

FRAUD AND MISINFORMATION WARNING

Recently, the Mississippi Development Authority was informed that certain developers, real estate brokers, real estate agents and other parties have been engaged in a pattern and practice of misinformation regarding the Small Rental Assistance Program. The Mississippi Development Authority therefore issues the following warning to all Applicants who wish to participate in the Small Rental Assistance Program:

THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF AUTHORIZED INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE SMALL RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. APPLICANTS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT MULTIPLE WEBSITES, ONLINE VIDEOS AND OTHER MATERIALS HAVE BEEN DISSEMINATED WHICH CONTAIN ERRORS AND MISREPRESENTATIONS REGARDING THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

PLEASE REFER TO THE OFFICIAL MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WEBSITE, LOCATED AT <http://www.mississippi.org>, FOR ALL UP TO DATE INFORMATION REGARDING THE SMALL RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. INFORMATION REGARDING ROUND 2 OF THE PROGRAM WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON FOR YOU TO REVIEW.

WE ADVISE ALL APPLICANTS TO INDEPENDENTLY REVIEW ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS RATHER THAN RELYING UPON WEBSITES, ONLINE VIDEOS OR OTHER MARKETING MATERIALS PREPARED BY UNAUTHORIZED THIRD PARTIES.

PLEASE ALSO BE AWARE THAT **NO APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO** hire any third party representative to prepare an application and or **TO PAY A FEE** OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF MONETARY PAYMENT TO ANY third PARTY IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM.

As a part of the second round of the Small Rental Assistance Program, each Applicant will be required to undergo an individual counseling session with an MDA representative before processing begins. MDA encourages all Applicants to ask questions regarding program requirements during this counseling session.



Equal Housing Opportunity

We Do Business in Accordance With the Fair Housing Act

(The Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended by the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988)

IT IS ILLEGAL TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY PERSON BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, DISABILITY, FAMILIAL STATUS (HAVING ONE OR MORE CHILDREN), OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

Anyone who feels he or she has been discriminated against should send a complaint to:
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development,
Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Washington, DC 20410