

FAIR HOUSING INITIATIVES
PROGRAM (FHIP) and
FAIR HOUSING ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM (FHAP)
LEP ACTIVITIES

FHIP/FHAP LEP

- Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, makes it unlawful to discriminate in the sale, rental, advertising, or financing of most housing based on: race; color; religion; sex; handicap; familial status; and national origin

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- The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 (the Fair Housing Act) amended Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, (the Fair Housing Act) and strengthened enforcement.

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The Fair Housing Act:

- authorizes federal funding for State and local agencies to administer and enforce fair housing laws
- Provides for the award of monetary damages where discriminatory housing practices are found.

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- HUD/FHEO operates two grant programs:
 - Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP)
 - 24 CFR Part 115
 - Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP)
 - 24 CFR Part 125

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- The Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity fund public or private entities to assist HUD in eliminating discriminatory housing practices

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- FHAP is a formula grant program with 100 current, fully certified grantees.
- FHIP is a competitive, discretionary grant program that typically has over 100 grantees who have been awarded term grants during 1 or more funding rounds.

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- FHAP agencies are primarily concerned with investigating and enforcing discrimination complaints.

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- FHIPs also investigate and enforce discrimination complaints
- FHIPs provide education and outreach services, including public service announcements, meetings, newsletters, websites, pamphlets, and training courses.

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- FHIPs provide fair housing rights and responsibilities training to LEP persons via multi-lingual staff and contract interpreters, as well as have information translated into the language(s) of target LEP populations.

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Promising Practices

- FHIPs and FHAPs have generally provided interpreter services for meetings as well as translation of pamphlets and other written communications.
- Documents have been translated into Spanish, Arabic, Korean, Vietnamese and numerous other languages.

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Promising Practices

- Numerous FHIP and FHAP agencies have translated fair housing reference materials and other documents with federal funding from HUD. Documents may be made available for adaptation.

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- The Fair Housing Center of South Puget Sound has published, “Fair Housing, Understanding your Rights” which is targeted to LEP individuals.
- The program is designed as a ESL program to teach LEP individuals on their fair housing rights.

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Promising Practices

- The Piedmont Housing Alliance has also translated fair housing resources into numerous languages including Spanish, French, Serbo-Croatian, Traditional and Simplified Chinese, Arabic and Dari.

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Promising Practices

- The Piedmont Housing Alliance contracted with the International Rescue Committee (IRC), Charlottesville, VA to do the translations.
- The IRC charged \$25.00 per page

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Promising Practices

- Visit Piedmont Housing Alliance's website at www.avenue.org/pha/fairhousing.
- You are also invited to visit our website at www.hud.gov and click of the fair housing items of your interest.