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**FAIR HOUSING CENTER OF CENTRAL INDIANA RECEIVES  
THREE-YEAR HUD GRANT TOTALLING \$975,000**

INDIANAPOLIS – Today, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that it has awarded a three-year private enforcement grant of \$325,000 per year to the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI).

These funds are provided through HUD’s Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) and will be used to investigate allegations of housing discrimination, educate the public and the housing industry about their rights and responsibilities under the federal Fair Housing Act, and work to promote equal housing opportunities. The grant total for the three-year period for the FHCCI is \$975,000.

“We are incredibly honored to receive one of these highly competitive, multi-year grants,” stated Amy Nelson, Executive Director of the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana. “Although this grant does not fund all our programs to promote fair housing, this long term funding assures that the FHCCI will be able to provide needed fair housing services over the next three years in Central Indiana.”

The primary purposes of the FHIP grant project for the FHCCI are to: 1) Continue current efforts to affirmatively further fair housing; 2) Expand the public’s knowledge of the services and programs of the FHCCI; 3) Conduct fair housing investigations to uncover incidents of unlawful housing discrimination; 4) Support a variety of training programs on fair housing laws for consumers and housing providers; and 5) Continue systemic investigations begun under previous FHIP awards.

Over the past two years, the FHCCI has received or recorded at least 125 allegations of housing discrimination per year in Central Indiana. An April 2013 FHCCI Rental Testing Audit Report also showed high levels of housing discrimination against persons of color and those with disabilities in Central Indiana. The FHCCI has also been involved in several national cases to address the marketing and maintenance of foreclosed properties by lenders in Indianapolis neighborhoods of color. In one of these cases, the FHCCI was party to a national fair housing settlement with Wells Fargo resulting in \$1.4 million coming to Indianapolis to be administered

by the FHCCI through neighborhood stabilization grants. This critical work to address housing discrimination has all been funded under previous FHIP grants.

The FHCCI is the only nonprofit fair housing organization in Indiana. For the full HUD press release and list of organizations that received FHIP grants across the country, go to the FHCCI's News Page at: <http://www.fhcci.org/news/>

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The Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) is a private, nonprofit fair housing organization founded in 2011 and based in Indianapolis, Indiana. Its mission is to ensure equal housing opportunities by eliminating housing discrimination through advocacy, enforcement, education and outreach. Visit [www.fhcci.org](http://www.fhcci.org) for more information.