

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

PURPOSE:

The Housing Authority of Lancaster may use the authorization and the information obtained with it to administer and enforce program rules and policies.

AUTHORIZATION:

I authorize the release of any information (including documentation and other materials) pertinent to eligibility for or participation under any of the following programs:

*Low-Income Public Housing
Section 8 Housing Assistance Programs*

*Section 23 Housing Assistance Program and 10(c) Leased Housing
Section 202*

I authorize the Housing Authority of Lancaster to obtain information about me or any family that is pertinent to eligibility for or participation in assisted housing programs. I understand that his authorization cannot be used to obtain any information about me that is not pertinent to my eligibility for continued participation in a housing assistance program.

I authorize the Housing Authority of Lancaster to obtain information on wages or unemployment compensation from State Employment Security Agencies.

INQUIRIES COVERED: Inquiries may be made about:

*Child Care Expenses/Child Support
State Sexual Offender Registries
Employment, Income, Pensions, Assets
Federal, State, Tribal, or Local Benefits
Savings and/or Checking Accounts*

*Criminal/Drug Activity
Disability Payments/Benefits
Family Composition
Residences and Rental History (Landlord- Past and Present)
Social Security Numbers*

*Credit History
Medical Expenses*

CONDITIONS:

I agree that Photocopies or facsimile of this Authorization may be used for the purposes stated herein. If I do not sign this authorization, I also understand that my housing assistance may be denied or terminated.

INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAY RELEASE INFORMATION:

Any individual or organization including any government organization may be asked to release information. For example, information may be requested from:

*Banks and Other Financial Institutions
Credit Bureaus
Providers of:*

*Courts and/or Law Enforcement Agencies (SC & National)
Employers or Landlords (Past and Present)*

*Alimony or Allotment Pension
Welfare and Employment Security Agencies
Internal Revenue Service
Disability Assistance Payment Benefits
Federal, State, or Local Agencies*

*Pensions/Annuities/Retirement
Schools and Colleges
State Sexual Offenders Registries
U.S. Social Security Administration
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*

*Medical Care
Child Care
Credit Records
Utility Companies*

COMPUTER MATCHING NOTICE AND CONSENT:

I agree that the Housing Authority and/or HUD may conduct computer-matching programs with other governmental agencies including Federal, State, Tribal or local agencies. The match will be used to verify information supplied by the family. The governmental agencies include but are not limited to those listed above and those listed below:

*U.S. Postal Service
U. S. Office of Personnel Management
U. S. Social Security Administration*

*U. S. Department of Defense
State Employment Security and Welfare and/or Food Stam Agencies
South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)*

Signature of Head of Household

Printed Name of Head of Household

_____/_____/_____
Date

Signature of Other Adult

Printed Name of Other Adult

_____/_____/_____
Date

Signature of Other Adult

Printed Name of Other Adult

_____/_____/_____
Date

“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 statement 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 use of information collected based on this verification from is restricted to the purposes cited above. Any person, who knowingly and 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.