



**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF NORTH MIAMI
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF OWNER-OCCUPIED REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

The City of North Miami is a 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 has received applications from the following: Evelyn Clark-Valcin, an income eligible applicant, relative of an employee at the City, working in the capacity of Zoning Clerk for the Community Planning & Development Department to participate in the North Miami Residential Rehabilitation Program and Jeanne Damas an income eligible applicant, relative of an employee at the City, working in the capacity of Crime Scene Technician in the North Miami Police Department to participate in the North Miami Elderly Housing Program. The Federal Government's Code of Federal Regulations, 24 CFR Section 92.356(c) states that:

“(b) Conflicts Prohibited. The general rule is that no person described in paragraph (c) of this section who exercise or have exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to the CDBG activities assisted under this part, or who are in a position to participate in a decision making process or gain inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a financial interest or benefit from a CDBG-assisted activity or have a financial interest in any contract, or agreement with respect to a CDBG-assisted activity either for themselves or those with whom they have business or immediate family ties, during their tenure or one year thereafter...”

“(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 may grant an exception to these provisions and allow Ms. Evelyn Clark-Valcin to receive assistance from the North Miami Residential Rehabilitation Program and Ms. Jeanne Damas to receive assistance from the North Miami Elderly Program, providing the City publicly discloses the nature of the potential conflict in addition to retrieving an opinion from the City Attorney that the interest(s) for which we are seeking the exception is not in violation of state or local law.

The potential conflict of interest in this case arises from the fact that both Ms. Evelyn Clark-Valcin and Ms. Jeanne Damas are related to an employee of the City of North Miami, and the City is a recipient of CDBG funding.

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed all documentation for these applications and issued a legal opinion regarding the potential conflict(s) of interest. In their opinion, the applications of Ms. Clark-Valcin, and Ms. Damas, do 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 Housing & Social Services Satellite office located at 13753 NW 7th Avenue, North Miami, Florida 33168 and North Miami City Hall located 776 NE 125th Street, North Miami, FL 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 June 2nd, 2021 and will end on June 13, 2021. Comments may be submitted to the Housing & Social Services Department by mail, in person, or by e-mail to housing@northmiamifl.gov.