

# 07-001

**FAIR HOUSING  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, equal opportunity in housing is a right guaranteed to all Americans under Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, the thirty-ninth anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law provides an opportunity for all Americans to rededicate themselves to the principle of free choice and to reacquaint themselves with the rights and responsibilities that are theirs under the law; and

**WHEREAS**, implementation of the Fair Housing Policy of West Virginia requires the positive commitment, involvement and support of each and everyone of our citizens; and

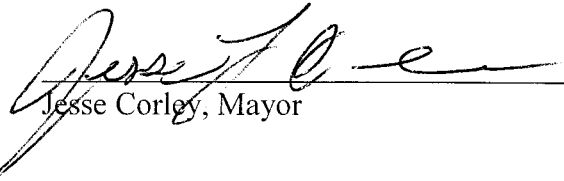
**WHEREAS**, the Town of White Hall will provide leadership in the effort to make Fair Housing a right that can be realized by all of our citizens; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Town of White Hall does hereby proclaim April 2007 as,


**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

The Town of White Hall urges all citizens to support and endorse the practice and policy of Fair Housing in their personal lives, as well as in their workday duties.

This Resolution approved and adopted by the Town of White Hall at its meeting this \_\_\_ day of APR. 9 2007.

  
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Jesse Corley, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Town Clerk



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
WASHINGTON, DC 20410

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Community Planning and Development Field Directors  
Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Regional Directors  
Community Development Block Grant and State Recipients  
Fair Housing Initiatives Program Recipients  
Fair Housing Assistance Program Recipients

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SUBJECT: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing in the Community  
Development Block Grant Program

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this guidance is to clarify the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in supporting fair housing activities to assist CDBG recipients in meeting their certifications to affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH).

BACKGROUND:

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended (the Fair Housing Act), prohibits discrimination in all housing-related activities on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status (number and age of children) and disability ("handicap"). Section 808(e)(5) of the Fair Housing Act also requires the Secretary of HUD to administer the Department's housing and community development programs in a manner to affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH). CDBG grantees (metropolitan cities, urban counties, States, insular areas, and non-entitled grantees in Hawaii) are also required by Section 104(b)(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and Section 105(b)(3) of the National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) of 1990 to certify that they will AFFH. Actions to AFFH should further policies of the Fair Housing Act by actively promoting wider housing opportunities for all persons while maintaining a nondiscriminatory environment in all aspects of public and private housing markets.

## AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING GUIDELINES:

The Consolidated Plan regulations at 24 CFR 91.225 and 91.325 establish the AFFH requirements of the Fair Housing Act that apply to the CDBG program. They specify that the AFFH certification requires the grantee to engage in fair housing planning by conducting an analysis to identify impediments to fair housing choice within its jurisdiction, taking appropriate actions to overcome the effects of identified impediments, and maintaining records to document the analysis and the actions taken.

Sections 105(a)(8) and (13) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, authorize the use of CDBG funds for public services and for planning and program administration costs. The entitlement regulation at 24 CFR 570.205(a)(vii) makes eligible, as a planning activity, developing an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice, while the use of CDBG to provide fair housing services may be eligible as a program administration cost in accordance with 24 CFR 570.206 or as a public service in accordance with 24 CFR 570.201(e). Eligible public services include the use of CDBG funds for activities such as fair housing counseling. Eligible fair housing costs designed to AFFH are detailed in 24 CFR 570.206(c) and include making all persons aware of the range of housing options available, enforcement, education, outreach, avoiding undue concentrations of assisted persons in areas with many low- and moderate-income persons, and other appropriate activities, including testing, selected by the grantee to AFFH. States may use the entitlement regulations referenced above for interpretive guidance.

One major method for achieving these purposes is funding of local fair housing agencies, which includes agencies in both the Fair Housing Initiative Program (FHIP) and Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP). Between these programs, these agencies can:

- Undertake fair housing enforcement, *i.e.*, complaint processing;
- Draft amendments to State and local fair housing laws in order to make them substantially equivalent to the federal Fair Housing Law;
- Conduct the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI);
- Provide fair housing education and outreach;
- Provide translation and interpretation services for persons who are limited English proficient; and/or
- Assist in the development of accessible housing for persons with disabilities

## RECORDKEEPING:

In accordance with 24 CFR 570.490 and 570.506(g), as applicable, grantees should establish a record-keeping system for their AFFH activities. This would include, among other items: copies of local fair housing laws and ordinances; the full history of the development of its AI; options available for overcoming impediments; local businesses, agencies, and resident-groups involved in the consultative process; planned actions and those taken; issues that arose when the actions were planned and conducted; and any other information about the community's fair housing planning process.



**EQUAL HOUSING  
OPPORTUNITY**

**We Do Business in Accordance With the Federal Fair  
Housing Law**

(The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988)

**It is illegal to Discriminate Against Any Person  
Because of Race, Color, Religion, Sex,  
Handicap, Familial Status, or National Origin**

- In the sale or rental of housing or residential lots
- In the provision of real estate brokerage services
- In advertising the sale or rental of housing
- In the appraisal of housing
- In the financing of housing
- Blockbusting is also illegal

Anyone who feels he or she has been discriminated against may file a complaint of housing discrimination:

1-800-669-9777 (Toll Free)

1-800-927-9275 (TTY)

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