



NY Rising Housing Program

Relocation Policy for Uniform Relocation Act

Tenant Fact Sheet

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NY Rising Housing Program (applies to all Programs)

If your landlord is a participant in the New York Rising Rental Properties Program (“NY Rising” or the “Program”) and you are required to temporarily move due to repairs or elevation of the home, then you may have certain rights under the terms of the Uniform Relocation Act (“URA”). URA is a Federal law that requires this Program to take steps to minimize any displacement of residential tenants. URA provides certain rights and benefits for qualified rental tenants facing temporary or permanent relocation as a result of federally funded rehabilitation work. As a part of those rights, you may be eligible to receive assistance with all reasonable costs of temporary relocation. These costs may include:

- moving expenses
- assistance locating and making deposits for temporary housing that is decent, safe and sanitary
- payments towards the difference in the rent utilities between the temporary housing and their current rent

The Program informed your landlord of your rights under URA in a General Information Notice (GIN) also available for you to review at www.stormrecovery.ny.gov. Your landlord will be asked to provide and certify information regarding all tenants that have resided in their unit (s) at any time since they made an application to the Program. In addition, they will be asked to provide a copy of your lease and utility information.

The Program’s policy of non-displacement means that the Program will provide funding for your temporary location. To comply with this policy and the URA requirement outlined by the Program, your protection includes but is not limited to:

- Notice of at least 30 days before you must temporarily relocated for the property;
- An opportunity to return to your home within one year;
- The right to remain in your home prior to the start of construction work and certain protections from unreasonable eviction;
- The opportunity to return home at the same rental rate for at least a one-year term after rehabilitation work at the property has been completed.

In addition, a Program Representative will provide you with advisory services and information regarding URA relocation benefits, anticipated construction timeframes for the rehabilitation and/or elevation project, and the relocation process. During this meeting they will discuss the written notices you may expect to receive, your URA rights, and options and recommendations for avoiding issues that could disqualify you for assistance. In addition, they will identify the housing and moving options available to you.

It is important that you do not move out of the unit until the Program advises if temporary relocation will be required. In addition, it is important that you comply with your lease agreement so that you do not disqualify



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yourself from relocation assistance. If you are asked to move or are at risk of eviction, please contact a Program Representative immediately at (406) 282-3019.