

ADAMS HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM (HRP)

Funded by MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Town of Adams – 8 Park Street

Adams, MA 01220

(413) 743-8317

CERTIFICATION OF HANDICAP/DISABILITY

TO : _____

DATE: _____

RECIPIENT :

S.S. #:

ADDRESS :

The recipient above is a Tenant/Applicant for a CDBG Housing Rehab Grant. Priority is given to handicapped/disabled persons and, therefore, we need verification of this recipient's status. We would appreciate your completing this certification below and returning it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. This information will be used for the purpose of processing the recipient's application and will be held in strict confidence. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Donna E. Cesan

Community Development Director

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THE INFORMATION BELOW TO THE CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM.

Applicant's Signature

Date

In my opinion, _____ () is () is not handicapped/disabled as defined (please see attachment). Explanation of the nature of disability, handicap, or illness :

Physician's Signature

Date

Physician's Address

DEFINITION OF HANDICAP AND DISABILITY

- b. Handicapped means a person having a physical or mental impairment which : (1) is expected to be of long or indefinite duration; (2) substantially impedes his or her ability to live independently; and (3) is of such a nature that the person's ability to live independently could be improved by more suitable housing conditions.
- c. Disabled refers to a person who is under a disability as defined in Section 223 of the Social Services Act or in Section 102 (b) (5) of the Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Amendments of 1970. Receipt of veteran's benefits for disability, whether service-oriented or otherwise, does not automatically establish disability. The Owner must make the determination based upon his/her evaluation of the applicant's condition.
 - (1) Section 223 of the Social Security Act defines disability as:
 - (a) "Inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months; or
 - (b) In the case of an individual who has attained the age of 55 and is blind (within the meaning of "blindness" as defined in Section 416 (i) (1) of this title), inability by reason of such blindness to engage in substantial gainful activity requiring skills or abilities comparable to those of any gainful activity in which he has previously engaged with some regularity and over a substantial period of time."
 - (2) Section 102 (b) (5) of the Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Amendments of 1970 defines disability as:

"A disability attributable to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, or another neurological condition of an individual found by the Secretary (of Health and Human Services) to be closely related to mental retardation or to require treatment similar to that required for mentally retarded individuals, which disability originates before such individual attains age eighteen, which has continued or can be expected to continue indefinitely, and which constitutes a substantial handicap to such individual."

*U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, (Housing Transmittal, HUD Handbook #4350.3, November 4, 1981, pp. 2-2 to 2-3.