

Fair Housing in Virginia

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Voices of Fair Housing



Virginia Fair Housing Law

It is the policy of the Commonwealth of Virginia to provide for fair housing throughout the Commonwealth, to all its citizens, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, elderliness, familial status, source of funds, sexual orientation, gender identity, military status, or disability, and to that end to prohibit discriminatory practices with respect to residential housing by any person or group of persons, in order that the peace, health, safety, prosperity, and general welfare of all the inhabitants of the Commonwealth may be protected and ensured. This law shall be deemed an exercise of the police power of the Commonwealth of Virginia for the protection of the people of the Commonwealth.

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing Certification

The Grantee's Fair Housing Certification commits the Grantee to take affirmative steps to further fair housing during **each program year** in which the CDBG Agreement is active. These activities must be different each year.

Appendix 9 -Certification of Yearly Action to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

Fair Housing Certification

Compliance with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968

Whereas, the *(Insert Grantee's Name)* has been offered and intends to accept federal funds authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and

Whereas, recipients of funding under the Act are required to take action to affirmatively further fair housing;

Therefore, the *(Insert Grantee's Name)* agrees to take at least one action to affirmatively further fair housing each grant year, during the life of its project funded with Community Development Block Grant funds. The action taken will be selected from a list provided by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Acceptable Fair Housing Activities

- Adopt a resolution endorsing the concept of fair housing
- Host a booth at public community events and distribute Fair Housing brochures;
- Adopt a proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month.
- Include a flyer about Fair Housing in the water bill and send it to every household in the project area.
- Run a Fair Housing public service announcement on local radio stations or the local Community cable station throughout the month of April.
- Develop a page on Grantee's website concerning fair housing issues, resource links, etc.
- Add the Fair Housing logo to the Grantee's stationary. The logo can be downloaded at <https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/library/bookshelf11/hudgraphics/fheologo>



Acceptable Fair Housing Activities (continued)

- Provide all program beneficiaries with a copy of federal or state Fair Housing brochures.
- Host a booth at public community events and distribute Fair Housing brochures.
- Include a discussion on Fair Housing on the agenda of Oversight Boards or the local governing body.
- Conduct public educational programs for local realtors and bankers, homebuyers, landlords, and/or Grantee employees.
- Sponsor a Fair Housing poster contest at local schools with the public voting on the winning poster and displaying it at grantee's administrative office or website.

Fair Housing activity selected by the Grantee must be a different one each program year.

Fair Housing Activities

Town of
Lawrenceville



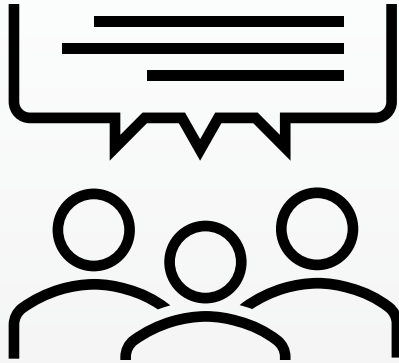
Town of
Bedford



Town of
Chase City



QUESTIONS/COMMENTS



THANK YOU

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