

Form 60
Affirmative Action Fair Housing Activities

Recipients of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are required to affirmatively further fair housing. Specifically, Grantees must complete an approved activity that will inform residents of the community that fair housing laws make it illegal to deny those rights to citizens of the community. Every Grantee must conduct a separate, specific fair housing activity for each CDBG grant received.

We recommend Grantees adopt and enforce a Fair Housing Ordinance (Form 61). However, if the community already has an ordinance or is not able to enforce one because of lack of staff, one or more of the following activities may be considered:

Sample Affirmative Action Fair Housing Activities

1. Sending letters to those in the business of selling or renting housing and in the business of financing housing, encouraging them to adhere fully to the Federal Fair Housing Law
2. Publicly endorsing the principles of fair housing and adherence to the Federal Fair Housing Law, in the form of a proclamation, resolution, advertisement (Form 54) or similar publicized statement of support from the Grantee's chief executive officer
3. Improving community facilities and public services in racially integrated neighborhoods to help preserve their mixed character
4. Providing information and positive assistance to minority group persons in locating housing in non-minority areas
5. Contracting with fair housing organizations/human relations groups to provide assistance to minorities in locating housing in non-minority areas (i.e., counseling, referrals) and to promote understanding and a positive attitude toward fair housing
6. Initiating a public education program on fair housing, involving, for example, representatives of fair housing organizations, human relations groups, minority organizations, the real estate industry, government, and local media
7. Enacting, or strengthening, a local fair housing law, providing for effective investigating and enforcement powers and sanctions, with adequate funding to administer the law
8. Requiring use of affirmative marketing and advertising practices by private developers as a condition for obtaining local licenses and permits

9. Enlisting the participation of the local association of real estate brokers, home builders, and mortgage lenders in approved voluntary programs to promote affirmative marketing, open housing, and the review of mortgage credit and underwriting criteria that may have an adverse impact on minorities and women
10. Participating in a New Horizon Fair Housing Assistance Project
11. Developing a public awareness campaign for Fair Housing during April (Fair Housing Month)

Activities will be reviewed by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission at final monitoring.