



PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF NORTH MIAMI

**PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF PURCHASE ASSISTANCE FOR
THE TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE (TBRA) FROM THE HOME INVESTMENT
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME)**

The City of North Miami is an entitlement recipient of Federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Programs.

The City assisted Ms. Stephanie Hendrickson, an income eligible applicant, who was an employee of the City with TBRA-HOME program funds towards the 1st and last month's rent. At the time, Ms. Stephanie Hendrickson was working in the capacity of Accounts Clerk in the Utility Billing Division. The Federal Government's Code of Federal Regulations, 24 CFR Section 92.356 (c) states that:

"(c) Persons Covered. The conflict of interest provisions of paragraph (b) of this section apply to any person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected official or appointed official of the participating jurisdiction, State recipient, or sub-recipients which are receiving HOME funds."

Exception

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) may grant an exception to these provisions and allow Ms. Hendrickson to receive funds towards the first and last month's rent, providing the City publicly discloses the nature of the potential conflict and an opinion from the City Attorney that the interest for which we are seeking the exception is not in violation of State or Local law.

The potential conflict in this case arises from the fact that Ms. Hendrickson is an employee of the City of North Miami, and the City is a recipient of HOME funding.

Jennifer Lynn Warren, serving as Assistant City Attorney, reviewed all documentation for this application and issued a legal opinion regarding the potential conflict of interest. In her opinion Ms. Hendrickson application does not violate State or local law or any City administrative policies.

Public Comment

Residents are encouraged to review the complete opinion and provide written comments. Copies of the opinion are available for review at the Community Planning & Development Department, located at 12400 N.E. 8th Avenue, North Miami, Florida 33161 during regular business hours, Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the 10-day period to commence on January 26, 2012, and will end on February 5, 2012. Comments may be submitted to the Community Planning & Development Department by mail, in person, or by e-mail to benjamin@northmiamifl.gov during comment period. If you have any questions regarding this notice please feel free to contact the Community Planning & Development Department at (305) 893-9825.

City of North Miami
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