

## Strategic Objective 4A: Fair Housing

**Reduce housing discrimination, affirmatively further fair housing through HUD programs, and promote diverse, inclusive communities.**

### OVERVIEW

HUD seeks to significantly increase the number of housing providers, lenders, members of the real estate community, and others that fully comply with the Fair Housing Act and other applicable fair housing and civil rights laws and do not discriminate on any basis prohibited by those laws and regulations. While housing discrimination still takes on blatant forms in some instances, it has become more subtle and sophisticated through the years, resulting in underreporting and complicating effective enforcement.

In addition to enforcement, HUD works proactively to make access to important neighborhood assets measurably fairer, to significantly increase the economic opportunities available to low-income residents in neighborhoods where HUD invests, and to ensure that policies and practices are in place to provide equal access to persons with disabilities.

### STRATEGIES

- **Ensure compliance with civil rights and economic opportunity requirements by providing high-quality technical assistance and training to stakeholders.** Over the coming four years, HUD will provide technical assistance on fair housing and civil rights laws and program requirements, such as the obligation to affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH), Section 3, Title VI, Section 504, and other areas of civil rights compliance so that HUD grantees have enough information and guidance to comply with civil rights requirements. This will include increasing technical assistance on fair housing issues and more effectively embedding civil rights requirements into other technical assistance offered by HUD.
- **Reduce discrimination by educating housing providers and by publicizing the consequences of violating the law.** In the coming four years, HUD will target housing providers, lenders, real estate agents, apartment managers and others that work in the housing industry for training and outreach to educate them on their responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act and other applicable fair housing and civil rights laws, in order to improve compliance with those laws. HUD will expand availability of fair housing educational material for industry representatives and consumers through website offerings. HUD will also strategically use press, public engagement, and other education and outreach techniques to deter discrimination.
- **Stop discrimination through strong enforcement of the law against violators**, with a particular focus on systemic cases (those matters involving widespread discrimination affecting multiple people), more meaningful case outcomes, and enforcement strategies that identify and change widespread policies and practices.

**LEADING THIS OBJECTIVE**

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**MEASURING OUR PROGRESS**

To track our progress towards this objective, HUD will monitor progress on the following indicators:

- ▶ **Number of people receiving remedies through Fair Housing Act enforcement work and number of people per case**
- ▶ **Monetary relief per case received through Fair Housing Act enforcement work** (for cases with relief less than \$100,000)