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## HUD AWARDS NEARLY \$40 MILLION TO FIGHT HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

### *Grants to support and promote fair housing nationwide*

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) today awarded nearly \$40 million to fair housing organizations across the nation working to confront violations of the nation's landmark Fair Housing Act and help end housing discrimination. (see grant chart below). Read a complete summary of the grants being awarded today.

The grants are being awarded through the Department's *Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP)* and the *Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP)* to help people who believe they have been victims of housing discrimination and to educate the public and housing providers on the nation's fair housing laws.

More than \$1 million of the funding announced today is being awarded to grantees located in Opportunity Zones. Created under the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, Opportunity Zones aim to stimulate long-term investments in low-income communities.

"HUD is committed to supporting efforts to rid discrimination from our society," said HUD Secretary Ben Carson. "The grants we are awarding today will enable our fair housing partner organizations to combat unlawful policies and behavior and foster practices that ensure everyone has access to safe, affordable housing, free from discrimination."

HUD's FHIP grants support a wide range of fair housing enforcement, and education and outreach activities. The grants will allow the groups to provide fair housing enforcement through testing in the rental and sales markets, file fair housing complaints with HUD, and conduct investigations. Additionally, the education and outreach activities these organizations will conduct will help to educate the public, housing providers, and local governments about their rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act.

The FHIP grants issued today are provided under HUD's **Education and Outreach (EOI), Fair Housing Organization (FHOI) and Private Enforcement Initiative (PEI)** grant categories.

- **Private Enforcement Initiative grants** - These awards help nonprofit fair housing enforcement organizations carry out investigations and other enforcement activities to prevent or eliminate discriminatory housing practices.
- **Education and Outreach Initiative grants** - HUD awards these grants to groups that educate the public and housing providers about their rights and responsibilities under federal law or state and local fair housing laws that are substantially equivalent to the Fair Housing Act.
- **Fair Housing Organizations Initiative grants** - HUD awards these grants to help build the capacity and effectiveness of non-profit fair housing organizations to continue and enhance enforcement of the Fair Housing Act.

The grants help Qualified Fair Housing Enforcement Organizations, Fair Housing Enforcement Organizations, public and private non-profit organizations or institutions, and other public or private entities whose enforcement and education and outreach activities help to prevent or eliminate discriminatory housing practices. HUD is also awarding \$1.5 million in Partnership Funds to HUD Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) agencies. FHAP organizations are state and local government agencies that enforce local fair housing laws that are substantially equivalent to the Fair Housing Act.

Persons who believe they have experienced discrimination may file a complaint by contacting HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at (800) 669-9777 (voice) or (800) 927-9275 (TTY).

### Fair Housing Initiatives 2019 Grant Awards

State	Recipient	Amount
AK	Alaska Legal Services Corporation*	\$300,000
	Legal Aid of Arkansas, Inc.	\$125,000
AL	Central Alabama Fair Housing Center	\$300,000
	Central Alabama Fair Housing Center*	\$125,000
	Fair Housing Center of Northern Alabama	\$300,000
	Mobile Fair Housing Center	\$300,000
	Mobile Fair Housing Center, Inc.	\$124,150
AR	Legal Aid of Arkansas, Inc.	\$281,396
AZ	Southwest Fair Housing Council	\$300,000

	Southwest Fair Housing Council	\$125,000
CA	Bay Area Legal Aid*	\$300,000
	California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.	\$300,000
	California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.	\$125,000
	CSA San Diego County	\$300,000
	CSA San Diego County	\$101,586
	Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California*	\$125,000
	Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California*	\$300,000
	Fair Housing Council of Central California	\$300,000
	Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc.	\$300,000
	Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc.	\$125,000
	Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, Inc. (GBLA)	\$300,000
	Greater Napa Valley Fair Housing Center	\$300,000
	Inland Mediation Board*	\$300,000
	Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc.	\$203,500
	Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc.	\$125,000
	Orange County Fair Housing Council, Inc.	\$300,000
	Orange County Fair Housing Council, Inc.*	\$125,000
	Project Sentinel Inc	\$300,000
	Southern California Housing Rights Center	\$300,000

CO	Denver Metro Fair Housing Center	\$297,651
CT	Connecticut Fair Housing Center	\$300,000
	Connecticut Fair Housing Center, Inc	\$125,000
	Open Communities Alliance*	\$125,000
	Open Communities Alliance*	\$250,000
DC	Equal Rights Center	\$300,000
	Equal Rights Center	\$125,000
	National Community Reinvestment Coalition	\$300,000
	National Fair Housing Alliance	\$300,000
	National Fair Housing Alliance	\$250,000
DE	Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.	\$300,000
FL	Bay Area Legal Services, Inc.	\$300,000
	Center for Community and Economic Development	\$125,000
	Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc.	\$300,000
	Fair Housing Center of the Greater Palm Beaches, Inc.	\$300,000
	Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence (HOPE) , Inc.*	\$125,000
	Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc.	\$300,000
	Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc.	\$299,980
	Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc.	\$125,000
	Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.	\$300,000

	Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.	\$125,000
GA	Metro Fair Housing Services, Inc.	\$300,000
	Veterans Center, Inc.	\$125,000
HI	Legal Aid Society of Hawaii	\$300,000
ID	Idaho Housing & Finance Association*	\$123,750
	Idaho Legal Aid Services*	\$114,944
	Intermountain Fair Housing Council, Inc	\$299,917
IL	Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago*	\$300,000
	Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights under Law*	\$279,831
	H.O.P.E. Inc d/b/a HOPE Fair Housing Center	\$300,000
	H.O.P.E. Inc d/b/a HOPE Fair Housing Center*	\$125,000
	HCP of Illinois, Inc.*	\$125,000
	John Marshall Law School	\$299,660
	Legal Aid Chicago	\$300,000
	Open Communities	\$295,510
	Prairie State Legal Services, Inc.	\$300,000
	Rogers Park Community Council dba Northside Community Res.	\$300,000
	South Suburban Housing Center	\$300,000
	The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois	\$122,182
IN	Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana, Inc.	\$300,000

	Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana, Inc.	\$125,000
KY	Lexington Fair Housing Council, Inc.	\$300,000
LA	Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center, Inc.	\$125,000
MA	Community Legal Aid, Inc.	\$300,000
	Massachusetts Fair Housing Center, Inc.*	\$300,000
	SouthCoast Fair Housing, Inc.*	\$300,000
	SouthCoast Fair Housing, Inc.*	\$125,000
	Suffolk University	\$299,989
	Suffolk University*	\$125,000
	Way Finders, Inc.*	\$122,760
MD	Baltimore City Office of Equity and Civil Rights	\$125,000
ME	Pine Tree Legal Assistance Inc.	\$300,000
MI	Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit	\$300,000
	Fair Housing Center of Southeastern Michigan	\$300,000
	Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan*	\$300,000
	Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan	\$123,605
	Fair Housing Center of West Michigan	\$300,000
	Fair Housing Center of West Michigan*	\$125,000
	Legal Services of Eastern Michigan	\$300,000
	Legal Services of Eastern Michigan*	\$125,000

MN	Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance	\$300,000
MO	Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing and Opportunity Council*	\$125,000
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MS	Housing Education and Economic Development, Inc.	\$125,000
	Housing Education and Economic Development, Inc.	\$300,000
	Mississippi Center for Justice	\$300,000
	Mississippi Center for Justice	\$125,000
MT	Montana Fair Housing, Inc.	\$300,000
NC	Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc.	\$300,000
	Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc.	\$125,000
	Telamon Corporation	\$125,000
ND	High Plains Fair Housing Center	205,000
	High Plains Fair Housing Center	\$125,000
NE	City of Lincoln Nebraska*	\$125,000
	Family Housing Advisory Services, Incorporated	300,000
NH	New Hampshire Legal Assistance	300,000
NJ	Citizen Action of New Jersey	\$125,000
	Fair Housing Council of Northern New Jersey	\$300,000
	Fair Housing Council of Northern New Jersey*	\$125,000
	New Jersey Citizen Action Education Fund, Inc.*	\$300,000

NV	Silver State Fair Housing Council	300,000
	Silver State Fair Housing Council*	\$124,502
NY	Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A	\$125,000
	Brooklyn Legal Services, Inc.*	\$300,000
	Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.*	\$125,000
	CNY Fair Housing, Inc.*	\$125,000
	CNY Fair Housing, Inc.,	300,000
	Fair Housing Justice Center, Inc.	300,000
	Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Inc.	300,000
	Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Inc.*	\$125,000
	Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.*	\$110,500
	Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.*	\$300,000
	Long Island Housing Services, Inc.*	\$300,000
	Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc.	300,000
	Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc.*	\$125,000
OH	Fair Housing Contact Service, Inc.	300,000
	Fair Housing Contact Service, Inc.*	\$125,000
	Fair Housing Opportunities of Northwest Ohio, Inc.*	\$125,000
	Fair Housing Opportunities, Inc. dba Fair Housing Center	\$300,000
	Fair Housing Resource Center, Inc.	\$300,000



	Fair Housing Resource Center, Inc.*	\$125,000
	Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Greater Cincinnati*	\$125,000
	Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Greater Cincinnati*	\$300,000
	Housing Research & Advocacy Center*	\$125,000
	Housing Research & Advocacy Center*	\$300,000
	Miami Valley Fair Housing Center, Inc.	\$300,000
	Ohio State Legal Services Association*	\$300,000
OK	Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, Inc.*	\$300,000
	Metropolitan Fair Housing Council of Oklahoma, Inc	\$300,000
	Metropolitan Fair Housing Council of Oklahoma, Inc.	\$125,000
OR	Fair Housing Council of Oregon*	\$125,000
	Fair Housing Council of Oregon*	\$300,000
PA	Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia, Inc.	\$300,000
	Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia, Inc.*	\$125,000
	Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh	\$300,000
	Fair Housing Rights Center in Southeastern Pennsylvania	\$300,000
	Lancaster Housing Opportunity Partnership	\$124,383
	Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services, Inc.	\$300,000
	Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services, Inc.*	\$125,000
PR	Solo Por Hoy, Inc.*	\$125,000

SC	Greenville County Human Relations Commission	\$120,753
TN	Tennessee Fair Housing Council	\$300,000
	West Tennessee Legal Services, Inc.	\$300,000
	West Tennessee Legal Services, Inc.	\$125,000
TX	Austin Tenants Council	\$300,000
	Greater Houston Fair Housing Center, Inc.*	\$300,000
	North Texas Fair Housing Center	\$300,000
	San Antonio Fair Housing Council, Inc.	\$300,000
	Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs	\$124,866.79
UT	Disability Law Center	\$299,580
VA	Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia, Inc.	\$300,000
	Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia, Inc.	\$125,000
VT	Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity, Inc.	\$125,000
	Vermont Legal Aid, Inc.	\$300,000
	Vermont Legal Aid, Inc.*	\$125,000
WA	Fair Housing Center of Washington	\$300,000
	Fair Housing Center of Washington*	\$125,000
	Northwest Fair Housing Alliance	\$300,000
	Northwest Fair Housing Alliance*	\$125,000
WI	Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council*	300,000

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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,700,000</b>


**\*Located in Opportunity Zone.**

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