

## Components -Documentation

### Documentation of Survivor Status

If an applicant or tenant requests protection under VAWA, the CoC or ESG recipient/sub recipient may:

- ☐ choose to provide the requested protection based solely on the request,
- ☐ ask the applicant or tenant to provide supporting documentation – self-certification form
- ☐ if inconsistency - a CoC request for supporting documentation – the request must be in writing
- ☐ at least 14 business days must be given for the response

**There must be a consistent, written policy for whether or not documentation is requested**

### Evidence of Survivor Status

**Applicant/tenant** may choose to submit any of the verifications listed below

- ☐ HUD-5382: Victim Self-certification Form–completed by the applicant/tenant

Must be accepted without third party documentation unless limited circumstances exists

- ☐ a professional's statement
- ☐ record from a court or law enforcement agency
- ☐ other statements or evidence, identified by the housing provider
- ☐ CoC / housing provider may not require that a specific verification is used
- ☐ Landlords cannot refuse to house persons who are verified as a survivor simply based on the survivor status

**When can additional documentation be required?**

### **Documentation of Survivor Status**

- Third Party Documentation **may only be required in limited circumstances:**
- More than one applicant or participant in the household provides documentation on survivor status and the documentation conflicts.
- Submitted documentation conflicts with existing information already available in the client or public record.