

VOLUSIA/FLAGLER COUNTY
COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS, Inc.
COMMITMENT TO ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy with the express purpose of saving money and protecting the environment through energy efficient products and practices.

In 1992 the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) introduced ENERGY STAR as a voluntary labeling program designed to identify and promote energy-efficient products to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Computers and monitors were the first labeled products. Through 1995, EPA expanded the label to additional office equipment products and residential heating and cooling equipment. In 1996, EPA partnered with the US Department of Energy for particular product categories. The ENERGY STAR label is now on major appliances, office equipment, lighting, home electronics, and more. EPA has also extended the label to cover new homes and commercial and industrial buildings.

Through its partnerships with more than 8,000 private and public sector organizations, ENERGY STAR delivers the technical information and tools that organizations and consumers need to choose energy-efficient solutions and best management practices. ENERGY STAR has successfully delivered energy and cost savings across the country, saving businesses, organizations, and consumers about \$12 billion in 2005 alone. Over the past decade, ENERGY STAR has been a driving force behind the more widespread use of such technological innovations as LED traffic lights, efficient fluorescent lighting, power management systems for office equipment, and low standby energy use.

ENERGY STAR provides a trustworthy label on over 50 product categories (and thousands of models) for the home and office. These products deliver the same or better performance as comparable models while using less energy and saving money. ENERGY STAR also provides easy-to-use home and building assessment tools so that homeowners and building managers can start down the path to greater efficiency and cost savings.

In recognition of the fact that participation in ENERGY STAR is a requirement of HUD grantees, and to meet this requirement, I warrant that I am authorized to sign this commitment on behalf of my agency, which is a recipient of federal funds through the Housing and Urban Development Department's Supportive Housing Program and that my agency commits to the following:

1. If considering new electrical appliances, to look for those that have earned the ENERGY STAR rating as an indication that they meet strict energy efficiency guidelines set by the EPA and US Department of Energy.
2. If considering to improvements to offices or facilities owned or operated by the agency, to use tools and resources offered by the EPA to help plan and undertake projects to take advantage of ENERGY STAR products and methods to reduce energy bills and improve comfort.
3. To select ENERGY STAR compliant equipment and products unless ENERGY STAR equipment or products are not cost-effective or cannot meet operational requirements.
4. To maintain a record that demonstrates that ENERGY STAR equipment and products have been evaluated prior to purchase, and if they were not selected, to document the reason(s).

For (Name of Agency): _____

Signature _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____