

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity

Fair Housing Activities

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Enacted/ Requested	Carryover	Supplemental/ Rescission	Transfers	Total Resources	Obligations	Net Outlays
2025 Appropriation	86,355	62,243	-	-	148,598	82,563	76,684
2026 Appropriation	86,355	62,726	-	-	149,081	93,081	88,850
2027 President's Budget	26,000	56,000	-	-	82,000	82,000	88,502
Change from 2026	(60,355)	(6,726)	-	-	(67,081)	(11,081)	(348)

a/ 2025 Carryover includes \$120 thousand in Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) funds recaptured in 2025.

b/ 2027 Obligation amount in the 2027 Budget Appendix is shown as \$81 million (an allowable threshold) to address rounding across the fiscal years.

PROGRAM PURPOSE

HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) works to eliminate housing discrimination and increase public understanding of Federal fair housing policies and laws. FHEO administers the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) that supports State and local enforcement agencies.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The 2027 President's Budget requests \$26 million for Fair Housing activities. The funding supports the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP), which provides State and local civil rights enforcement agencies with grants, training, and other assistance.

JUSTIFICATION

The Budget of \$26 million will enable State and local FHAP agencies to cover costs associated with increased salaries and expenses and competitive employee recruitment and retention.

Currently, there are 74 FHAP agencies in the program, including 34 States and 40 localities (including the District of Columbia). FHAP agencies investigate fair housing complaints to ensure compliance with fair housing laws and, where necessary, litigate complaints to address violations. FHAP agencies plan and conduct investigations, interview parties and witnesses, gather and analyze evidence, facilitate resolution, render determinations, and ensure compliance with settlement agreements. FHAP agencies also conduct education on fair housing and fair lending at events throughout their jurisdictions. In 2025, FHAP agencies processed 6,479 fair housing complaints and obtained monetary relief totaling \$7.5 million, in addition to public interest relief such as adoption or revision of nondiscrimination policies, education and outreach efforts, and fair housing training.

Performance Indicators

FHEO measures success by monitoring: 1) FHAP agency financial management techniques; 2) FHAP agency ability to meet the nine performance standards and program requirements at 24 CFR §§ 115.206 and 115.307; and 3) the number of cases processed by FHAP agencies each year and number of cases FHAP agencies resolved through recommendation of a legal charge of discrimination or a conciliation. FHEO monitors agency performance and conformity with regulatory requirements in connection with recertification.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES BY PROGRAM

(Dollars in Thousands)

Budget Activity	2025 Budget Authority	2024 Carryover Into 2025	2025 Total Resources	2025 Obligations	2026 Appropriation	2025 Carryover Into 2026	2026 Total Resources	2027 President's Budget
Fair Housing Activities	86,355	62,243	148,598	82,563	86,355	62,726	149,081	26,000
Total	86,355	62,243	148,598	82,563	86,355	62,726	149,081	26,000

APPROPRIATIONS LANGUAGE

The 2027 President's Budget includes the appropriations language listed below.

For contracts, grants, and other assistance, not otherwise provided for, as authorized by title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.), \$26,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028: Provided, That none of the funds made available under this heading may be used to lobby the executive or legislative branches of the Federal Government in connection with a specific contract, grant, or loan.