

April is National Fair Housing Month



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Dear Local Government Officials and CDBG Administrators,

It's April and that means Fair Housing Month! This year, we celebrate the 55th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, the landmark civil rights law signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on April 11, 1968, that made discrimination in housing transactions unlawful. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, and familial status. The Act is intended to provide for fair housing throughout the country. HUD has more information about fair housing on its [FHEO webpage](#).

In commemoration of this historic legislation, HUD again proclaimed **April 2023 as Fair Housing Month** and is holding a Fair Housing Month Celebration on April 11, 2023. Register to watch the Opening Ceremony on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. EDT by clicking this link:

[Register for the Ceremony \(free\) >](#)

In your communities, the State CDBG Program encourages you to celebrate the Fair Housing Act locally in the month of April. Take time to focus on local fair housing issues and consider meaningful ways to improve access to opportunity. We ask that you plan activities to carry out your community's Fair Housing obligations under your CDBG grant, and we welcome any opportunity to assist with fair housing activities you may have planned this month.

If a Fair Housing Month event is planned, call us at (803) 734-0429 or email mwillis@sccommerce.com to let us know about it so we can include your accomplishments when we tell our state story to HUD. We may also share your ideas with others as we develop fair housing resources for our grantees.

Sincerely,

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It is the policy of HUD to provide equal housing opportunities to all persons without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, familial status, or age. For more information and general information, contact HUD at 1-800-649-9777 (voice) or 1-800-377-8339 (voice) or www.hud.gov/fairhousing, or your local fair housing organization.

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The State of South Carolina undertakes fair housing planning at the state level and must certify each year that it will affirmatively further fair housing. Local governments, as a condition of receiving CDBG funds, must also certify to the State and to HUD that they will take proactive steps to affirmatively further fair housing. CDBG recipients do this by developing a fair housing plan and undertaking fair housing actions during each grant period.