SAMPLE

OPTIONAL TEMPORARY RELOCATION ASSISTANCE POLICY

**VOLUNTARY OWNER OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING**

**REHABILITATION AND LEAD-BASED PAINT MITIGATION/ABATEMENT**

WHEREAS, the , herein referred to as the Agency, has allocated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the purpose of carrying out a homeowner occupant rehabilitation project within the Agency's jurisdiction in compliance with eligible activity requirements of the CDBG Program rules and regulations.

WHEREAS, CDBG funds may be used for optional temporary relocation payments and assistance to persons who are temporarily relocated by an activity that is not subject to the displaced person requirements found at 24 CFR Part 570.606.

WHEREAS, the Agency deems it in the best interest of resident homeowner-occupants to develop a written Optional Relocation Assistance Policy (Policy) to provide limited moving assistance for owner occupants who must move for temporary periods of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that the assistance and guidelines for moving assistance for resident occupants be established as follows:

The Agency, under this Policy, provides certain moving assistance that makes available financial aid to resident owner-occupants who voluntarily apply for consideration for assistance under the Agency’s Voluntary Homeowner CDBG Rehabilitation Program.

Eligibility for temporary relocation assistance is to be determined by the Agency on a case-by-case basis. In general, the Agency will consider a request by staff involved with lead analysis, the Homeowner, and/or the General Contractor.

The Agency determines that the temporary relocation will exceed a one-night period and will involve the removal and storage of furniture. [A temporary move that only requires the homeowner/family to vacate the housing unit for a one-night period and does not require the removal and storage of furniture is not eligible for temporary move assistance under this Policy.]

This Policy is a voluntary program and is made available to all eligible owner occupants that agree to the conditions outlined below. A resident must agree to sign the OPTIONAL TEMPORARY RELOCATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION form, that says the resident understands and accepts the local government’s conditions and benefits.

In general, a homeowner/family who currently occupies their housing unit and is determined to be eligible to receive assistance under this Policy may request a moving assistance payment under the following terms and conditions:

1. The Agency determines that occupancy of the unit during construction rehabilitation may expose the homeowner/family to a threat to their health and safety.
2. The Agency determines that it is in the best interest of the homeowner and his/her family to vacate the housing unit for a certain period of time to remove this threat.
3. The Agency has determined that the temporary relocation will exceed a one-night period and will require the removal and storage of furniture.

This Policy provides moving assistance as follows:

The temporarily displaced household will be responsible for the physical move. The Agency will provide moving and storage assistance under this voluntary agreement. The homeowner will be given the option of receiving a lump sum amount of $\_\_\_\*\_\_\_ for moving and storage assistance defined as those costs directly related to the packing, crating, storage, and insurance cost required to move a household out of the housing to be rehabilitated and back into the house upon the completion of the rehabilitation work and the successful completion of a lead-based paint clearance exam (if required).

\*Note: The level of assistance provided may not exceed the levels indicated for the average number of furnished rooms referenced in the Residential Moving Expense and Dislocation Allowance Payment Schedule for South Carolina.

The Agency is willing to take any other action that it determines is reasonable to assist each family and/or individual with their temporary move.

The activities outlined in this Policy, which is funded in whole or in part with funds received through the CDBG Program funded by the South Carolina Department of Commerce and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), are still subject to all applicable Federal laws, regulations and rules for CDBG funded projects. Furthermore, any recipient of CDBG funds is entitled to all rights and protections afforded by the Federal laws applicable to such HUD funded projects.

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