

Fair Housing Initiatives Program 2008  
PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

**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) is located in Birmingham, Alabama a city historically equated with discrimination. The project will perform activities in areas of testing for accessibility, rental, and mortgage lending discrimination. In addition, fair housing education, outreach and investigative services will be provided. The target areas to be served are approximately 23 of Alabama's 67 counties. Emphasis will be given to the following counties: Jefferson, Tuscaloosa, Shelby, Madison, Lauderdale, Etowah and Calhoun counties. The center has a proximity to the farthest cities of 150 miles. Persons to be served are all the protected classes with attention to persons with disabilities and the Hispanic community. These efforts will include cooperative efforts with community organizations and Birmingham Homeownership Center.

**Mobile**

Mobile Fair Housing Center  
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$275,000

The Center for Fair Housing [CFH] will conduct a 12-month enforcement project in the counties of Mobile, Baldwin, Washington, Clarke, Choctaw, Conecuh, Escambia and Monroe, which are currently underserved. Proposed activities include: recruit 5 additional testers; train testers and CFH staff in fair housing enforcement; conduct tests; perform complaint intake, processing, referral and counseling; conduct 6 accessibility workshops for both English and LEP individuals; and meet with a minimum of 50 local groups to provide education and outreach as well as Energy Star information in English and translated formats.

## **Montgomery**

Central Alabama Fair Housing Center  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$274,000

The Central Alabama Fair Housing Center (CAFHC) will conduct rental, sales, lending and accessibility testing, monitor the enforcement of local occupancy codes, investigate group home zoning issues, and provide fair housing education and outreach to all protected classes, with an emphasis on African-Americans, Latinos, and people with disabilities. CAFHC will also conduct enforcement related media campaigns. These activities will be conducted in metro Montgomery, the west Alabama Black Belt region, and in central Alabama.

## **ARIZONA**

### **Phoenix**

Arizona Fair Housing Center  
Private Enforcement Initiative - General Component  
Award Amount - \$275,000

The Arizona Fair Housing Center (AFHC) will provide fair housing enforcement and education activities throughout Arizona. Project activities will include paired tests, rental and accessibility testing over a 12-month period and intake and processing of complaints. This project will also refer complaints to HUD and recruit/train new and existing testers. AFHC will use 10% of its funding for education and outreach activities to increase awareness of fair housing rights and educate the housing industry on compliance with fair housing laws. The grant will focus on low to moderate income persons and the underserved. The underserved include LEP individuals, minorities, persons with disabilities and the elderly.

### **Tucson**

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

The Southwest Fair Housing Council (SWFHC) will conduct the following activities throughout the State of Arizona: interview potential victims of discrimination; analyze housing related issues; conduct complaint intake and testing; evaluate test results; conduct preliminary investigations; conduct mediation; enforce meritorious claims through litigation or referral to administrative enforcement agencies; and disseminate information regarding fair housing rights and responsibilities. SWFHC will conduct the activities identified above at sites provided by and in collaboration and partnership with faith and community based organizations and public and private agencies.

## **CALIFORNIA**

### **Los Angeles**

Southern California Housing Rights Center  
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$275,000

HRC will conduct an 18-month project within the Los Angeles County where complaint statistics indicate persistent housing discrimination based on race. The organization will identify specific areas with potential discriminatory practices, conduct rental and sales testing, present workshops that educate landlords and consumers on their fair housing rights and responsibilities, provide fair housing training to property owners, managers, lenders, and consumers throughout LA County, and uncover discriminatory practices through proactive investigations.

### **Napa**

Greater Napa Fair Housing Center (NAPA)  
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$120,000

Greater Napa Fair Housing Center, a non-profit fair housing assistance organization of California will conduct a 12-month project to address segregated housing patterns, expand testing enforcement services and to intensify existing fair housing outreach and education in the Napa County area. Project activities are established to target LEP Hispanics, non-English speaking new immigrant and disabled persons. The applicant will work in collaboration with 8 Napa County faith-based, grassroots and community organizations.

### **Oakland**

Bay Area Legal Aide  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$275,000

Bay Area Legal Aide (BayLegal) is committed to affirmatively furthering fair housing through aggressive fair housing enforcement. BayLegal proposes to provide aggressive fair housing enforcement, during the three year funding cycles. BayLegal will achieve its project goals by developing an outreach plan and engaging in fair housing training, community outreach and education, recruiting and training multiracial/multilingual testers and conduct paired tests. Baylegal will also conduct intake for complaints of housing discrimination and refer enforcement proposals to HUD, investigate and conciliate complaints, and file affirmative complaints with Federal or State courts, and with the Department of Justice.

## **Palo Alto**

### Project Sentinel

Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component

Award Amount - \$270,000

Project Sentinel (PS) is a full service agency that provides counseling, systemic and complaint investigations. PS will work with 28 other community organizations to serve almost 4 million residents of four diverse northern California counties. The 3-year project will use systemic investigation techniques, conduct education and outreach activities for housing professionals, social service providers, all protected classes and immigrant groups. Sentinel will also build on a pilot project already begun in Santa Clara County to provide redress for consumers targeted for predatory lending practices.

## **San Francisco**

### California Rural Legal Assistance

Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component

Award Amount - \$275,000

California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) is a private non-profit corporation that provides legal services to farm workers, minority and low-income communities in rural California. The rural fair housing project will enable CRLA's Rural Fair Housing Center [RFHC] to target underserved regions and populations throughout rural areas. CRLA will accomplish the following: (1) initiate mandatory referrals and increase enforcement proposals and actions throughout rural areas, targeting underserved populations; (2) continue hate crimes outreach and enforcement in response to 9/11; and (3) target underserved rural agricultural communities, migrant and seasonal farm workers, recent immigrants and indigenous groups, individuals with LEP, ethnic minorities, linguistically and culturally isolated populations, and the disabled and homeless. RFHC also plan to coordinate with CA Department of Fair Employment & Housing (DFEH), HUD, existing fair housing agencies and local government agencies in their testing, complaint reporting, complaint referral and enforcement action efforts.

## **San Rafael**

### Fair Housing of Marin

Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component

Award Amount: \$275,000

The Fair Housing of Marin (FHOM) operates in Marin, Contra Costs, Solano and Sonoma Counties. Some of the services to be provided to protected classes through this funding, are as follows: workshops and conferences for the disabled, predatory lending presentations focused on the elderly, testing on behalf of the immigrant population through e-mail, complaint solicitation through bi-lingual papers, translation of web site

and tri-lingual Fair Housing literature distribution, intake and investigation, mediation, and seminars.

### **Santa Ana**

Orange County Fair Housing Council  
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$175,000

The Council's project is an expansion of their existing broad-based, full service, complaint-driven private enforcement program. This 12 month project, serving Orange County, will expand its enforcement activities to focus on Fair Housing Act violations against minority, immigrant [including LEP] and disabled housing seekers. Particular emphasis will be on steering or discouragement by realtors, leasing agents and possibly homebuilders that result in denial of housing opportunities to the public. Other activities will include conducting a variety of fair housing tests, and their evaluation and mediation, where appropriate. Broad-based program activities will include fair housing education and counseling.

### **Upland**

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

The Inland Fair Housing and Mediation Board (IFHMB) will utilize this grant to support fair housing enforcement in the City of Barstow and the surrounding towns and rural areas. This grant will be used to strengthen fair housing enforcement through collaboration with the Fair Housing Council of San Diego who does not have funding to conduct testing. IFHMB will conduct 100 tests per year in the San Diego region and the Barstow region.

## **CONNECTICUT**

### **Hartford**

Connecticut Fair Housing Center  
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$275,000

The Connecticut Fair Housing Center (CFHC) proposes to continue investigating complaints of discrimination against all protected classes, complete a testing project on racial and ethnic steering, conduct three (3) systemic investigations, promote compliance with design and construction requirements, conduct education and outreach sessions to

community and faith-based organizations and assist HUD in fulfilling strategic goals and policy priorities.

## **DELAWARE**

### **Wilmington**

Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.  
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$274,621

Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. (CLASI) will seek to reduce the instances of housing discrimination against members of the protected classes in the State of Delaware through increased enforcement efforts. The project will focus on the fair housing needs of non-English speaking immigrants, people with disabilities, female victims of domestic violence and economically disadvantaged minorities and families. CLASI will conduct fair housing tests under this project. In collaboration with the Center for Community Research and Service of the University of Delaware, the project will also collect and analyze testing data and information concerning possible homeowners' hazard insurance redlining in the State of Delaware. As outreach for the project CLASI will conduct a minimum of 25 fair housing presentations in the Delaware area.

## **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

National Community Reinvestment Coalition  
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$230,000

National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) will conduct enforcement activities in the Washington, metropolitan area to combat the present pressing crisis affecting the home mortgage financing industry. The organization will assist HUD to address the continuing mortgage foreclosure crisis which mostly impacts African-American and Latino homeowners and home-seekers that have often been targeted by the industry with products that strip their equity and wealth. NCRC proposes to investigate and test a wide range of mortgage lenders for compliance with the fair lending laws. Based on the investigations, NCRC will file enforcement recommendations to HUD.

Housing Counseling Services  
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$100,000

This grant will assist Housing Counseling Service (HCS) organizations to conduct fair housing outreach and education to all protected classes. The project will target low- and moderate-income households and underserved populations (including the LEP community) housing industry officials and community service providers. Project activities will include: specialized workshops for sales and rental housing; 8 fair housing

workshops offered in languages other than English, such as Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Amharic, French and Arabic; and training to the community, housing professionals and faith-based partners. The HCS organizations will also conduct 20 workshops in locations throughout the DC area that will specifically target low- and moderate-income and underserved consumers. HCS will conduct pre- and post workshop testing of the level of fair housing knowledge and implement monitoring and follow-up surveys at the end of the project period.

Equal Rights Center  
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$100,000

Equal Rights Center (ERC) will conduct the following outreach and education projects in the Washington, DC area: distribution of brochures to 200 organizations; conduct 15 “Know Your Rights” workshops; conduct multilingual PSA campaigns to include a focus on national origin discrimination; conduct 12 community meetings to promote fair housing and energy efficiency; and create, print and distribution of a fact sheet for housing developers on federal accessibility guidelines and requirements.

Howard University  
Education and Outreach Initiative – Clinical Law School Component  
Award Amount - \$499,497

The Howard Law Fair Housing Clinic will train and educate law students and lawyers about fair housing rights and obligations. The clinical program will be replicated at two other HBCU Law Schools. The model clinical program is divided into eight major components: 1) clinical program of instruction and enhanced curriculum; 2) citizen education and outreach to legally protected classes; 3) attorney and alumni training; 4) promotion of similar or equivalent programs and their ideals at other accredited law schools, especially HBCU law schools; 5) conducting education and outreach on discriminatory subprime lending, zoning and foreclosure; 6) development and implementation of Fair Housing Month activities; and 7) the referral of and work on fair housing complaints.

## **FLORIDA**

### **Daytona Beach**

Mid-Florida Housing Partnership, Inc.  
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$100,000

Mid-Florida Housing Partnership, Inc. (MFHP) will conduct fair housing outreach and education projects in Volusia, Flagler and Seminole Counties. Outreach and education activities will include fair housing education to the general public on the rights afforded to them by the Fair Housing Act. MFHP will also include outreach and education presentations which will increase minority homeownership by explaining the home

buying process and educating the potential homebuyers of local down payment assistance programs that are available.

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc.  
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$275,000

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc. (CLSMF) enforcement project will target eight Central Florida counties not currently served by a Fair Housing Initiative Program (FHIP) organization. These are high-growth, historically segregated counties with rural dissimilarity indices ranging from medium to high. Seeking to impact 2,500 individuals and their families, this project's objectives include: testing for unlawful discrimination and enforcement of the Fair Housing Act; discrimination remedies and complaint referral to HUD; education and outreach to raise awareness among protected classes, lenders, realtors, landlords, property sellers, and members of the general public of the requirements of the Fair Housing Act; closely partnering with eight (8) county and local municipalities receiving CDBG funds to identify and address their impediments to fair housing; and, achieving positive progress in Central Florida.

### **Jacksonville**

Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc.  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$274,751

The Florida counties of Baker, Bradford, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns will benefit from the services to be provided by JALA. This 3 year project will include a variety of fair housing enforcement activities that will include: complaint intake/processing/investigations; testing activities; mediation of legitimate complaints; and litigation.

### **Miami Gardens**

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

Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc.'s (HOPE) 12-month FHIP project will be conducted in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties, FL. This full-service project will provide culturally competent and accessible fair housing services to all protected classes, including the homeless. Project activities include, but are not limited to interviewing potential victims of discrimination; complaint intake (150); tester training (35); testing test evaluations (130); preliminary investigations; facilitating mediation, where appropriate; enforcing meritorious claims of discrimination through litigation or referrals to HUD; and conducting aggressive education and outreach program designed to reach

the targeted population. Outreach will be conducted in Spanish and Creole languages to reach South Florida's massive groups of immigrants and persons with LEP.

### **Rockledge**

Fair Housing Continuum, Inc.  
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$275,000

The Fair Housing Continuum, Inc. (Continuum) will continue its present grant activities, expand services to the underserved and homeless population and continue services to immigrant and persons with disabilities. The Continuum will add Orange and Osceola Counties back to its operating area. All legitimate and fully jurisdictional complaints will be forwarded to HUD. Testing will be conducted of multi-family developments and for new construction accessibility. Continuum will also conduct education and outreach activities in the Central Florida area. The Continuum will collaborate with the Orlando Office of Human Relations (FHAP) and will continue to receive services and assistance from other city and community agencies in mid-Florida.

### **Tampa**

Bay Area Legal Services, Inc.  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$234,973

The Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. (BALS) will operate in Hillsborough County and the City of Tampa in West Central Florida. BALS will work in partnership with the West Central Florida Agency on Aging, Beth-El Farm worker Ministry, the Homeless Coalition, St. John's Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, and the Florida Bar Association to increase enforcement and compliance with the fair housing laws. BALS is anticipating intake of 40 fair housing cases per year, recruit and train 15 new testers and conduct a minimum of 84 tests per year. They will also distribute fair housing materials to at least 35 groups annually. This project will focus on persons with disabilities, racial and ethnic minorities, LEP persons and immigrants.

### **West Palm Beach**

Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.  
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$120,629

The Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.'s project will address local discriminatory housing practices by increasing compliance with the Federal Fair Housing Act and with substantially equivalent State and local fair housing laws through the following four enforcement activities: (1) intake, testing, and evaluation of housing discrimination complaints; (2) investigation of fair housing discrimination allegations for

further enforcement processing by HUD; (3) mediation or other voluntary resolution of fair housing discrimination allegations; and (4) litigation of fair housing cases. The project will concentrate on resolving fair housing complaints through mediation or other voluntary resolution processes.

## **GEORGIA**

### **East Point**

Metro Fair Housing Services  
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$271,248

Metro Fair Housing Services, Inc., will expand its enforcement activities in Butts, Clayton, Hall and Henry Counties while continuing to serve Atlanta, Fulton and DeKalb Counties. The applicant will open a satellite office in Jackson [Butts County], to expand fair housing services to these rural and underserved areas. Some continued activities include: regional systemic testing; distribute brochures and flyers in English and Spanish; and partner with faith-based organizations to provide educational seminars for their organizations' constituencies.

## **Hawaii**

### **Honolulu**

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

Legal Aid Society of Hawaii (LASH) will provide a full service, statewide fair housing enforcement program in Hawaii. LASH recognizes the need of greater enforcement activity to encourage compliance with fair housing laws. Thus, this project seeks to increase the number of enforcement actions referred to HUD and substantially equivalent agencies. LASH will provide assistance to victims of housing discrimination through intake, complaint analysis, referrals, mediation, negotiating settlements, implementing conciliation agreements; and conducting litigation if necessary. LASH will also conduct systemic investigations and complaint-based testing. The organization will also investigate individual complaints and promote awareness of fair housing laws through education and outreach to community organizations, housing providers, social service providers, and other interested persons.

## **IDAHO**

### **Boise**

Intermountain Fair Housing Council  
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$274,796

The Intermountain Fair Housing Council is the only full-time fair housing enforcement organization in the state of Idaho. The Council will conduct an 18-month state-wide project to increase housing opportunities and affirmatively further fair housing in 5 entitlement communities, 6 metropolitan centers and 38 rural counties. The project proposes to conduct full service fair housing enforcement activities focused on low-income rural persons, recent immigrants (LEP) persons, disabled persons, and families with children. The activities will include the following: conduct rental, sales, lending and insurance paired and audit testing; conduct site design assessments; process jurisdictional complaints; and, extend extensive fair housing outreach and education to the public and key community stakeholders, including the use of cable TV and Spanish language radio.

## **ILLINOIS**

### **Chicago**

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

The Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago (ALMC) project will focus on disability-based discrimination in accessible design requirements, accommodations and modifications. The results of the project will enable persons with disabilities to pursue homeownership and rental opportunities. The project will conduct testing, filing of complaints and lawsuits, as appropriate. These activities will be conducted in the Metropolitan Chicago area and throughout the state of Illinois. ALMC also plans to subcontract with Pilsen Alliance (a neighborhood grassroots organization) to promote fair housing in Chicago's Spanish-speaking and immigrant communities.

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

This project, conducted by the Chicago Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law will investigate and enforce fair housing laws, and develop/implement strategies to combat predatory lending practices. Serving all protected classes under the Fair Housing Act, as amended, activities will cover the Chicago metropolitan area, focusing on three communities in the Chicago Empowerment Zone: the near West Side, Pilsen/Little Village, and the near South Side.

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

John Marshall Law School will utilize FHIP funding for its Fair Housing Legal Clinic. The Clinic will provide legal representation to persons who have meritorious complaints involving housing discrimination. It will also provide testing services when necessary to detect whether discrimination has occurred. Complaints handled by the Clinic will include, but are not limited to, the rental and sale of property, as well as issues concerning mortgage lending, insurance redlining, reasonable accommodation and modification requests, and affordable housing for persons in all protected classes under the Fair Housing Act. Geographic areas to be served are in the Chicago/Metropolitan area, and its Empowerment Zones; South Side, West Side and Pilsen/Little Village Clusters, which include the communities of Austin, Humbolt Park, Lower West Side, Near South Side, Near North Side, East and West Garfield Park, North and South Lawndale in the City of Chicago. The project will also serve parts of Northwest Indiana.

### **Homewood**

South Suburban Housing Center  
 Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
 Award Amount - \$273,505

South Suburban Housing Center has served over 100 municipalities in the south Chicago metropolitan region, and will continue to do so with this 3-year project. Some project objectives include: maximize the number of enforcement actions through a comprehensive testing program; process an increased number of fair housing complaints to exceed present 220 p/year; conduct approx. 360 matched tests and 60 accessibility tests; resolve legitimate complaints, where possible, and file enforcement actions with HUD and expand education and outreach to underserved communities through collaborations with local community organizations, to include local disability rights groups.

### **Rockford**

Prairie State Legal Services, Inc.  
 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component  
 Award Amount - \$100,000

Prairie State Legal Services, Inc. will engage in Fair Housing activities in 35 counties in Illinois (excluding Cook and Will counties). Some grant activities will include: legal education presentations on fair housing rights to all protected classes under the FH Act and Illinois Human Rights Act; a series of workshops on default/foreclosure; special presentations directed to homeless individuals and their advocates addressing housing discrimination and financial literacy issues; 2 presentations to the disabled and their

advocates; and translation of all new project materials into Spanish and conduct presentations to the Spanish speaking population.

### **Wheaton**

HOPE Fair Housing Center  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$274,491

HOPE Fair Housing Center, the oldest fair housing center in Illinois, will continue its comprehensive enforcement program throughout the state of Illinois, to include 5 suburban, 26 rural counties and 6 established cities of Illinois. Some activities under this 3 year program will include: complaint based and systemic testing to eliminate racial and ethnic steering; conduct a total of approx 1,000 tests, to include 300 telephonic tests; 30 non-testing investigations in 6 cities to uncover harassment and overzealous enforcement of housing codes and MLS listings; and collaborations with (15) community and governmental agencies to carry-out education and outreach activities.

### **Winnetka**

Interfaith Housing Center of Northern Suburbs  
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$186,403

This 12-month enforcement project will serve sixteen northern Cook and southern Lake County suburbs north of Chicago, encompassing over 430,000 people. The scope of the work will include: outreach targeted to all protected classes with emphasis on new immigrants; investigate at least 35 bona-fide complaints; refer at least 15 enforcement proposals to HUD; examine results of approx. 50 paired tests completed under the previous PEI grant; conduct 2 fair housing/predatory lending victim assistance sessions; and provide FHAct accessibility standard information and Energy Star information to at least 5 area municipal building code departments and developers.

## **IOWA**

### **Des Moines**

Iowa Civil Rights Commission  
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$67,126

The Iowa Civil Rights Commission (ICRC) is an antidiscrimination enforcement agency, well-known for its ability to successfully administer fair housing educational outreach programs. ICRC will work in collaboration with other grassroots and faith-based organizations throughout Iowa. ICRC will provide materials and training regarding fair housing rights and responsibilities under state and federal laws at cultural festivals, fairs,

and conferences; and conduct an extensive fair housing media campaign, in both print and video format in newspapers, at movie theaters, and on television throughout Iowa.

## **KENTUCKY**

### **Lexington**

Lexington Fair Housing Council  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$260,476

Lexington Fair Housing Council will conduct this 3-year project throughout the state of Kentucky. The funds will be used to complete and implement the following activities: pursue pending cases to completion; complete 660 fair housing tests statewide, covering accessibility, rental, disability and sales discrimination; process 240 intakes; file enforcement actions; continue a Predatory Lending Prevention Program to prevent egregious loans; maintain a Speaker's Bureau to provide fair housing classes to housing providers; and maintain a hotline to offer fair housing legal advice to housing providers.

## **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 continue its services to all individuals and families in the New Orleans MSA. FHAC proposes to utilize funding to conduct intake of new complaints alleging violations of federal and state fair housing laws; analyze complaints to determine appropriate investigative technique and/or referral; ensure appropriate investigations of housing discrimination by conducting paired rental/sales/insurance and lending tests; and conduct recruitment and training of new testers. FHAC will also conduct enforcement projects to assist in determining the nature/extent of discrimination against underserved populations. FHAC will conduct education and outreach activities and provide training to local governments, housing consumers, and housing providers.

## **MAINE**

### **Portland**

Pine Tree Legal Assistance  
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$275,000

Pine Tree Legal Services will operate as Maine’s only statewide full service fair housing project. The project will focus on enforcement of federal/state laws prohibiting discrimination against tenants and homeowners in mobile home parks, which is the standard for low-income individuals. Project activities will include complaint intake, investigations and testing. The project will also focus on the underserved and disabled that are immigrants and/or have limited English proficiency. Education and Outreach efforts will be designed to strengthened awareness of fair housing and fair lending protection.

## **MASSACHUSETTS**

### **Boston**

Fair Housing Center of Greater Boston  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$274,750

Activities of this project will benefit all protected classes under the FHAct in the Greater Boston area. Project activities will include: intake and investigation of inquiries; the development of complaint-based and systemic cases; recruitment and training of testers; conducting individual rental, sales, mortgage lending and insurance testing; and assisting individual home seekers to pursue complaints through HUD/FHAP and the courts. FHCGB will also use its FHIP funds for education and outreach activities and designing materials to increase fair housing awareness.

### **Holyoke**

Housing Discrimination Project  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$275,000

The Housing Discrimination Project, Inc. (HDP) will operate in the 5 counties of Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire and Worcester County. The project will serve all people in the area with an emphasis on populations of color and new immigrants (Latino, East Asian, African, and Eastern European). HDP intends to conduct workshops at shelters, workshops for first-time homebuyers, predatory lending workshops and workshops for LEP and disabled individuals and housing providers. HDP will also perform complaint intake, test for discrimination in the rental, sales and insurance

industries, conduct voice recognition tests, monitor housing advertising, and distribute fair housing information. HDP will work with local governments and many organizations to provide testing and fair housing training.

### **Worcester**

Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts  
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$232,000

Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts along with the City of Worcester has developed The Worcester Fair Housing Project. The Project will conduct fair housing investigations and enforcement activities throughout central MA, where no other fair housing program is based. The project will run a comprehensive testing program, conduct complaint-based and audit tests, conduct workshops to targeted groups, to include LEP persons, chronically homeless and the elderly and disabled. The project will work with a local grass-roots faith-based community organization and local minority serving institutions to provide education and recruit testers.

## **MICHIGAN**

### **Ann Arbor**

Fair Housing Center of Southeastern Michigan  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$183,549

The Fair Housing Center of Southeastern Michigan will expand its fair housing enforcement services into three Michigan counties: Livingston, Ingham, and Jackson while continuing services in Washtenaw, Lenawee and Monroe counties. Goals for this 36-month project include: intake of new fair housing complaints; conducting tests; recruiting and training of new testers; and gaining reasonable accommodations for disabled complainants.

### **Detroit**

Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$180,740

This 36 month project will offer various enforcement services to the metro Detroit area, to include: receipt and processing of complaints; investigation of fair housing tests; refer cases to Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit (FHC) attorneys for administrative court action; conduct 165 systemic tests of housing providers to result in referrals to HUD/DOJ for administrative enforcement; and conducting settlements. The FHC will also coordinate fair housing education and outreach activities to the project area.

Legal Aid and Defender Association, Inc.  
 Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
 Award Amount - \$275,000

Legal Aid and Defender Association, Inc. (LAD) Fair Housing Center will conduct a 12-month project within the Oakland and Macomb Counties of Michigan. LAD will: train 100 new testers representing a variety of protected classes; conduct 140 paired tests; submit enforcement proposals; complete conciliation agreements; hold educational sessions, including sessions on energy efficiency and accessibility issues; and work to target community and faith-based groups and MSIs as audiences for fair housing educational programs.

### **Flint**

Legal Services of Eastern Michigan  
 Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
 Award Amount - \$208,561

Legal Services of Eastern Michigan plans to continue sponsorship of its Fair Housing Center of Eastern Michigan. The Center will provide fair housing testing and enforcement services to four counties in mid-Michigan, Bay, Genesee, Midland, and Saginaw. The area includes 2 cities in the State with the highest levels of segregation. The center will offer proactive services by conducting both survey testing as well as complaint-based testing. The Center will also train testers, conduct tests, file enforcement proposals and conduct two targeted investigations. The Center plans to partner with many other agencies in its delivery of fair housing services, including local units of government and Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs).

### **Grand Rapids**

Fair Housing Center of West Michigan  
 Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
 Award Amount - \$274,604

The Center organization will conduct fair housing enforcement services in an eleven county area in west Michigan. Services will also be provided to two thirds of the State where there is no fair housing presence. Under this project the Fair Housing Center of West Michigan will: provide enforcement services to approx. 360 clients, including complaint intake, counseling, investigation and mediation; recruit and train testers; conduct matched paired tests and site accessibility tests; partner with both local, national and government agencies, HUD, faith- and community-based groups to combat fair housing practices; and provide fair housing education and outreach to over 60,000 English and non/English speaking clients.

## **Kalamazoo**

Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan  
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$162,225

The Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan will provide enforcement services as well as limited outreach and education over a 12-month grant period. The project's services will be made available to nine counties of southwest Michigan. The counties include Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Allegan, St. Joe, Berrien, Cass and Van Buren. Activities will include: investigating new fair housing complaints; rental/sales paired testing, recruiting new fair housing testers; and gaining reasonable accommodations and/or modifications. Collaborations with other organizations will also assist efforts to remove regulatory barriers and to increase access to affordable housing by low income individuals and families.

## **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 enforce fair housing laws for low-income and disabled protected class members in the 7 county areas of the Minneapolis, St. Paul area and throughout the 53 Southern and Central Minnesota counties. LASM will provide referral and technical assistance to clients, advocates, agencies and lawyers throughout Minnesota who assert their rights under the FHAA and local laws.

## **MISSOURI**

### **St. Louis**

Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing Opportunity Council  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount: \$224,379

The Metropolitan Saint Louis Equal Housing Opportunity Council (EHOC) is the only private, not-for-profit fair housing enforcement agency serving the metro St. Louis area. This area includes counties in Southern Illinois and eastern Missouri. EHOC proposes to identify violations of fair housing law and to assist home seekers of all protected classes to assert their fair housing rights. In addition, they will work to substantially increase the number and availability of accessible affordable housing units for all protected classes through the 8 county bi-state regions. The program will serve to offer a full service fair housing investigative and testing activities for the 4<sup>th</sup> most segregated metropolitan area

in the nation.

## **NEBRASKA**

### **Omaha**

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

Family Housing Advisory Services, Inc. operates the Fair Housing Center of Nebraska as one of its key programs. The Center will focus its expanding enforcement program activities to underserved populations of Nebraska and W. Iowa, with a focus on new immigrants and especially individuals/families with limited or no English skills, homeless, and returning veterans and other persons w/disabilities. Projects activities will include: on-site complaint intake at shelters, the Salvation Army, YWCA offices, faith-based and community-based organizations; assessment and investigations of all alleged complaints; conducting matched paired tests of rental/sales/lending complaints; maintain a 24-hour toll free hotline and internet website to assist rural areas of NE; and providing education and outreach services to the general public and fair housing training to staff of community agencies.

## **NEVADA**

### **Reno**

Silver State Fair Housing Council  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$268,606

Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) proposes to expand its current affirmative enforcement program, especially its enforcement of Fair Housing Act accessibility requirements, to include the entire state of Nevada. Activities will serve all protected classes under the FHA and will include identification and tracking of new multifamily housing, from building permits to certificates of occupancy, and conducting on-site assessments for enforcement purposes. SSFHC will also recruit testers to conduct tests and facilitate reasonable accommodation/modification requests. Activities will also include promoting compliance with fair housing law by conducting a total of 23 trainings for housing providers, design professionals, community advocates, and attorneys; and providing fair housing information through website, advertising, and community outreach; and conducting complaint intake and assessment.

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

## **Concord**

New Hampshire Legal Assistance  
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$223,557

New Hampshire Legal Assistance (NHLA) proposes to continue a multi-faceted, statewide strategy to combat housing discrimination. HJP staff attorneys investigate fair housing complaints and file complaints with HUD, the NH Commission for Human Rights, and in state and federal courts. They will resume their mortgage lending testing program, make modifications to NHLA's web-based case management system; improve it's website to ensure maximum accessibility for persons with disabilities and LEP; conduct forums for mentally and physically disabled tenants in elderly housing; and increase opportunities for families w/children to name a few activities.

## **NEW MEXICO**

### **Albuquerque**

ACORN Associates  
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$99,974

ACORN Associates will conduct education and outreach on sub prime and predatory lending in the Las Vegas metropolitan area. Along with grassroots and faith-based partners, ACORN Associates will serve all protected classes with special focus on traditionally underserved minorities and immigrants, particularly LEP individuals, female heads-of-household, the elderly and disabled. The organization will hold an array of fair housing workshops to educate the public on their rights and responsibilities under the FHAct, and to increase minority homeownership by preventing foreclosures and homelessness due to predatory and sub prime lending.

## **NEW YORK**

### **Brooklyn**

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

South Brooklyn Legal Services, Inc., intends to continue their work preventing foreclosures and other housing discrimination in home financing and sales in NYC. The organization plans to conduct education workshops, conduct initial intake interviews, investigate, resolve or send complaints to U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and conduct training for attorneys and advocates assisting individuals who have been targeted for discriminatory financing and sales practices.

New York Agency for Community Affairs  
 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component  
 Award Amount - \$99,427

New York Agency for Community Affairs will conduct targeted outreach through grassroots organizations and faith-based institutions to reach underserved populations in the Nassau County area. While serving all protected classes, outreach activities will target underserved immigrant, disabled, and minority populations, particularly those with limited English proficiency and in communities with high loan denial rates such as: New York/New Jersey region, specifically in Nassau County and Long Island in the following towns and villages: Baldwin, Elmont/South Floral Park, Freeport, Glen Cove, Hempstead, Roosevelt, Uniondale and Westbury/New Cassel. In addition, HMDA data analysis will be conducted to determine lending impediments and to educate the public and lenders about the need to address impediments to homeownership.

### **Buffalo**

Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Inc.  
 Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
 Award Amount - \$263,846

Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Inc., will vigorously provide fair housing enforcement services in the Buffalo-Niagara region. Some of the activities of this 3 year project will include: intake of allegations of discrimination; conduct testing activities; file verified complaints with HUD and FHAP; mediate valid discrimination cases; conduct 12 training sessions for staff of 2 grass-roots/faith-based organizations and 2 minority servicing institutions; and administer a Revolving Litigation Fund, through previous FHIP grants, to provide fair housing litigation costs including payment of expert witness fees.

Buffalo Urban League  
 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component  
 Award Amount - \$90,000

The Buffalo Urban League (BUL) will prepare and correlate fair housing materials in English and Spanish (and other languages as needed) at groups through providing brochures, flyers, door hangers and pamphlets about fair housing, mortgage foreclosure prevention, and predatory lending. BUL will conduct outreach and marketing activities to identify and recruit target population through print and electronic media. Activities will include radio appearances, production of a public access television show, advertisements in community newspapers that target the minority population, and articles to be published in minority newspapers advising of fair housing rights.

### **Long Island**

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

Long Island Housing Services, Inc. (LIHS) will conduct a 3 year project that will assist continued efforts to identify and assist in eliminating patterns of discriminatory policies and practices that adversely affect people with disabilities, Blacks, Hispanics, non-English proficient persons and families with children. LIHS will conduct outreach to service providers and affected groups, using HUD as a front line enforcement tool for cases having sufficient evidence. LIHS will also recruit and train testers, investigate complaints, facilitate legal actions and file complaints with HUD. LIHS plans to co-sponsor or participate in fair housing seminars and encourage compliance by local governments with current accessibility standards.

### **New York City**

HELP Social Service Corporation  
 Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
 Award Amount - \$274,995

HELP Social Service Corporation (HELP) will conduct fair housing enforcement activities in NY City, by contract with their entity-the Fair Housing Justice Center. FHIP funds will be utilized to conduct complaint intake and processing; conduct tests in response to complaints; recruit and train testers and student interns; make referrals; conduct fair housing training for staff at HELP; conduct systemic rental and sales testing, and conduct education and outreach to individuals regarding their rights under the FHAct.

### **Rochester**

Legal Assistance of Western N.Y., Inc.  
 Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
 Award Amount - \$197,500

Legal Assistance of Western N.Y., Inc. (LAWNY) will continue the work on its Fair Housing Enforcement project for the Finger Lakes Region (FHEP) in Monroe County and five surrounding rural counties. These counties have a continual growth in the Hispanic population, and the lack of awareness of fair housing laws is evident in zoning laws and newspaper advertising. LAWNY will also implement a rural area testing component, the first of its kind in New York State. In coordination with the Geneva Human Rights Commission, the FHAP in Geneva, NY, LAWNY's testing coordinator will refer complaints filed with GHRC to LAWNY for testing. Complaints from five counties will be investigated/tested, and referred to LAWNY attorneys for enforcement when discriminatory practices are corroborated.

### **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. will conduct an enforcement project in the New York State counties of Cuyahoga, Onondaga, Oswego, Jefferson and St. Lawrence. Proposed activities will include: complaint intake for fair housing and predatory lending, conducting systemic investigations of discrimination and redlining, conducting testing, provide housing counseling, and various education and outreach activities. The project will serve all persons protected by the Fair Housing Act (including recent immigrants, African-Americans, Latinos and other ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, families with children and those who have Limited English Proficiency).

### **White Plains**

Westchester Residential Opportunities  
 Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
 Award Amount - \$261,895

Westchester Residential Opportunities (WRO) will conduct systemic fair housing testing and provide assistance to victims of housing discrimination. WRO will conduct enforcement activities in Westchester, Putnam and Rockland counties and will investigate both rental and sales-based discrimination. WRO have partnered with the Westchester and Rockland Human Rights Commissions to coordinate and implement this initiative.

## **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) proposes to conduct a rigorous fair housing and investigations project. The project will be conducted statewide. FHCNN proposes to train 90 testers, conduct rental/sales tests, distribute 6000 Fair Housing flyers to community groups, faith-based organizations, local shops, and markets and other places people congregate. The project will serve people affected by race and color as well as persons with disabilities and LEP families.

### **Newark**

Citizen Action of New Jersey  
 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component

Award Amount - \$100,000

Citizen Action of New Jersey (NJCA) proposes increasing the knowledge and understanding of community leaders about predatory lending in NJ so they may recognize and inform clients how to identify, screen, and report fair lending complaints. NJCA will works to educate people about their rights and obligations under the Fair Housing Act and to increase access to affordable housing through fair and equal access to credit, capital, and banking services for traditionally underserved populations, specifically low and moderate income (LMI) minorities and non-English or limited English speaking adults, seniors and people with disabilities living in NJ's urban areas.

## **NORTH DAKOTA**

### **Bismarck**

Fair Housing of the Dakotas  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$220,546

Fair Housing of the Dakotas (FHD) will operate in North and South Dakota and serve the residents in those two states. FHD's main goal is to strengthen enforcement activities through testing and other investigative methods, resulting in providing remedies for acts of discrimination in housing transactions. FHD will conduct rental and mortgage lending tests, conduct 24 Fair Housing workshops, distribute publications on fair housing, reach out to 45 underserved communities, collaborate with other organizations and provide accessibility or predatory/lending trainings. This is the only FHIP in the two-state region and in the Denver region

## **OHIO**

### **Akron**

Fair Housing Contact Service  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$275,000

This 12-month project will provide fair housing services throughout Summit, Start, Portage, Medina, and Tuscarawas Counties in Northeastern Ohio. There is no other FHIP presence in the surrounding area. Fair Housing Contact Services will service all persons protected under the Federal, state and local fair housing laws. Activities under this project will include the following: increase language access to present services for deaf and partially deaf clients, as well as LEP individuals, through translation services; conduct fair housing investigations to include rental, internet, and accessibility testing; hold a fair housing accessibility training, as part of other trainings to be collaborated with our state FHAP agency [Ohio Civil Rights Commission]; onsite monitoring and

investigations of prior fair housing complaints; and assist clients with disabilities w/respect to reasonable accommodations.

### **Cincinnati**

Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Greater Cincinnati  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$273,815

The Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Greater Cincinnati (HOME) program will address housing discrimination against all protected classes under the Fair Housing Act, and its amendments, in any covered housing transaction whether rental, sales, or financing. HOME estimates that they will receive complaints during the project term. In addition, to responding to complaints initiated by victims of discrimination, HOME will conduct systemic or random matched pair tests. Sales testing will be conducted to ensure housing accessibility for persons with disabilities. HOME will conduct an audit of various multifamily developments. In cooperation with a local grassroots organization, HOME will conduct outreach and fair housing education through churches in a low and moderate-income Cincinnati neighborhood. Three (3) training events also will be held for mental health providers.

### **Cleveland**

Housing Advocates, Inc.  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$275,000

Housing Advocates, Inc. (HAI) will conduct a six component program to be implemented over 3-years. The project, will include the following: predatory lending enforcement; disability housing enforcement; analysis of Tenant Selection Action Plans in PHAs; testing of discrimination complaints; and a linguistic profiling project. The programs will serve all protected classes in the regions of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Portage, Stark, Summit, and the 10 counties surrounding the Columbus area.

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

Housing Research and Advocacy Center (Housing Center) and its subcontractors, Fair Housing Resource Center and Heights Community Congress will provide fair housing enforcement services in the Cleveland, Ohio metropolitan area which includes Cuyahoga, Geauga and Lorain Counties. The services will be extended to all protected classes, with the focus on reducing discrimination against persons with disabilities, African Americans, Hispanic/Latinos and families with children. The Housing Center will perform testing in the areas of rental, lending, sales and insurance. The Housing Center will conduct education and outreach activities and survey newly constructed multifamily housing and monitor housing advertisements.

**Dayton**

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

The Miami Valley Fair Housing Center, Inc. will provide a comprehensive systemic investigation program to address predatory lending, reasonable accommodations, and linguistic profiling. The project will also conduct education and outreach to residents in the Montgomery County area of Ohio.

**Painesville**

Fair Housing Resource Center, Inc.  
 Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
 Award Amount - \$275,000

The Fair Housing Resource Center, Inc. (Center) will continue its efforts to reduce housing discrimination in Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula Counties. Under this 3 year project, the Center's activities to be completed will be rental testing on the basis of race, disability and familial status; lending and insurance testing.

**Toledo**

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

The Fair Housing Center plans to implement a broad-based full-service fair housing program consisting of victims' assistance, complaint investigation, outreach to underserved populations, monitoring, and prevention. The group will investigate complaints (in rental, sales, lending and predatory lending, appraisal, insurance, zoning, new construction, rehab, and advertising) from all protected classes under both federal and state fair housing law. Its activities will span northwest Ohio, specifically Lucas and Wood Counties and the cities of Bowling Green and Toledo.

**OKLAHOMA****Oklahoma City**

Metropolitan Fair Housing Council  
 Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
 Award Amount - \$274,900

MFHC will continue the expansion of current statement enforcement activities resulting in enforcement remedies under Title VIII to include complaint processing, investigations/testing and complaint referrals to HUD on behalf of all protected classes. Enforcement activities will include complaint-based tests [rental/sales/lending], accessibility audits of covered multi-family homes constructed after March 13, 1991; and the conducting of systemic tests of housing providers. MFHC will also conduct a statewide public information campaign to disseminate fair housing education.

## **OREGON**

### **Portland**

Fair Housing Council of Oregon  
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$275,000

Fair Housing Council of Oregon will conduct a full service fair housing enforcement-related project throughout Oregon and SW Washington State over an 18-month period. Planned activities include: investigation and referral of fair housing violations to HUD; expansion of accessible, affordable housing options; implementation of three (3) regional technical assistance clinics to provide information; and complaint intake services.

Legal Aid Services of Oregon  
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$81,759

Legal Aid Services of Oregon will utilize funds to affirmatively further fair housing through education and outreach activities in Oregon over an 18-month period. Activities will include: development of training materials, fair housing curricula, and sample forms translated into multiple languages, to be posted to FHCO's website; development and delivery of 300 copies of best practices guides; 6 educational tours and seminars to targeted groups covering the history of housing discrimination in Oregon; and the creation and distribution of an information flyer on accessibility requirements for new multifamily housing to architects, contractors and housing consumers.

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

### **Erie**

St. Martins Center  
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$100,000

St. Martins Center (SMC) is a HUD registered, faith based social services agency with over 55 years of experience in assisting those in crisis. The Center is constantly looking to address the needs and improve the lives of the under served populations. SMC through

the EOI program will resume its efforts to improve and strengthen the filing and tracking of fair housing complaints in Erie, PA through education and outreach activities.

### **Glenside**

Fair Housing Center in Southeastern Pennsylvania  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$275,000

The Fair Housing Center in Southeastern Pennsylvania (FHRC) [formerly the Fair Housing Council of Montgomery County], will conduct a 3-year fair housing enforcement project serving all protected classes and the underserved populations, in the areas of Philadelphia and its surrounding counties of Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, and Delaware. FHRC will subcontract with several community partners to conduct this project to include: complaint intake/investigation and enforcement of housing rental and sales; monitoring of rental and sales transactions, with a focus on minorities, families w/children, disabled, immigrants, and LEP persons; assisting housing opportunities for the disabled through enforcement of design/construction and accessibility guidelines; increase filing of meritorious complaints w/HUD and courts; and provide fair housing education to all including first time homebuyers.

### **Pittsburgh**

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

The Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh, Inc., is proposing a fair housing enforcement program to include testing, outreach and education and complaint intake and referral. The project proposes activities to recruit and train testers; investigate discrimination in rentals, sales and insurance and conduct testing to examine practices of adverse treatment of African Americans, Hispanics and African immigrants in the Western part of the Commonwealth of PA. The target areas include six major rural counties and the City of Pittsburgh. The purpose of the project is to continue to build a strong fair housing enforcement service area, ensuring the availability of effective fair housing services to citizens, and to challenge the absence of local requirements to affirmatively further fair housing.

### **Swarthmore**

Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$274,818

This 3-year grant will assist Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia (FHCSF) in its plight to reduce housing discrimination against protected classes in Greater

Philadelphia through direct, ongoing enforcement and proactive, systemic investigations. Activities will include: recruit and train 60 new testers; intake and process 210 complaints; conduct approx. 340 tests (inc. rental, sales, mortgage, insurance and accessibility); refer enforcement actions to HUD, DOJ, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission PHRC; work with the PHRC to increase predatory lending awareness; and conduct education and outreach, to include holding workshops and trainings, and the massive distribution of fair housing material.

## **TENNESSEE**

### **Jackson**

West Tennessee Legal Services, Inc.  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$275,000

This 3 year funding will assist West Tennessee Legal Services, Inc., with a broad-based fair housing enforcement services to be afforded to all protected classes in all markets. Activities will be conducted in all jurisdictions w/the exception of Nashville/Davidson Counties and the Memphis/Shelby Counties, which are being serviced by Tennessee FH Council and Memphis Area Legal Services. Activities will include: complaint intake/investigations; testing and test evaluations; mediation services; referrals of bona-fide enforcement proposals to HUD/Tennessee Human Rights and DOJ; representation of bona-fide complainants in the admin/judicial process; and providing education and outreach to the general public with a focus on underserved populations.

### **Nashville**

Tennessee Fair Housing Council  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$275,000

The Tennessee Fair Housing Council's project will serve Nashville, TN MSA, to include Davidson, Cheatham, Dickson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson counties. The project activities will include: intake/processing of complaints; complaint-based and systemic testing [sales/rental]; recruitment/training of new testers; a major FH month activity to be carried with the FHAP agency; 6 fair housing trainings to individuals with disabilities; and annual training of college students in partnership with a local MSI.

## **TEXAS**

### **Austin**

Austin Tenants Council, Inc.  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$274,707

The Austin Tenants Council, Inc., will fight housing discrimination in the Austin, TX area through the use of intake and referral of complaints, testing of new developments for accessibility, testing of assisted and independent living facilities to determine the extent of discrimination against people with severe disabilities, auditing and testing media advertising, landlord testing focusing on experiences of recent immigrants and persons with disabilities; and promote fair housing through television, radio and print advertisements focusing on disability and immigrant rights.

## **Garland**

Garland Fair Housing Office  
Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$100,000

Garland Fair Housing Office (GFHO) will provide fair housing services to the City of Garland, TX. The project will include concentrated education and outreach to all protected classes inclusive of underserved populations, immigrants and individuals with Limited English Proficiency. GFHO will conduct an intensive regional media campaign which will inform residents of illegal housing practices and available recourse, including filing of a complaint. Credible complaints will be referred to HUD and the Garland FHAP for full enforcement. The program's goal is to reach approx. 28,000 residents resulting in complaints filed over a 12-month project period.

## **Houston**

Greater Houston Fair Housing Center  
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$275,000

Greater Housing Fair Housing Center (GHFHC) will provide enforcement services to all protected classes in the Houston metro area. This 12-month project will provide activities to include: a complete bilingual full service enforcement capability in English and Spanish; intake and investigations of alleged complaints; conducting systematic investigations, recruitment and training of 20 testers; conducting 85 enforcement tests; conducting 10 accessibility and design audits; and providing education and outreach services for 300 people with a special focus on LEP, immigrant and disabled population. The GHFHC will also partner with disability service groups such as the Houston Center for Independent Living, to increase compliance with the Act and work closely with faith-based organizations to facilitate fair housing education and enforcement.

## **San Antonio**

San Antonio Fair Housing Council, Inc.  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$275,000.00

This 3-year project will conduct fair housing enforcement activities in Bexar County and an additional 26 counties in South TX. San Antonio Fair Housing Council, Inc., (SAFHC) will conduct intake and preliminary investigations of fair housing claims using testing to include rental, sales, and lending. In addition, SAFHC will conduct site assessments; assist consumers with disabilities, reasonable accommodation and/or mod requests; and conduct 60 meetings or training in Bexar County and 210 in other areas of South Texas.

## **VERMONT**

### **Burlington**

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

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) will address Vermont's documented and urgent need for increased fair housing education and outreach by mobilizing a variety of partners from faith-based, grassroots, and homeless activist organizations as well as municipal and state governments. CVOEO will partnership with a state agencies and several community partners. CVOEO will work to overcome the regulatory, social and political barriers to fair and affordable housing in Vermont through a series of educational workshops for neighbors, community groups, and municipal officials, and the development of a fair housing educational DVD's.

Vermont Legal Aid, Inc.  
Private Enforcement Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$275,000

This organization will implement a special fair housing enforcement project which it titles The Vermont Fair Housing Council (VFHC). The VFHC will provide fair housing education, outreach and private fair housing enforcement throughout the state of Vermont. The VFHC currently operates as a fair housing program in rural and underserved areas of VT. The proposed project includes activities such as education and support through 5 session for first time homebuyers; published material on diverse areas of the protections under the Fair Housing Act; examining and challenging where appropriate local zoning and planning regulations which impede fair housing; and conducting sales and rental test. In addition, the proposal includes activities which will address enforcement and monitoring needs of individuals with disabilities, families with children and recent immigrants.

## **VIRGINIA**

### **Charlottesville**

Piedmont Housing Alliance (PHA)

Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component  
Award Amount - \$62,217

Piedmont Housing Alliance will continue its established, comprehensive initiative to inform the public about their rights and obligations under the federal Fair Housing Act and Virginia Fair Housing Law. Along with existing and newly established partnerships, some of the activities will be: 12 education sessions including a fair housing forum; 12 classes to raise fair housing awareness in home sales [predatory lending, steering, etc.]; 2 Fair and Accessible Housing seminars and 4 clinics; extensive community outreach, including print, radio and TV advertisements; and complaint intake and referrals.

## **WASHINGTON**

### **Spokane**

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

The Northwest Fair Housing Alliance (NWFHA) is the only fair housing advocacy agency in Eastern Washington who provides fair housing education and outreach activities. The NWFHA will provide fair housing enforcement services to all of the protected classes. The geographic area covers 17 counties of Eastern/Central Washington. Activities to be undertaken include: testing (paired rental and sales), counseling, complaint intake and referrals. Specific emphasis will be directed to people of foreign national origin (Latin Americans), persons with disabilities homeless persons in Spokane County and African Americans.

### **Tacoma**

Fair Housing Center of Washington  
Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$275,000

The Fair Housing Center will utilize FHIP grant funds in Western and Central Washington. In collaboration with faith- and community-based organizations and the FHAP agency, over the next 3 years activities will include: intake and investigation of complaints of housing discrimination in rental, sales, and mortgage lending; filing complaints with HUD; assist with 225 reasonable accommodation/modification requests; recruit/train 30 testers; and provide education and outreach to the general population, to include homeless shelters and transitional housing dwellers and LEP new immigrants.

## **WISCONSIN**

### **Milwaukee**

Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council

Private Enforcement Initiative – Performance Based Component  
Award Amount - \$274,921

Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council will conduct a statewide enforcement project throughout Wisconsin through a linkage with its satellite offices, The Fair Housing Center of Northeast Wisconsin and The Fair Housing Center of Greater Madison. This combined effort will cover 62% of the State's population. Some services will include: 1) conduct a multi-jurisdictional investigation of systemic discrimination against African Americans, and the underserved populations in assisted living dwellings; 2) conduct intake and investigations of predatory lending practices; 3) ensure housing accessibility and opportunities for persons w/disabilities; 4) partner w/faith-based and community-based organizations to recruit/train testers; and, 5) provide direct access to complaint services for all.