will consider closing them.

Security Deposit Requirements:

HUD requires collection of a security deposit at the time of the initial lease execution. The amount of the required deposit is equal to the Total Tenant Payment, line 108 from the HUD 50059 form. SVDP requires prorated rent and security deposit be paid at the time of the initial lease execution.

Existing Tenant Search:

According to HUD's requirements, St. Vincent de Paul will perform an Existing Tenant Search on all household members once they have completed an application packet and have signed the HUD-9887. This search is available through EIV (Enterprise Income Verification). This search identifies applicants who may be receiving assistance at another Multifamily or PIH location.

- > If an applicant is reported as receiving assistance at another property or through another program property management will
- > Discuss the report with the applicants and will give the applicant the opportunity to explain any circumstances relative to his/her being assisted at another location.
- > Follow up with the respective Public Housing Authority or Owner/Agent to confirm the individual's program participation status before admission.
- > Coordinate move-out and move-in dates with the PHA or O/A of the property at the other location.
- > Retain the search results with the application along with any documentation obtained as a result of contacts with the applicant and the PHA and/or O/A at the other location.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the preceding Tenant Screening Criteria. I understand and agree to the conditions and procedures set out in the proceeding screening information provided.

Applicant Signature	Date	
Applicant Signature	Date	***************************************
Property Management Agent Signature	Date	



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

FACTSHEETS

Protecting Persons from Housing Discrimination Based on Actual or Perceived Shared Ancestry or Ethnic Characteristics

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) enforces Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, et seq., and its implementing regulations, 6 C.F.R. Part 21 (collectively, Title VI), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department. This fact sheet describes ways in which this protection covers persons who are or are perceived to be Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Sikh, Hindu, Buddhist, or of another religious group.

Title VI's Prohibition of Discrimination:

- 1. Title VI's protection from race, color, or national origin discrimination extends to persons who experience discrimination, including harassment, based on their actual or perceived: (i) shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics; or (ii) citizenship or residency in a country with a dominant religion or distinct religious identity.
- **2.** Title VI prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin against persons of any religion, such as persons who are Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Sikh, Hindu, or Buddhist, when the discrimination, for example, involves:
 - · racial, ethnic, or ancestral slurs or stereotypes;
 - physical appearance, including skin color, physical features, or style of dress reflecting both ethnic and religious traditions; and
 - a foreign accent; a foreign name, including names commonly associated with particular shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics; or speaking a foreign language.
- 3. Any person who feels that they are a victim of discrimination based on their actual or perceived shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics, or citizenship/residency in a country with a dominant religion or distinct religious identity in a program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance from HUD, may file a complaint with HUD under Title VI. HUD will also consider the applicability of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq., also known as the Fair Housing Act (which explicitly prohibits discrimination on the basis of religion related to housing) and other civil rights laws and regulations when evaluating any complaint.¹

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Examples of the kinds of incidents that could, depending upon facts and circumstances, raise Title VI concerns include:

- Telling tenant applicants or prospective homebuyers that they will not like a neighborhood because there is no religious community nearby for people with similar names, appearances, accents, races, or ethnicities.
- Harassing tenants by using racial, ethnic, or ancestral slurs or stereotypes.
- Refusing to rent to persons because their name, dress, or other characteristics are associated with a certain ethnicity or ancestry.

What can a person do if they experience discrimination based on shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics?

Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against in a HUD-assisted program or activity based on their race, color, or national origin (including shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics, and citizenship or residency in a country with a dominant religion or distinct religious identity) can file a complaint with FHEO. Individuals may send complaints to one of **FHEO's regional offices** or to HUD's **Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.** You may also file a complaint with FHEO by calling 1–800–669–9777. When you call, if you do not speak or understand English proficiently, an interpreter who speaks your language will be placed on the call. You can file a complaint with FHEO whether or not you are a U.S. citizen. HUD provides a toll-free teletypewriter (TTY) line: 1–800–877–8339. You may also ask for disability-related assistance when you contact FHEO, including reasonable accommodations and auxiliary aids and services for effective communication on matters related to your complaint.

¹ Several legal authorities explicitly prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of religion. These include:

- The Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 3601-19

 Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act), as amended, prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions, because of race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), familial status, national origin, and disability. It also requires that all federal programs relating to housing and urban development be administered in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing.
- Section 109 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. § 5309

 Section 109 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), and religion in any program or activity funded in whole or in part under Title I of the Community Development Act of 1974, which includes Community Development Block Grants.