**SAMPLE LEASE ADDENDUM
CHANGES TO EXISTING LEASE TERMS**

This is an addendum to the original rental lease agreement (Lease) signed on **XX/XX/XXXX** between **(Program Participant)** (Tenant / Program Participant) and **(Landlord / Owner / Property Manager)** (Landlord) for the premises located at **(Full Unit Address)** (Unit).

The lease for the above referenced unit is being amended to include the provisions of the Violence Against Women and Justice Department Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA) and the provisions of the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. In case of any conflict between the provisions of this Addendum and other sections of the Lease, the provisions of this Addendum shall prevail.

The effective date of this Addendum is **XX/XX/XXXX**. This Addendum shall continue to be in effect until the Lease is terminated.

**CoC Program Interim Rule Requirements**

* Initial term of the Lease must be for one year – starting on XX/XX/XXXX and ending on XX/XX/XXXX
* The Lease effective on XX/XX/XXXX will automatically renew to month-to-month
* The Lease can only be terminated for cause

**VAWA Requirements**

* The Landlord will comply with 24 CFR part 5, subpart L
* Per 24 CFR 5.2005(b) & (c):
	+ The tenant cannot be evicted from housing due to their status as a survivor of domestic violence or due to criminal activity directly related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking acts threatened or committed against them in the home; and
	+ An incident of threatened or actual domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking against the tenant cannot be grounds for claiming the tenant has engaged in a “repeated and serious violation of a lease” or as good cause for terminating their tenancy.

Except for the above changes, all other terms of your rental lease agreement shall remain in full force and effect. By signing below, the undersigned agree and acknowledge the changes outlined above.

Tenant / Program Participant Name Signature Date

Owner / Property Manager Name Signature Date