

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE ST VRAIN VALLEY

Whistleblower Policy

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE ST VRAIN VALLEY (“HFHSVV”) is committed to high standards of ethical, moral, and legal business conduct. HFHSVV is further dedicated to acting in good faith with our stakeholders who raise concerns regarding incorrect financial reporting, unlawful activity, or otherwise improper conduct.

This Whistleblower Policy aims to provide employees, donors, volunteers, and various other stakeholders with an avenue for raising such concerns, and to reassure that they will be protected from reprisal or victimization as a consequence of reporting the alleged wrongdoing of any officer, director, employee, or agent of HFHSVV.

Statement of Policy

No officer, director, employee, or agent of HFHSVV shall take any harmful action with the intent to retaliate against any person, including interference with employment or livelihood, for providing to a law enforcement officer any truthful information relating to the commission or possible commission of any offense. Nor will any officer, director, employee, or agent of HFHSVV take any harmful action with intent to retaliate against any person for reporting to an appropriate senior management or elected official of HFHSVV the suspected misuse, misallocation, or theft of any organization resources.

Safeguards

Harassment or Victimization – HFHSVV will not tolerate the harassment or victimization of any person who raises concerns under this policy.

Confidentiality – HFHSVV will make every effort to treat a complainant’s identity with an appropriate regard for confidentiality, with the understanding that the details of complaints may need to be shared with others in order to investigate such complaints properly.

Anonymous Allegations – Because a thorough investigation often depends on an ability to gather additional information, HFHSVV encourages complainants to put their names to allegations of wrongdoing. HFHSVV will explore anonymous allegations to the extent possible, but will weigh the prudence of continuing such investigations against the likelihood of confirming the alleged facts or circumstances from attributable sources.

Bad Faith Allegations – Allegations by employees that are made in bad faith may result in disciplinary action.

Procedure

Process for Raising a Concern:

Reporting – HFHSVV intends this policy to be used for serious and sensitive issues. Such concerns, including those relating to financial reporting or unethical or illegal conduct, may be reported directly to: David Emerson, Executive Director (303 946-5190, Demerson@stvrainhabitat.org). In the event that an individual’s concern rises to the level that he/she reasonably believes that notice to the Executive Director will be disregarded or otherwise not fairly considered, the individual may then report violations or suspected violations either to a member of the Board of Directors via Boardfeedback@stvrainhabitat.org or to Habitat for Humanity International (1-877-434-4435, ussupportcenter@habitat.org). A list of the current Board of Directors and their contact information is on our website. Employment-related concerns should continue to be reported through supervisors and Employer Solutions Group unless either of those parties represent someone from whom the notice will be disregarded or otherwise not fairly considered.

Timing – The earlier a concern is expressed, the easier it is to take action.

Evidence – Although a complainant is not expected to prove the truth of an allegation, he or she should be able to demonstrate that he or she has made a report in good faith.

How the Report of Concern Will Be Handled:

Initial Inquiries – The Executive Director will make initial inquiries in consultation with legal counsel, if necessary, to determine whether or not further investigation is necessary or appropriate.

Further Information – The Executive Director may seek further information from any officer, director, employee, or agent of HFHSVV, and shall take reasonable precautions to protect the identity of the complainant to the extent possible while doing so.

Reporting – As appropriate, the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee shall receive information on each complaint. In consultation with the Executive Director and, if necessary, legal counsel, the Board of Directors will determine an appropriate response to a report of concern. Officers, directors, employees, and agents of HFHSVV who may be implicated in such reports shall not participate in any deliberation of the Board of Directors related to the complaint, except to present information directly to the Board on his or her own behalf.

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For additional information, please contact David Emerson, Executive Director at 303 682-2485. HFHSVV reserves the right to modify or amend this policy at any time.