

Summary of The Fair Housing Initiatives Grants

Alabama

Birmingham

Fair Housing Center of Northern Alabama

Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based Component

Award Amount: \$275,000

The Fair Housing Center of Northern Alabama (FHCNA) will conduct fair housing enforcement activities in 23 counties, with a special emphasis on Jefferson, Tuscaloosa, Shelby, Madison, Lauderdale, Etowah, and Calhoun counties. In particular, FHCNA will investigate allegations of housing discrimination, conduct matched-pair testing of rental and mortgage lending companies, and perform inspections of multifamily properties for compliance with the design and construction requirements of the Fair Housing Act.

Mobile

Mobile Fair Housing Center, Inc.

Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component

Award Amount: \$75,660.37

Mobile Fair Housing Center, Inc., (MFHC) will carry out private enforcement activities in counties throughout the Mobile area, including Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Monroe, and Washington. Specific activities will include rental testing in all eight counties, a testing program to address predatory lending, and an accessibility design testing program, the results of which will be shared with building permit offices and city officials. MFHC will also use the grant to conduct accessibility education training, and provide fair housing education materials to building code personnel and city and county officials in the Mobile area.

Mobile

The Fair Housing Agency of Alabama

Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component

Award Amount: \$99,905

The Fair Housing Agency of Alabama (FHAA) will conduct fair housing education and outreach activities in Southern Alabama. Included will be investigating lending discrimination complaints, and educating housing providers, local mortgage lenders, and the public about their fair housing rights and responsibilities. FHAA will also work to inform persons with disabilities about their fair housing rights.

Montgomery

Central Alabama Fair Housing

Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based Component

Award Amount: \$274,000

Central Alabama Fair Housing Center (CAFHC) will work to prevent and eliminate housing discrimination in a 29-county region of central Alabama. CAFHC's activities will include testing housing providers and mortgage lenders for evidence of discriminatory treatment, inspecting newly-constructed multifamily housing for compliance with federal accessibility requirements, and monitoring the enforcement of local occupancy codes for signs of racial and ethnic targeting.

Arizona

Tucson

**Southwest Fair Housing Council
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$98,745**

Southwest Fair Housing Council (SWFHC) will conduct an array of activities to inform residents of the Phoenix Metropolitan area about their fair housing rights. Specific activities will include conducting fair housing workshops, distributing fair housing materials in both English and Spanish, participating in community and media events, and collaborating with grassroots organizations, community groups, faith-based organizations, and the city of Phoenix – the local Fair Housing Assistance Program agency.

Tucson

**Southwest Fair Housing Council
Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$270,144**

The Southwest Fair Housing Council (SWFHC) will conduct fair housing investigations, attempt to resolve fair housing complaints through mediation, and refer meritorious claims to government agencies or private attorneys. SWFHC will also conduct testing and analyze the results for signs of discrimination. Additionally, SWFHC will partner with faith- and community-based organizations to provide fair housing education and outreach.

Arkansas

Little Rock

**Arkansas Community Housing Corporation
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$99,948**

Arkansas Community Housing Corporation (ACHC) will reach out to underserved populations in urban, suburban and rural areas of Central and Southeastern Arkansas, particularly neighborhoods with high loan denial rates, to inform them about their fair housing rights. Specific activities will include conducting workshops designed to increase minority homeownership, educating lenders about the need to address impediments to homeownership, and increasing compliance with the Fair Housing Act by addressing regulatory barriers and increasing the number of fair housing complaints filed with HUD.

California

Napa

**Greater NAPA Fair Housing Center
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$99,990**

Greater Napa Fair Housing Center (GNFHC) will conduct an array of education and outreach activities to address segregated housing patterns and barriers to fair housing in Napa County, California. Specific activities, which will be conducted in partnership with Napa County faith-based and grassroots organizations, will include fair housing workshops and fair housing counseling for linguistically isolated Hispanics and non-English speaking recent immigrants, persons with disabilities, and the elderly. In addition to general fair housing education, workshops will also cover predatory lending,

Oakland

Bay Area Legal Aid

Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based Component

Award Amount: \$275,000

Bay Area Legal Aid (BayLegal) will provide assistance to alleged housing discrimination victims by receiving and investigating complaints and attempting to negotiate resolutions to complaints. BayLegal will also refer complaints to HUD or file complaints in federal or state courts. As part of its enforcement efforts, BayLegal will also recruit and train volunteers to conduct undercover tests for housing discrimination.

Palo Alto

Project Sentinel

Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based Component

Award Amount: \$270,000

Project Sentinel will conduct systemic fair housing investigations, including an investigation of predatory lending in Santa Clara County. Additionally, Project Sentinel will work with 28 community organizations to conduct education and outreach activities for housing professionals, social service providers, immigrant groups, and the public.

San Francisco

California Rural Legal Assistance

Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based Component

Award Amount: \$275,000

California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) will receive and investigate housing discrimination complaints, refer meritorious claims to HUD or the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, and conduct complaint-based testing. In particular, CRLA's enforcement activities will focus on underserved rural agricultural communities, migrant and seasonal farm workers, recent immigrants and indigenous groups, and individuals with limited English proficiency.

San Rafael

Fair Housing of Marin

Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component

Award Amount: \$275,000

Fair Housing of Marin (FHOM) will conduct fair housing workshops, seminars, and conferences for residents of Marin, Contra Costa, Solano, and Sonoma counties, including those with disabilities. Specific topics to be covered will include the Fair Housing Act and predatory lending. FHOM will also conduct fair housing tests on behalf of immigrant populations, and solicit fair housing complaints through bilingual newspapers, multi-lingual fair housing literature, and the Web. In addition, FHOM will conduct voice identification race audits to measure discrimination against blacks, and distribute literature, examine ads, and investigate complaints to measure discrimination against any resident of the four counties.

Santa Ana

The Fair Housing Council of Orange County, Inc.

Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component

Award Amount: \$162,700

The Fair Housing Council of Orange County, Inc., (FHCOC) will expand its existing broad-based, full-service fair housing education, counseling and enforcement program to include conducting fair housing enforcement activities focused on the prevention of steering and discouraging discrimination in real estate brokerage services against immigrants with Limited English Proficiency and persons with disabilities. Additional activities will involve at least 40 paired on-site tests, 12 paired telephone tests, and 15 single tester accessibility tests.

Upland

Inland Fair Housing and Mediation Board
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$275,000

Inland Fair Housing and Mediation Board (IFHMB) will conduct fair housing enforcement and outreach activities in the City of Barstow and towns in surrounding rural areas. IFHMB will also collaborate with the Fair Housing Council of San Diego to strengthen fair housing enforcement, including conducting 100 paired tests per year in and around San Diego and throughout the Barstow region.

Colorado

Denver

American Institute for Social Justice
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$99,887

The American Institute for Social Justice (AISJ) will conduct education and outreach to underserved populations, including families with children, in urban and suburban areas of the Denver metropolitan area. Specific areas that will be targeted include underserved minority and immigrant communities, particularly those with limited English proficiency. In carrying out its education and outreach activities, AISJ will work with community groups and faith-based organizations.

Delaware

Wilmington

Delaware Community Reinvestment Action Council, Inc.
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$80,000

Delaware Community Reinvestment Action Council, Inc., (DCRAC) will conduct education and outreach activities in English and Spanish for residents of Wilmington, Dover, and Georgetown. Specifically, DRAC will teach a series of seminars titled “Money Matters” to more than 1,200 residents of the state. The seminars will focus on effective money management, and the role money management plays in the establishment of credit and homeownership opportunities. DCRAC will also distribute fair housing information via television, radio, newsletters, and the Web, and work with the Delaware Human Relations Commission and the National Community Reinvestment Coalition to address lending discrimination.

District of Columbia

Washington, DC

National Community Reinvestment Coalition
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$199,848

The National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) will conduct 100 tests of prime and sub-prime lenders as part of its lending discrimination enforcement activities in several major metropolitan areas, including Baltimore, Atlanta, Los Angeles, New York City, Washington, D.C., El Paso, Raleigh, St. Louis, and Philadelphia. Each of these cities is a Federal Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community and has experienced extensive growth in sub-prime lending to African Americans and Latinos. NCRC also will conduct both race and national origin lending discrimination tests and assist 25 victims of lending discrimination.

Washington, DC

**National Community Reinvestment Coalition
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$100,000**

The National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) will create a National Fair Lending Training Initiative that will address the fair lending crisis in America today. As part of the initiative, NCRC will conduct an array of education and outreach activities throughout the Washington, DC, metropolitan area to inform the public about their fair lending rights and what they can do if they believe their rights have been violated. NCRC will also incorporate lending best practices as part of a series of seminars for consumers and consumer advocates.

Florida

Cocoa

**Fair Housing Continuum, Inc.
Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$275,000**

Fair Housing Continuum, Inc., (FHC) will provide fair housing enforcement services, including complaint intake and investigation, recruitment and training of testers, paired-testing of housing providers, and inspections of newly-constructed condominiums and apartments for compliance with the design and construction requirements of the Fair Housing Act.

Jacksonville

**Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc.
Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$274,972.67**

Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc., (JALA) will provide enforcement and advocacy services throughout six Northeast Florida counties. As part of its enforcement activities, JALA will provide complaint intake, investigation, mediation and litigation services, recruit and train testers, and conduct paired and single tests of housing providers. JALA will also reach out to racial and ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities, persons with Limited English Proficiency, and persons with HIV/AIDS to educate them about their fair housing rights.

Miami Garden

**Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc.
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$275,000**

Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc., (HOPE) will conduct a range of fair housing enforcement activities throughout Miami-Dade and Broward counties. Specific activities, which will be conducted in Spanish and Creole in an effort to reach immigrant and non-English speaking residents, will include carrying out and evaluating 130 fair housing tests and other investigative actions, processing more than 150 fair housing complaints, recruiting and training 35 testers, and conducting an array of Fair Housing Month activities.

Tallahassee

**Legal Services of North Florida, Inc.
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$100,000**

Legal Services of North Florida, Inc., (LSNF) will carry out a variety of education and outreach activities in seven North Florida rural counties: Holmes, Santa Rosa, Walton, Washington, Bay, Escambia, and Okaloosa. Specific activities will include conducting seminars to educate the public and housing providers about their fair housing rights and responsibilities,

and increasing its network of churches, advocacy groups, and social service agencies to reach specific ethnic and racial groups. LSNF will coordinate its activities with the Escambia Pensacola Human Relations Commission and collaborate with other community-based organizations to help publicize their efforts.

Tampa

Bay Area Legal Services, Inc.
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$234,973.33

Bay Area Legal Services, Inc., (BALS) will work in partnership with the West Central Florida Agency on Aging, Beth-El Farm worker Ministry, the county Homeless Coalition, St. John's Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, and the Florida Bar Association to increase enforcement of the Fair Housing Act and compliance with the nation's fair housing laws. As part of their grant, BALS, which operates in Hillsborough County and the city of Tampa, will investigate approximately 40 fair housing cases per year, particularly cases involving minorities, persons with disabilities, and persons with limited English proficiency. BALS will also recruit and train 15 new testers, conduct a minimum of 84 tests per year, and distribute fair housing materials to at least 35 groups annually.

Illinois

Chicago

Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$275,000

Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago (ALMC) will conduct a range of enforcement activities regarding disability-based discrimination, particularly as it relates to accessible design requirements and requests for reasonable accommodations and modifications. ALMC will also work to enable persons with disabilities to pursue available homeownership and rental opportunities, conduct fair housing workshops and paired tests, file fair housing complaints and lawsuits, as appropriate, and promote fair housing in Chicago's Spanish-speaking and immigrant communities. ALMC's activities will be concentrated in Metropolitan Chicago, but will also take place throughout the state of Illinois.

Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based
Award Amount: \$274,994

The Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law will provide fair housing enforcement services in the Chicago metropolitan area, focusing on three communities in Chicago's Empowerment Zone: the near West Side, Pilsen/Little Village, and the near South Side. Specifically, the Lawyers' Committee will investigate housing discrimination complaints filed by the public and community organizations, perform 120 complaint-based and systemic tests for discrimination, and recruit fair housing testers from three minority serving institutions.

John Marshall Law School
Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$274,958

The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Clinic will provide legal representation to persons with meritorious complaints of housing discrimination in the residential rental or sales markets, mortgage lending, and homeowners insurance. The Clinic will also conduct testing of housing providers that are the subject of housing discrimination complaints, and analyze the results to determine if they support the allegations.

Homewood

**South Suburban Housing Center
Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$262,500**

South Suburban Housing Center (SSHC) will conduct fair housing enforcement activities in Southern Cook, Will, and Kankakee counties, plus central Illinois and Northwest Indiana. Specifically, SSHC will investigate and mediate fair housing complaints, and recruit and train testers to conduct tests of housing providers. Additionally, SSHC will raise public awareness of fair housing by conducting presentations on housing discrimination and predatory lending.

Oak Park

**Oak Park Regional Housing Center
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$99,780**

Oak Park Regional Housing Center (OPRHC) will conduct fair housing education and outreach activities that target the real estate industry, community organizations, and elected and government officials in an effort to ensure that they are aware of their obligations under the Fair Housing Act. Specific activities will include workshops, seminars, and conferences, and take place in Chicago's Oak Park and Du Page County, which incorporates Chicago's Western and North Western suburbs.

Wheaton

**HOPE Fair Housing Center
Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$274,702.33**

HOPE Fair Housing Center will provide fair housing enforcement services in DuPage, Kane, McHenry, Northwestern and Western Cook counties, 26 rural counties in Northern Illinois, and the metropolitan areas of Aurora, Elgin, Rockford, Peoria, Bloomington, Moline, Rock Island, LaSalle, Peru and Ottawa. As part of its enforcement efforts, HOPE will conduct 90 enforcement tests to detect illegal steering and discrimination in the rental market. HOPE will also investigate the extent to which retirement homes and assisted living facilities discriminate.

Winnetka

**Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$275,000**

Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs (Interfaith) will conduct an array of enforcement activities in sixteen Northern Cook and Southern Lake County suburbs north of Chicago. Interfaith, which serves an area that encompasses more than 430,000 people and is the headquarters of several major corporations, will also conduct a full-service broad-based fair housing enforcement project that specifically addresses discrimination against immigrants, seniors, and the homeless.

Iowa

Des Moines

**Iowa Civil Rights Commission
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$95,569**

The Iowa Civil Rights Commission (ICRC) will conduct several activities designed to educate the public and housing providers about their fair housing rights and responsibilities. Specifically, ICRC will work in conjunction with grassroots and faith-based organizations throughout Iowa to identify and address discriminatory housing ads, provide materials and training regarding state and federal fair housing laws, and conduct an extensive print and television fair housing media campaign. ICRC will also develop a system to identify and address discriminatory housing ads; work with newspapers and

housing providers to prevent similar ads from appearing in the future; check to make sure discriminatory housing ads have been discontinued; and conduct 12 fair housing presentations for housing providers, individuals, and the media.

Kentucky

**The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$99,800**

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights (KCHR) will conduct a series of workshops designed to educate persons with disabilities, housing providers, mortgage lenders, housing advertisers, and underserved immigrant communities in Eastern and Southern Kentucky about the Fair Housing Act. As part of its education effort, KCHR will translate fair housing materials into Vietnamese, French, Russian, and Arabic languages, and distribute the materials at international/immigrant group festivals, health fairs and housing fairs. KCHR will also conduct a fair housing conference in Eastern Kentucky and Bowling Green and produce and distribute fair housing posters.

Lexington

**Lexington Fair Housing Council
Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$205,258**

Lexington Fair Housing Council (LFHC) will conduct fair housing enforcement activities in underserved and rural areas of Kentucky. LFHC will investigate and resolve complaints of housing discrimination and conduct a study of housing discrimination in Kentucky. As part of its enforcement activities, LFHC will recruit and train testers to conduct paired-tests for discrimination in the rental and sales markets. LFHC will also conduct education and outreach activities in Western and Central Washington County.

Louisiana

New Orleans

**Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$275,000**

Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center (FHAC) will conduct an array of fair housing enforcement activities that will include taking in a minimum of 125 new fair housing complaints, ensuring appropriate investigation of possible rental, sales and lending discrimination by conducting paired tests, and recruiting and training 20 new testers. FHAC will also conduct enforcement projects designed to determine the extent of discrimination against underserved populations and refer at least 25 enforcement proposals to HUD over the next year. In addition, FHAC will make 25 fair housing presentations to 300 first-time home buyers and groups working to further fair housing, and conduct its 12th annual Fair Housing Summit.

New Orleans

**Advocacy Center
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$100,000**

The Advocacy Center will educate disabled Louisiana residents displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita about their fair housing rights and what to do if they believe their rights have been violated. The Center will also inform housing providers about their responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act and how it makes good business sense to comply with fair housing laws. Specific education and outreach activities will be conducted in parishes hit hard by the storms, including Orleans, St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Jefferson, St. Tammany, Calcasieu, Cameron, Lafourche; Terrebonne, Vermilion, and St. Mary Louisiana.

Massachusetts

Boston

Fair Housing Center of Greater Boston

Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based Component

Award Amount: \$274,166.67

The Fair Housing Center of Greater Boston (FHCGB) will provide fair housing services for the Greater Boston area, including developing and investigating systemic complaints. FHCGB will also recruit and train testers to conduct individual and paired tests for rental, sales, mortgage lending, and insurance discrimination.

Holyoke

The Housing Discrimination Project, Inc.

Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component

Award Amount: \$275,000

Housing Discrimination Project, Inc., (HDP) will investigate complaints of discrimination and test for rental, sales and insurance discrimination in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, Berkshire and Worcester counties. Focusing on minority and immigrant communities in particular, HDP will conduct fair housing workshops at shelters, first-time homebuyer, and predatory lending training sessions. HDP will also provide education and outreach workshops for individuals with limited English proficiency and persons with disabilities, and conduct voice recognition tests, monitor housing advertising, and distribute fair housing information.

Springfield

HAP, Inc.

Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component

Award Amount: \$81,365

HAP, Inc., will work in cooperation with Housing Discrimination Project, Inc., to provide fair housing education and outreach throughout Hampden and Hampshire counties in Western Massachusetts. Specifically, HAP will conduct an array of education and outreach activities and counseling services to increase the public's knowledge of their fair housing rights and housing providers' understanding of their fair housing responsibilities, particularly regarding reasonable accommodations. HAP will also provide counseling for individuals who may experience discrimination when trying to rent or finance a home, and fair housing training to prospective first-time homebuyers.

Worcester

Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts

Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component

Award Amount: \$230,000

The Worcester Fair Housing Project will work in partnership with the Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts and the City of Worcester to perform fair housing investigation and enforcement activities throughout Central Massachusetts. In particular, the Project will recruit and train testers and conduct 50 paired fair housing complaint-based and audit tests. The Project will also work with local grass-roots and faith-based community organizations and with local minority-serving institutions to recruit testers, reach victims of discrimination, and educate consumers and housing providers about their fair housing rights and responsibilities.

Michigan

Detroit

**Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$133,280**

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit (FHCMD) will investigate approximately 60 fair housing complaints, carry out 90 fair housing tests, and conduct other investigations that could lead to formal fair housing complaints being filed. FHCMD will also conduct 30 systemic test investigations.

Flint

**Legal Services of Eastern Michigan
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$207,449**

Legal Services of Eastern Michigan (LSEM) will conduct an array of fair housing enforcement activities in Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Lapeer, Sanilac, St. Clair, and Tuscola counties. Included will be investigating complaints of discrimination, testing for discrimination, and carrying out systemic discrimination projects. LSEM will also carry out various education and outreach activities, and conduct fair housing research in Genesee, Bay, Midland, and Saginaw counties.

Grand Rapids

**Fair Housing Center of West Michigan
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$273,786**

The Fair Housing Center of West Michigan (FHCWM) will conduct fair housing enforcement activities in eleven West Michigan counties: Kent, Ottawa, Allegan, Muskegon, Ionia, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo, Osceola, Oceana, and Isabella. In addition to investigating and filing individual complaints and measuring the degree of systemic discrimination relating to race and disability, FHCWM will expand services to homeless populations through faith and community-based organizations and promote homeownership within African American and Hispanic communities.

Kalamazoo

**Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$97,229**

The Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan (FHCSM) will conduct education and outreach activities in nine Southwest Michigan counties: Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Allegan, St. Joe, Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren. Specific activities will include placing 100 fair housing ads in classified sections of local and regional newspapers throughout the nine counties, developing and distributing four newsletters within the nine-county area, and delivering 150 fair housing presentations to social service agency staff, housing providers, community organizations, and 1,800 individuals. FHCSM will also provide fair housing referral services for a minimum of 300 people.

Minnesota

Minneapolis

**Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$275,000**

The Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis (LASM) will partner with Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services to conduct fair housing enforcement activities in the seven counties that comprise Minneapolis and St. Paul, and throughout Minnesota's 53 Southern and Central counties. LASM will provide fair housing referral and technical assistance to its clients, particularly low-income and disabled, work to increase housing opportunities within the seven county area, encourage accessible design, and help end chronic homelessness.

Saint Paul

ACORN Housing Corporation
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$100,000

ACORN Housing Corporation will develop predatory lending educational materials and translate them into Hmong, Spanish, and Somali, the three most widely spoken languages in Minneapolis/St. Paul immigrant communities. ACORN will also distribute the material throughout these communities in an effort to help increase minority homeownership and ensure that minorities are familiar with their housing rights.

Mississippi

Hattiesburg

Mississippi Center for Legal Services Corporation
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$275,000

Mississippi Center for Legal Services Corporation (MCLSC) will carry out fair housing enforcement activities throughout the state, including conducting investigations and providing assistance to victims of discriminatory housing practices. MCLSC will refer at least 15 enforcement proposals and/or information resulting from systemic investigations that is sufficient to prompt HUD Secretary-initiated complaints. MCLSC will also perform 40 matched pair tests and 30 single tests to check for rental, sales, lending and insurance discrimination, and develop fair housing materials in Spanish and Vietnamese for distribution throughout the state.

Hattiesburg

The University of Southern Mississippi
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$100,000

The University of Southern Mississippi's Institute for Disability Studies will work with several organizations to increase housing opportunities and conduct extensive education and outreach activities throughout the state. Particular activities will focus on the elderly, persons with disabilities, minorities, and families with limited English proficiency. Collaborating with the Institute in the effort will be Mississippi Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc., Mississippi Leadership Council on Aging, the Mississippi Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities, Living Independence for Everyone, Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Mississippi Home Corp, and the City of Jackson.

Missouri

Saint Louis

Metropolitan Saint Louis Equal Housing Opportunity Council
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$212,379

The Metropolitan Saint Louis Equal Housing Opportunity Council (MSLEHOC) will investigate and take enforcement action against individuals and organizations that violate the nation's fair housing laws, and assist home seekers of all protected classes to assert their fair housing rights. In addition, MSLEHOC will work to substantially increase the number and availability of accessible affordable housing units within the 8 county bi-state region.

Saint Louis

The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc.
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component

Award Amount: \$100,000

The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc., (ULMSL) will conduct a series of fair housing education and outreach activities in St. Louis city and St. Louis, St. Claire, Illinois, Belleville, Cahokia, Washington, Peck, Brooklyn, Centreville, and Alorton counties. Specifically, ULMSL's efforts will target underserved communities, with a particular focus on African Americans, Latinos, and persons with disabilities.

Montana

Billings

City of Billings
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$99,923

The City of Billings will work with 47 organizations to conduct fair housing education and outreach activities designed to reduce discrimination in the greater Billings area. The collaborative effort, which will specifically target Billings's American Indian population, will work to promote universal design and accessibility, remove regulatory barriers to housing opportunities, and implement a faith-based initiative directed at eliminating homelessness among families.

Nebraska

Omaha

Family Housing Advisory Services, Inc.
Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$275,000

Family Housing Advisory Services, Inc., (FHAS) will investigate fair housing complaints in and around Omaha, including complaints of systemic discrimination. FHAS will make a special effort to reach out to and educate immigrants with limited English proficiency and persons with disabilities about their fair housing rights.

Nevada

Reno

Silver State Fair Housing Council
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$100,000

The Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) will expand a program of state-accredited training for real estate professionals and property managers in the rapidly growing counties of Las Vegas, Henderson, Pahrump, and Mesquite. The SSFHC will also focus on working with members of the housing community who continue to fail to comply with fair housing accessibility requirements. In addition, SSFHC will develop and implement a program to educate military veterans about their fair housing rights.

Reno

Silver State Fair Housing Council
Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$203,629

Silver State Fair Housing Council will investigate housing discrimination complaints in Northern Nevada, with an emphasis on underserved and rural communities. Silver State will recruit and train testers, and conduct tests for rental discrimination both in-person and via the telephone. Silver State will also develop and maintain a tracking system for multifamily housing projects.

New Jersey

Hackensack

**Fair Housing Council of Northern New Jersey
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$275,000**

Fair Housing Council of Northern New Jersey (FHCNNJ) will conduct a rigorous statewide fair housing investigation project that will involve training 90 testers, conducting approximately 540 rental/sales matched pair tests, and distributing 6,000 fair housing flyers to community groups, faith-based organizations, local shops and markets, and other places people congregate. The project will also involve taking steps to protect the fair housing rights of minorities, persons with disabilities, and families with limited English proficiency.

Newark

**Citizens Action of New Jersey
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$100,000**

The Citizens Action of New Jersey (CANJ) will work to eradicate predatory lending practices, including recent abusive trends within the subprime market, by conducting four train-the-trainer workshops for 60 community leaders and 125 consumer education workshops for low- and moderate-income minorities, seniors, disabled adults, Spanish-speaking individuals, and persons with Limited English proficiency. CANJ will also develop and distribute multi-media kits for fair housing trainers and computer tutorials for general audiences.

New Mexico

Albuquerque

**New Mexico ACORN Fair Housing
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$99,757**

New Mexico ACORN Fair Housing will conduct targeted outreach and education activities in underserved communities in urban, suburban and rural Albuquerque, Las Cruces and Colonias. The project will focus on neighborhoods with high rates of subprime lending and foreclosures, and use faith-based and grassroots organizations to reach minority and immigrant communities with high numbers of individuals with limited English proficiency. Specific activities will include conducting workshops and homebuyer shows to increase minority homeownership, combating predatory lending, utilizing HMDA data analysis to educate the public and lenders about the need to address impediments to homeownership, and promoting compliance with the Fair Housing Act by increasing the number of fair housing complaints submitted to HUD.

New York

Bohemia

**Long Island Housing Services, Inc.
Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$270,417**

Long Island Housing Services, Inc., (LIHS) will conduct fair housing enforcement activities that will help identify discrimination against persons with disabilities, African Americans, Hispanics, families with children, and people with limited English proficiency. LIHS will provide intake, investigation, counseling, and mediation services to individuals filing housing discrimination complaints. In addition, LIHS will co-sponsor or participate in fair housing seminars focusing on compliance with the accessibility requirements of the Fair Housing Act.

Brooklyn

**South Brooklyn Legal Services, Inc.
Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$183,333**

South Brooklyn Legal Services, Inc., (SBLS) will assist New York City residents, particularly residents of Brooklyn and Queens, alleging housing discrimination in home financing and sales. SBLS will screen, investigate, and mediate complaints, and provide legal and other assistance to help homeowners avoid foreclosure. SBLS will also conduct training sessions for attorneys and advocates assisting individuals who have been victims of home financing and sales discrimination.

Rochester

**Housing Council in the Monroe Area, Inc.
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$73,390**

The Housing Council will educate racial and ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities, persons with limited English proficiency, and others on their fair housing rights and how to report discrimination. These activities will include fair housing workshops, homebuyer education classes, and other activities that address impediments to fair housing choice identified in the *2005 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice*. The workshops will be conducted in partnership with faith-based and community-based organizations and will be held in English and Spanish. In addition, the Housing Council will make fair housing materials available in other languages as needed. Finally, the Housing Council will educate landlords on fair housing by adding a fair housing component to its Lead Safe Work Practices training course.

Syracuse

**Fair Housing Council of New York, Inc.
Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$211,346**

The Fair Housing Council of New York, Inc., (FHC) will conduct a comprehensive fair housing enforcement project in Cuyahoga, Onondaga, Oswego, Jefferson, and St. Lawrence counties. FHC will provide intake and investigation of individual housing discrimination complaints and conduct systemic investigations of discriminatory practices, such as redlining. FHC will also conduct testing and carry out education and outreach activities.

North Dakota

Bismarck

**Fair Housing of the Dakotas
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$220,545.57**

Fair Housing of the Dakotas (FHD) will conduct fair housing enforcement, education, and outreach activities in North Dakota and South Dakota. Specifically, FHD will conduct tests of rental housing providers and mortgage lenders for evidence of unlawful discrimination; hold 24 fair housing workshops on a range of topics, including accessibility and predatory lending; and distribute 30,000 fair housing publications.

Ohio

Cincinnati

**Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Greater Cincinnati
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$280,482.03**

Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Greater Cincinnati (HOME) will conduct fair housing enforcement, education, and outreach activities. Specifically, HOME will conduct 195 paired tests of housing providers to detect unlawful discrimination; 45 audits of multifamily developments for compliance with Fair Housing Act accessibility requirements; 3 fair housing training events for mental health providers; and education and outreach in a low-income Cincinnati neighborhood in partnership with a local grassroots organization. HOME estimates that its activities will result in 600 housing discrimination complaints during the project term.

Cleveland

**Housing Research and Advocacy Center
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$275,000**

Housing Research and Advocacy Center (HRAC) and its subcontractors, Fair Housing Resource Center and Heights Community Congress, will provide fair housing enforcement services in the Cleveland metropolitan area. Specifically, HRAC will conduct complaint intake, investigation, and referral for alleged victims of discrimination; perform testing in housing sales, rental, lending, and insurance for evidence of discrimination; and survey multifamily developments for compliance with the accessibility requirements of the Fair Housing Act. In addition, HRAC will monitor housing advertisements for discriminatory language and conduct education and outreach activities in their area.

Cleveland

**Housing Research and Advocacy Center
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$100,000**

The Housing Research and Advocacy Center (HRAC) will conduct fair housing education and outreach activities in the Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor metropolitan area. These activities will include fair housing training for real estate agents, landlords, and transitional housing providers; predatory lending seminars for consumers; and a regional conference on new strategies for fair housing. HRAC will also educate the public on fair housing and its services by distributing fair housing brochures to community organizations and placing advertisements in local media. HRAC will assist alleged victims of discrimination with filing complaints with HUD. Although HRAC will direct its activities toward racial and ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities, and families with children, it will make its services available to all.

Cleveland

**Housing Advocates, Inc.
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$275,000**

Housing Advocates, Inc., will provide fair housing enforcement services in Cuyahoga, Geauga, Portage, Stark, and Summit counties. Housing Advocates will provide complaint intake, investigation, and referral services and conduct testing of the housing market for discrimination. Housing Advocates will focus its activities on assisting African immigrants and persons with disabilities, but will make its services available to all.

Dayton

**Miami Valley Fair Housing Center, Inc.
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$275,000**

The Miami Valley Fair Housing Center, Inc., (MVFHC) will provide complaint intake, investigation, and referral for alleged victims of discrimination. MVFHC will conduct testing in the sales, rental, and lending markets for evidence of systemic discrimination and will conduct surveys of multifamily developments for compliance with the accessibility requirements of the Fair Housing Act. In addition, MVFHC will conduct fair housing education and outreach activities in Montgomery County.

Toledo

Fair Housing Opportunities, Inc., dba Fair Housing Center
Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$275,000

Fair Housing Opportunities, Inc., dba Fair Housing Center (FHC) will conduct fair housing enforcement activities in Northwest Ohio, specifically Lucas and Wood counties and the cities of Bowling Green and Toledo. FHC will investigate fair housing complaints and conduct undercover testing of the housing market to look for evidence of systemic discrimination. Additionally, FHC will conduct fair housing education and outreach activities in and around Toledo.

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City

Metropolitan Fair Housing Council
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$274,800

The Metropolitan Fair Housing Council (MFHC) will provide fair housing enforcement services throughout Oklahoma. MFHC will conduct complaint intake, investigation, and referral and use paired testing to gather evidence during investigations.

Oregon

Portland

Legal Aid Services of Oregon
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$99,785

Legal Aid Services of Oregon (LASO) will partner with the Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO) to perform fair housing education and outreach activities. LASO will develop sample apartment rental applications, rental/lease agreements, mortgage lending applications, and closing statements in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, Laotian, Arabic, Russian, and French to aid in the successful completion of rental and home purchase transactions and provide fair housing information. These forms will be available on the FHCO website. In addition, LASO will develop fair housing curricula and training materials and provide technical assistance to housing providers and lenders.

Pennsylvania

Glenside

Fair Housing Council of Montgomery County
Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Base Component
Award Amount: \$270,000

The Fair Housing Council of Montgomery County (FHCMC) will conduct fair housing enforcement activities in Philadelphia and Montgomery County. FHCMC will receive, investigate, mediate, and, when necessary, refer complaints of housing discrimination to HUD. FHCMC will also conduct testing of the housing market for discrimination against minorities, families with children, and persons with disabilities.

Pittsburgh

**Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh, Inc.
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$275,000**

The Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh, Inc., (FHPGP) will provide enforcement services, including complaint intake, investigation, and referral. FHPGP will conduct testing of the housing market to detect systemic discrimination against racial and ethnic minorities and persons with disabilities and to gather evidence during complaint investigations. In addition, FHPGP will assist disabled persons with reasonable accommodation and reasonable modification requests. Finally, FHPGP will provide fair housing education to housing providers, social service workers, and housing consumers.

Swarthmore

**Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$275,000**

The Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia, Inc., (FHCSO) will provide fair housing services in the five-county Greater Philadelphia area, including Montgomery, Bucks, Delaware, and Chester. FHCSO will investigate and mediate fair housing complaints, and perform telephone tests of the housing market for discrimination. In addition, FHCSO will place a special emphasis on assisting persons with disabilities, persons with limited English proficiency, families with children, and victims of predatory lending.

Washington

**Southwestern Penn Legal Services
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$100,000**

Southwestern Penn Legal Services (SPLS) will conduct a fair housing awareness and education campaign in Appalachia, a 24-county area of southwestern Pennsylvania. SPLS will develop and conduct fair housing forums for attorneys, grassroots organizations, and the public. SPLS will have 12 staff attorneys in seven districts to provide fair housing assistance.

South Carolina

Georgetown

**Waccamaw Regional Fair Housing Program
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$74,951**

The Waccamaw Regional Fair Housing Program (WRFHP) will conduct fair housing education and outreach activities for housing providers, government officials, and the public. These activities will include workshops, meetings, and other activities; a fair housing information and complaint hotline; a website with information on the Fair Housing Act and local issues; and a Fair Housing Month event. WRFHP will accept housing discrimination complaints and refer them to HUD, if warranted.

Tennessee

Jackson

West Tennessee Legal Services, Inc.

Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based Component

Award Amount: \$275,000

West Tennessee Legal Services, Inc., (WTLS) will conduct a range of fair housing enforcement activities, including complaint intake, investigation, mediation, and referral. WTLS will also conduct tests of the housing market to look for evidence of racial or ethnic discrimination, particularly against Hispanics.

Memphis

Memphis Area Legal Services, Inc.

Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component

Award Amount: \$274,973

Memphis Area Legal Services, Inc., (MALS) will partner with the Memphis Center for Independent Living to promote accessible housing for persons with disabilities in Memphis and Shelby County. MALS will conduct surveys of multifamily developments for compliance with the Fair Housing Act accessibility requirements. In addition, MALS will conduct workshops for multifamily housing professionals on accessibility, visitability, universal design, and reasonable accommodations and modifications and distribute educational materials to persons with disabilities. MALS expects that its activities will result in at least 64 administrative complaints and 5 lawsuits and will ultimately lead to an increase in accessible housing in Memphis and Shelby County.

Texas

Austin

Austin Tenants Council, Inc.

Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component

Award Amount: \$274,707

The Austin Tenants Council, Inc., (ATC) will provide complaint intake, investigation, and referral for alleged victims of discrimination. ATC will conduct testing for discrimination in the rental market against racial and ethnic minorities and persons with disabilities, survey multifamily developments for compliance with the accessibility requirements of the Fair Housing Act, and monitor housing advertisements for discriminatory language. Additionally, ATC will promote fair housing awareness by placing television, radio, and print advertisements in local media.

San Antonio

San Antonio Fair Housing Council, Inc.

Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component

Award Amount: \$275,000

The San Antonio Fair Housing Council, Inc., (SAFHC) will provide fair housing enforcement activities in Bexar County and 35 other counties in South Texas. SAFHC estimates that it will investigate 250 housing discrimination complaints; conduct 130 rental tests, 10 sales tests, and several lending tests; and conduct accessibility surveys of multifamily developments in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr and/or Willacy counties. In addition, SAFHC will partner with faith-based and community-based organizations and government agencies to conduct meetings on housing discrimination and predatory lending.

Garland

Garland Fair Housing Office
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$89,226

The Garland Fair Housing Office (GFHO) will conduct a fair housing education and outreach campaign for residents of Dallas County. Specifically, GFHO will conduct 6 educational symposia; 12 landlord/tenant forums; 4 fair housing seminars; and several predatory lending presentations to City of Garland employees. In addition, GFHO will promote fair housing awareness by distributing educational materials to 100 churches and 80 community agencies. GFHO estimates that its activities will result in the referral of 70 housing discrimination complaints to HUD.

Utah

Salt Lake City

Disability Law Center
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$100,000

The Disability Law Center (DLC) will conduct fair housing education and outreach in the State of Utah. These activities will include conducting 9 seminars for racial and ethnic minorities and persons with disabilities and a housing rights symposium for various civil rights and legal organizations; developing and implementing a media plan to promote fair housing awareness among racial and ethnic minorities and persons with disabilities; and developing and distributing 100 fair housing self-advocacy packets for racial and ethnic minorities and persons with disabilities. A substantial portion of its educational activities and materials will be available in other languages, including Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Russian.

Vermont

Burlington

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$100,000

The Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) will provide fair housing information and training to municipal officials and the public. Specifically, CVOEO will educate municipal officials on affirmatively furthering fair housing by conducting presentations, developing and distributing an educational DVD in partnership with Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, and conducting an analysis of regulatory barriers to affordable housing in Chittenden County. In addition, CVOEO will promote public awareness of fair housing by conducting 2 community meetings on fair housing for persons with disabilities; distributing 7,500 informational brochures; and developing and airing a public service announcement on radio stations.

Virginia

Richmond

Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia, Inc.
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$100,000

Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia, Inc., (HOME) will conduct fair housing education and outreach for African Americans, persons with limited English proficiency, veterans, and municipal officials in the Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News area. HOME will promote fair housing awareness among African Americans and persons with limited English proficiency by mailing fact sheets in English and Spanish to a total of 400,000 households, appearing on a local Spanish-language radio station, and translating fact sheets into other languages as needed. To reach out to veterans,

HOME will partner with the Family Housing Office at Langley Air Force Base to conduct at least four workshops on fair housing, predatory lending, and financial literacy for 80 military personnel and their families. HOME will train Langley staff so that they can provide additional workshops. Finally, HOME will educate the executive leadership of seven local governments to identify ways they can affirmatively further fair housing.

Washington

Spokane

**Northwest Fair Housing Alliance
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$275,000**

The Northwest Fair Housing Alliance (NWFHA) will conduct fair housing enforcement, education, and outreach activities in eastern and central Washington. NWFHA will provide complaint intake, investigation, and referral for alleged victims of discrimination and perform paired testing in the sales and rental market. NWFHA will reach out to the significant number of African Americans, Hispanics, and other racial and ethnic minorities in the service area, persons with limited English proficiency, and those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Tacoma

**Fair Housing Center of South Puget Sound
Private Enforcement Initiative - Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$275,000**

The Fair Housing Center of Puget Sound (FHPCS) will provide a variety of fair housing enforcement services, including investigating complaints of discrimination in rental, sales transactions and mortgage lending. FHPCS will also recruit and train testers to conduct paired rental, sales and mortgage lending tests in Western and Central Washington.

West Virginia

Morgantown

**Northern West Virginia Center for Independent Living
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$99,976**

The Northern West Virginia Center for Independent Living (NWVCIL) will conduct fair housing education and outreach in West Virginia. These activities will include partnering with local human rights commissions to conduct fair housing workshops, author fair housing articles in organizational newsletters, and launch a statewide fair housing media campaign. In addition, NWVCIL will conduct research on housing discrimination against persons with disabilities and collect data on the availability of accessible housing in West Virginia. NWVCIL will assist alleged victims of discrimination with filing complaints with HUD.

Wisconsin

Milwaukee

**Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council, Inc.
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component
Award Amount: \$100,000**

The Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council, Inc., (MMFHC) will implement a fair housing education and outreach project in Milwaukee, Dane County, and Northeast Wisconsin. The project will include partnering with grassroots,

community-based, and faith-based organizations, as well as local housing counseling agencies, to instruct homebuyers on how to recognize and report unlawful discrimination in the home sales and mortgage lending markets. Additionally, MMFHC will conduct training for racial and ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities, and others on their fair housing rights and how to file complaints with MMFHC or HUD.

Milwaukee

Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component
Award Amount: \$274,996

Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council (MMFHC) will conduct fair housing enforcement activities, including investigating allegations of discrimination involving predatory lending. MMFHC will also recruit and train testers, and conduct testing of housing providers for discriminatory treatment against Southeast Asians in the rental market. In addition, MMFHC will inspect newly-constructed multifamily housing for compliance with the accessibility requirements of the Fair Housing Act.

October 2007