

Notification to Public – Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

The Scott County CDA adopts the following policy to help ensure that all actual and potential beneficiaries of its HCV program are aware of their rights under VAWA.

Scott County CDA's Policy

The following information regarding VAWA will be posted in its offices and on its Web site (www.scottcda.org). It will also make the information readily available to anyone who requests it.

A summary of the rights and protections provided by VAWA to housing choice voucher program applicants and participants who are or have been victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking (see sample notices in Exhibits [16-1](#) and [16-2](#))

The definitions of *domestic violence*, *dating violence*, and *stalking* provided in VAWA (included in Exhibits [16-1](#) and [16-2](#))

An explanation of the documentation that the Scott County CDA may require from an individual who claims the protections provided by VAWA (included in Exhibits [16-1](#) and [16-2](#))

A copy of form [HUD-50066](#), Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking

A statement of the CDA's obligation to keep confidential any information that it receives from a victim unless (a) the CDA has the victim's written permission to release the information, (b) it needs to use the information in an eviction proceeding, or (c) it is compelled by law to release the information (included in Exhibits [16-1](#) and [16-2](#))

The National Domestic Violence Hot Line: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY) (included in Exhibits [16-1](#) and [16-2](#))

Contact information for local victim advocacy groups or service providers:

Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women:

<http://www.southernvalleyalliance.org/>

551 E. Park St.
Belle Plaine, MN 56011
P.O. Box 166
Phone: **952-873-4214 (24 hour crisis line)**
Fax: 952-873-4673