**FY2019 Fair Housing Initiatives Program Grant Recipient Summaries by State**

**Alabama**

**Birmingham**

**Fair Housing Center of Northern Alabama**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Fair Housing Center of Northern Alabama (FHCNA), located in Birmingham, Alabama, will use its grant to provide a systemic approach to combating the discriminatory pattern and practices experienced by the seven protected classes under the Federal Fair Housing Act. The project will focus on rental, sales, insurance, mortgage lending, and accessibility of new construction design. FHCNA services will include interviewing potential victims of discrimination; taking complaints; testing; evaluating testing results; conducting preliminary investigations; conducting mediation, conciliating; enforcing meritorious claims through litigation or referral to administrative enforcement agencies; and disseminating information about fair housing laws. In addition, the project may address source of income and gender identity discrimination when such may violate the Fair Housing Act or when it contributes to a failure to affirmatively further fair housing. Efforts will be made to ensure accessibility and opportunity for program engagement for persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency (LEP).

**Mobile**

**Mobile Fair Housing Center**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Mobile Fair Housing Center will use its grant to address various impediments to fair housing choice. Project activities will focus on investigation, enforcement, and addressing systemic discrimination. Investigation activities will include the recruitment and training/re-training of testers; training in fair housing and civil rights enforcement; conducting rental, sales, insurance, design and construction accessibility, and reasonable accommodation testing and site assessments; and conducting complaint intake, processing, referral, and counseling. Enforcement activities will include conducting accessibility educational workshops; enforcement outreach activities for accessibility, design and construction; compliance audits for housing for the disabled; referring meritorious enforcement proposals; assisting clients seeking reasonable accommodations/ modifications; conducting education outreach activities for both English-speaking and LEP participants; partnering with grassroots/faith-based organizations in the outlying counties to continue enforcement and other fair housing activities more intensely in those rural areas; and conducting one regional fair housing summit during National Fair Housing Month. Activities to address systemic discrimination include increasing fair housing enforcement workshops; partnering with grassroots/faith-based organizations in the rural service areas to increase services; and establishing a satellite space within each of the rural 7-county service areas to conduct legal housing clinics, among others.

**Mobile Fair Housing Center, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $124,150.00**

The Mobile Fair Housing Center, Inc. (MHFC) will use its grant to provide education and outreach services to Mobile, Baldwin, Washington, Clarke, Choctaw, Conecuh, Escambia and Monroe Counties. The project will specifically target minority races, limited English proficiency (LEP) residents, disabled residents, and other underserved populations. MHFC has identified five primary needs within its jurisdiction: a lack of adequate local private fair housing outreach and enforcement; lending discrimination; private discrimination; a lack of community engagement; and barriers to Fair Housing Choice Impacts on underserved populations. To address these needs, MFHC plans to implement the following activities: 1) develop advertisements on fair housing for distribution on printed, television and radio media; 2) conduct community meetings and create newsletters to increase participation on issues around Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), environmental justice, and inclusive communities; 3) create a Facebook and Twitter social media content calendar to promote fair housing awareness and inclusive communities’ news and activities; 4) conduct one regional Fair Housing Month summit; 5) conduct AFFH workshops for stakeholders, sub-recipients, and nonprofits; 6) distribute fair housing materials to agencies/businesses; and 7) conduct workshops on fair housing and landlord tenant laws targeting landlords.

**Montgomery**

**Central Alabama Fair Housing Center**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Central Alabama Fair Housing Center (CAFHC) will use its grant to combat housing discrimination in central Alabama. Namely, funding will be used to continue and expand current activities in Montgomery, Selma, Auburn/Opelika, Dothan, the west Alabama “Black Belt,” and other counties in the 29-county service area. In addition to assisting members of all protected classes, major planned FHIP PEI activities will: 1) Continue and expand actions to combat racial steering, lending, and other discriminatory housing practices in the Montgomery “Tri-County” area, Auburn/Opelika, and Dothan; 2) Challenge racial discrimination and other discriminatory housing practices in Selma and other parts of the west Alabama “Black Belt;” 3) Expand enforcement actions to break down barriers for people with disabilities, who face high rates of discrimination in housing throughout central Alabama; and 4) Increase enforcement-related outreach to low-income women in central Alabama vulnerable to sexual harassment by landlords. CAFHC will conduct extensive, targeted fair housing testing (330 total tests); assist more than 400 members of all protected classes with fair housing intake and complaint services; conduct at least nine systemic lending, sales, and lending investigations; and conduct targeted fair housing education/outreach designed to reach members of all Fair Housing Act (FHA) protected classes.

**Central Alabama Fair Housing Center**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125.000.00**

The Central Alabama Fair Housing Center (CAFHC) will use its grant to fund an education and outreach campaign, designed to raise public awareness of fair housing rights in a 29-county underserved region of central Alabama. This project will enhance and expand CAFHC’s current PEI enforcement activities and increase its fair housing intakes and referrals. Grant activities will increase public awareness regarding: 1) endemic racial steering and other discriminatory practices impacting African Americans throughout central Alabama; 2) high rates of discrimination against people with disabilities; 3) sexual harassment by landlords against low-income women; and 4) isolation of recent immigrant Latino communities where residents are completely unaware of their fair housing rights. Major activities include: 1) a 12-month social media campaign; 2) one PSA for viewing online, and quarterly e-newsletters that will highlight local fair housing issues; 3) focus groups, workshops, and traditional outreach events targeted to underserved communities; 4) a digital mass media campaign; and 5) a fair housing summit to commemorate the anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery March.

**Alaska**

**Anchorage**

**Alaska Legal Services Corporation**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC), a broad-based, full-service Fair Housing Organization, will use its grant to continue and expand its Fair Housing Project in the historically underserved state of Alaska. ALSC will directly assist housing discrimination victims and affirmatively further fair housing statewide via screening intakes; processing complaints; conducting preliminary investigations; conducting testing and systemic investigations; providing referral to administrative agencies and legal representation for administrative and judicial relief; engaging with government officials and the community regarding affirmatively further fair housing; and educating the community about rights and responsibilities under fair housing laws. The project will address discrimination based on all federally protected classes.

**Arizona**

**Tucson**

**Southwest Fair Housing Council**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Southwest Fair Housing Council (SWFHC) will use its grant funds to conduct a broad-based, full-service, 3-year fair housing Private Enforcement Initiative Multiyear (PEI-MY) project covering the state of Arizona. Primary activities will include statewide enforcement, education, and outreach. This project will serve all classes protected under the Fair Housing Act but will concentrate on those living in public housing authority properties, with criminal backgrounds, in mobile homes, in assisted living facilities, and refugees. SWFHC will conduct complaint-based investigations to assist individuals who believe they have experienced illegal housing discrimination. SWFHC will also conduct systemic fair housing investigations to uncover illegal housing discrimination in the housing market; and SWFHC will conduct fair housing tests as part of its investigations. If allegations are meritorious, SWFHC will mediate a resolution, file a fair housing complaint, or file a fair housing lawsuit. Additionally, this project will provide fair housing training to housing consumers and providers throughout the state to support enforcement efforts. Trainings for housing consumers and providers will focus on fair housing rights and responsibilities and recognizing and reporting discrimination. Outreach will also include distributing fair housing literature, staffing booths at events, creating videos, media activities, and maintaining a strong internet presence.

**Southwest Fair Housing Council**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Southwest Fair Housing Council (SWFHC) will use its grant to conduct education and outreach (E&O) activities throughout rural and urban Arizona to address the chronic and severe underreporting of housing discrimination in Arizona and the need for increased fair housing E&O. The plan has three phases: 1) Statewide media campaign; 2) Online presence enhancement; and 3) Fair housing counseling and training. The media campaign will raise the awareness of Arizonans’ fair housing rights and SWFHC’s services. This will increase traffic to SWFHC’s website and social media pages. SWFHC will enhance its online presence to capitalize on the increased traffic by adding fair housing information and making it easier to connect with staff to utilize SWFHC’s enforcement services. The media campaign and improved online experience will drive demand for and make it easier to access SWFHC’s fair housing counseling and training activities. The activities will engage individuals and organizations throughout Arizona by providing in-depth fair housing training and information to improve understanding of fair housing rights and responsibilities.

**Arkansas**

**Jonesboro**

**Legal Aid of Arkansas, Inc.**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $281,396.00**

Legal Aid of Arkansas (Legal Aid) will use its FHIP Private Enforce Initiative (FHIP-PEI) funding to affirmatively further fair housing in Arkansas by providing comprehensive fair housing services throughout the state. This project will fund Arkansas’s only private fair housing enforcement organization and fair housing testing program. While providing a full spectrum of services to members of each protected class, Legal Aid will seek enforcement of the Fair Housing Act through enforcement of meritorious claims, testing, systemic investigations, and education/outreach. These activities will be conducted by Legal Aid’s housing attorneys, paralegals, and community education staff. As an area of special focus, Legal Aid will screen vulnerable populations at its medical/legal partnership locations for sexual harassment and gender discrimination and address those issues through testing and enforcement. Outcomes will be achieved through partnerships with the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission (AFHC), medical providers, and other community-based organizations.

**Legal Aid of Arkansas, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Legal Aid of Arkansas, Inc. (Legal Aid) will use its grant funding to affirmatively further fair housing in Arkansas by providing comprehensive fair housing education and outreach services throughout Arkansas. Activities will include partnering with the Arkansas chapter of NAHRO [National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials] to provide education and outreach to federally subsidized housing providers and tenants; and partnering with the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission to conduct education and outreach in cities across Arkansas. In addition, Legal Aid will address Arkansas’s opioid abuse crisis by collaborating with community partners to provide fair housing education, with an emphasis on disability discrimination, to those with Opioid Use Disorder and to organizations that serve those in recovery. Legal Aid will also partner with Philander Smith College’s Social Justice Institute to create a fair housing internship; a social justice intern will work with Legal Aid’s attorneys to provide fair housing education across the state.

**California**

**Bakersfield**

**Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, Inc. (GBLA)**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, Inc. (GBLA) will use its grant funds to support its Fair Housing Law Project (FHLP). The FHLP will actively engage in 13 enforcement related activities, 5 education and outreach related activities, and 3 “other” activities. GBLA will also expand FHIP-funded fair housing enforcement activities toward increased housing investigations by developing the capacity to conduct systemic sales testing investigations during year 1. Systemic sales testing investigations will be conducted in years 2 and 3. Services and activities will be provided throughout Kern County, California. Over the 36-month grant, activities and services will include, but are not limited to: recruiting and training testers; conducting or coordinating site assessments; conducting systemic investigations; receiving allegations; referring complaints to HUD and others; engaging in education and outreach targeting protected class members and groups serving protected class members; and more. The long-term outcome will continue to include increasing community awareness of fair housing law, providing an easy-to-access intake and complaint system, reducing the incidences of housing discrimination, and reducing and/or eliminating systemic barriers to affirmatively affirming fair housing in Kern County.

**El Cajon**

**CSA San Diego County**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

CSA San Diego County (CSA) will use its FHIP Private Enforcement Initiative (PEI) grant funds during the 3-year grant period to carry out enforcement activities to prevent or eliminate discriminatory housing practices and inform individuals of their rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act. CSA will provide enforcement-related activities, including but not limited to interviewing potential victims of discrimination; taking complaints; testing; evaluating testing results; conducting preliminary investigations; conducting mediation; conciliating; enforcing meritorious claims through litigation or referral to administrative enforcement agencies; and disseminating information about fair housing laws. This project will focus on the San Diego County area of California. CSA has successfully provided housing counseling, fair housing services and mediation for families with extremely low to moderate income in San Diego County for nearly 50 years. Through this project, CSA will train staff on fair housing, testing fair housing and civil rights law; conduct outreach to marginalized, underserved populations; partner with state and local fair housing entities; serve communities with fair housing impediments and educate protected classes; serve racial and ethnic minorities and persons with disabilities; work with the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing and HUD in referring all fair housing violations; and distribute multi-lingual fair housing materials.

**CSA San Diego County**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $101,586.98**

CSA San Diego County (CSA) will use its grant to provide general education and outreach activities to inform people of their rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act. Through this project, CSA will train staff and housing providers on fair housing; conduct outreach to marginalized, underserved populations; partner with state and local fair housing entities; serve communities with fair housing impediments and educate protected classes; partner with a local university to develop innovative approaches to outreach within diverse communities; intake and process complaints; provide counseling for complaints by immigrants, refugees, and other low-/very low-income clients with limited English proficiency (LEP); conduct testing and systemic investigations; enforce meritorious claims through litigation or referral to administrative enforcement agencies; provide new and refresher training for testers; and disseminate information about fair housing laws.

**Fresno**

**Fair Housing Council of Central California**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Fair Housing Council of Central California will use its grant to increase the number of enforcement actions and referrals cogent to housing discrimination complaints; discover and remedy discrimination in public and private real estate markets; reduce incidences of steering and other practices perpetrating segregation; and increase the number of complaints filed based on race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability and/or familial status. Project activities include but not limited to: conducting intakes of new complaints alleging Fair Housing violations of federal or state laws; conducting complaint-based and systemic testing; targeting complaints that raise systemic issues involving policies or patterns that foster discrimination and which have a disparate impact on protected classes under the Fair Housing Act; recruiting, training, and utilizing testers for the purpose of evidence-gathering and investigation of discrimination claims; referring substantiated and meritorious claims to HUD, state FHAP agency, DOJ, and/or private attorneys, as appropriate.

**Los Angeles**

**Southern California Housing Rights Center**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Southern California Housing Rights Center (HRC) is the largest community-based non-profit fair housing organization in the United States. HRC will use its grant to conduct systemic testing in areas within Los Angeles County where statistics point to persistent housing discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status and disability. HRC also plans to provide intake of allegations of housing discrimination from bona fide complainants in an area not currently served by a Qualified Fair Housing organization, and to provide resolutions for housing discrimination, including mediation and litigation. HRC’s proposed project will meet the fair housing needs of the diverse communities of Los Angeles County, including LEP individuals.

**Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc. will use its grant funds to support its Fair Housing Education & Outreach Project for People with Disabilities. The project will target individuals with mental disabilities, other consumers, housing providers, social service providers, and other organizations that work with people with mental disabilities in Los Angeles County. The project will provide outreach and education to increase awareness of fair housing rights and the remedies available under federal and state fair housing and civil rights laws. Activities will include: fair housing workshops and materials for 120 individuals, including people with mental disabilities; fair housing workshops and materials for 380 representatives of housing providers, social service providers and other organizations; dissemination of 12 “Fair Housing Tip of the Month” messages in English, Spanish and Korean to 3,700 individuals and 350 organizations through e-mail distribution and social media; and provision of individualized fair housing information to people with disabilities, housing and service providers, and other community-based organizations.

**Napa**

**Greater Napa Valley Fair Housing Center**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Greater Napa Valley Fair Housing Center (GNVFHC) will use its grant funds to continue to serve the residents of Napa County by promoting fair housing choice and affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH) for all members of the community. Among the activities GNVFHC will undertake include the following: conduct 500 Intake interviews; open 80 complaint-based allegations (cases); open an additional 25 complaint-based allegations made by LEP [limited English proficiency] households/individuals; assist 50 persons with disabilities; recruit 25 testers; conduct 60 combined complaint-based and systemic-based rental tests in investigating housing discrimination; complete 5 staff training courses; complete 4 property site assessments; conduct tester refresher course for 10 active testers; mediate/conciliate 30 complaints; refer 10 meritorious complaints to HUD/DFEH, DOJ, or private counsel; conduct 8 outreach meetings with local agencies/organizations; conduct 10 education and outreach trainings, at least 5 in Spanish, on discriminatory housing practices; maintain website and distribute fair housing brochures and educational materials on fair housing in English, Spanish, and Tagalog; attend 4 speaking engagements/meetings with housing industry and/or government staff in support of efforts to AFFH; conduct 30 meetings with landlords to inform them of the need to AFFH and of their responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act; distribute fair housing PSA’s to 6 media outlets, at least 3 in Spanish or Tagalog; provide information to 50 households on available affordable housing in jurisdictions which have open, diverse, and equitable housing patterns and practices; and create and maintain a Facebook social media content calendar to promote fair housing awareness.

**Oakland**

**California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. (CRLA), a Qualified Fair Housing Organization, is a statewide legal services provider with regional offices in rural underserved communities across the state. CRLA provides no-cost legal services, outreach, and education to individuals and families and to historically underserved groups. CRLA provides fair housing, fair lending, and housing counseling services to thousands of low-income people annually across 24 California counties. CRLA will use its grant to continue its broad-based, full-service Rural Fair Housing Project addressing housing discrimination and abusive lending practices that may violate the FHA or substantially equivalent state and local laws and investigate systemic patterns of discrimination and impediments to fair housing. Project staff will implement a comprehensive project targeting underserved populations with: 1) intake and processing of allegations of violations of the Fair Housing Act and substantially equivalent state and local fair housing laws; 2) investigating and testing; 3) informing HUD of positive test results; 4) achieving voluntary resolution of meritorious complaints; 5) requesting reasonable accommodations or modifications for victims of disability discrimination; 6) referring well-developed and timely complaints to enforcement agencies; 7) litigation; and 8) staff training.

**Bay Area Legal Aid**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Bay Area Legal Aid (BayLegal) will use its grant to continue fair housing enforcement services to address the needs of low-income Bay Area residents, with a focus on limited-English proficient (LEP), disabled, and underserved populations; and build capacity among local, state, and regional public and private organizations. Specifically, BayLegal will: conduct intake and investigate com­plaints; conciliate complaints of housing discrimination; file and/or litigate meritorious complaints for judicial enforcement; and conduct complaint and audit-based testing. In addition, BayLegal will submit legal opinions regarding the performance of local entitlement jurisdictions in meeting their obligations to affirmatively further fair housing under applicable laws and regulations. The organization’s education and outreach activities will include fair housing education presentations, fair housing enforcement trainings for staff of local Bay Area gov­ernment and community-based organizations, and regional trainings on fair housing law and litigation.

**California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. (CRLA) provides no-cost legal services, outreach, and education to individuals and families and to historically underserved groups in rural underserved communities across the state. CRLA will use its grant to implement a comprehensive education and outreach campaign, enhanced by traditional and social media campaigns targeting underserved populations, and compliance-based information and training for service providers and government agencies. Through the Rural Fair Housing Project, the following activities will be provided: outreach and education, including distributing “Know your Rights” materials in community-appropriate languages in addition to English; PSAs and radio talk shows; consumer workshops; compliance-based training, information, and technical assistance for housing and lending service providers; and education for housing and lending industry representatives and government officials in local jurisdictions on federal language access obligations and fair housing law compliance. CRLA's Rural Fair Housing Project targets low-income, rural communities including some counties hardest hit by patterns of discriminatory housing and abusive lending.

**Ontario**

**Inland Mediation Board**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Inland Fair Housing and Mediation Board (IFHMB) has a 30-year history of providing fair housing education, outreach, and enforcement activities to underserved counties in California. IFHMB will use its grant to continue improving access to opportunities and strengthening fair housing enforcement objectives for its clientele, which is 80% low-to-moderate income residents, with over 49% of the population being Hispanic and with over 60% of the complaints logged within the agency’s service area involving the disability community. Specific grant activities include: complaint intake; testing; referral of meritorious cases to HUD; new housing accessibility site visits; assisting San Bernardino County and three cities with AI/AFH [Analysis of Impediments/Assessment of Fair Housing] activities; workshops to the disabled and limited English proficiency (LEP) communities; and education outreach through the distribution of brochures.

**Riverside**

**Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc.**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc. (FHCRC) will use its grant funds to conduct systemic investigations, testing, and outreach, with the goal of the submission of complaints to HUD, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, or to private attorneys for enforcement. FHCRC believes that no act of discrimination should go unchallenged, and with its funds FHCRC and its FHIP staff will investigate cases of discrimination at its root level and follow through with enforcement of the fair housing laws. FHCRC has identified a target area that has been historically underserved and contains the most vulnerable population; the rural desert area of eastern Riverside County known as the Coachella Valley contains some the most affluent areas in the nation and within a 20-mile radius, thousands live in abject poverty and face daily discrimination. This project will continue to provide justice and essential services to Riverside County.

**Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc. (FHCRC) will use its funds to provide an effective and comprehensive outreach and public education program designed to raise awareness of the fair housing laws that protect traditionally marginalized populations, often in underserved communities, against housing discrimination. FHCRC will focus its efforts on the following groups: minorities; persons with limited English proficiency (LEP); individuals with disabilities; and families with children. Program activities will activities include town hall meetings; fair housing workshops for lending professionals and first-time homebuyers; one-on-one financial counseling services; radio programs, podcasts, PSAs and new literature created in multiple languages (English, Spanish, Tagalog, Mandarin Chinese); and partnering with agency and community organizations representing the underserved groups.

**San Diego**

**Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc.**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $203,500.00**

The Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc. (LASSD), a full-service, broad-based, fair housing provider with an in-house testing program, will use its grant to increase its capacity to address the needs of its highly segregated Promise Zone community and to serve currently underserved populations including, but not limited to, immigrant populations who are non-English speaking or have limited English proficiency (LEP), and persons with disabilities. LASSD will use a multi-step approach of testing; filing federal lawsuits; conciliating with housing providers; filing HUD/ Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) complaints; and educating the community and housing providers of their rights and responsibilities under applicable fair housing laws to reduce and discourage discrimination.

**San Rafael**

**Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California (FHANC) will use its grant funding to develop and implement a comprehensive education and outreach project in Marin, Solano, and Sonoma Counties in Northern California. Using expertise derived from previous education and outreach initiatives, FHANC will provide education and training for public and private housing providers, including a conference on reasonable accommodations; education and training to service agencies and tenants; targeted education for people with disabilities; a media awareness campaign based on sex/gender discrimination, including sexual harassment and domestic violence-related issues in housing; an outreach and media awareness campaign to all protected classes, with special emphasis on harassment (including hostile environment and quid pro quo) and/or discrimination in housing based upon sex/gender, race, national origin and disability; information-sharing on lessons learned and best practices; and distribution of materials in four languages: English, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

**Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California (FHANC), a Qualified Fair Housing Organization (QFHO), will use its grant to provide services to all federally protected classes within the tri-county area of Marin, Solano, and Sonoma Counties in Northern California by strengthening existing programs and expanding into new areas of investigation. Grant activities will include: intake, complaint investigation, reasonable accommodation requests, and referrals to HUD; systemic discrimination testing projects; accessibility modifications and education for disabled clients; fair housing education and outreach campaigns (including literature distribution in three languages, social media posts, poster distribution in four languages, and fair housing presentations); pre-purchase education for prospective homebuyers with a predatory lending component; monitoring for discriminatory ads on the internet; capacity building and networking with other service agencies; and fair housing education for housing providers. FHANC will subcontract with Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC), Marin Center for Independent Living (MCIL), and Disability Services and Legal Center (DSLC); and FHANC will continue partnering with other community-based organizations and government agencies that contribute to the success of this project.

**Santa Ana**

**Orange County Fair Housing Council, Inc.**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Fair Housing Council of Orange County will use its grant funds to expand its existing private enforcement program. This 36-month project, serving Orange County, will permit an expansion of enforcement activities to focus on Fair Housing Act violations having a particular impact on minority, immigrant (especially those with limited English proficiency), or disabled housing seekers. Activities will include systemic testing to possibly identify and take action against discriminatory rental practices, steering or discouragement by real estate sales agents and brokers, or possible pre-application discrimination by mortgage lenders. The project will also include education and outreach activities directed primarily at these groups or organizations serving them in order to assist in identifying possible discriminatory practices and victims of those practices. The additional testing over 3 years will include 295 paired systemic rental, 25 paired systemic sales, and 37 paired systemic lending tests; and 60 telephone test contacts. There will be 16 non-paired site visits to assess accessibility for persons with disabilities, and 48 paired tests of the treatment of deaf apartment seekers. Overall, it is projected that the existing and added activities will refer 28 allegations of discrimination to HUD for complaint filing.

**Orange County Fair Housing Council, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Orange County Fair Housing Council, Inc. will use its grant funds to support its Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) – Education and Outreach Initiative (EOI) General Component project. This project is an expansion of the agency’s existing education and outreach activities and will primarily serve Orange County, California. While expanding education and outreach generally, it will have a focus on minority, immigrant, or disabled individuals. The added activities will help ensure a greater understanding of fair housing laws and rights. For immigrants, attention will be given to those with limited English proficiency. Additional project activities will include: making educational or outreach presentations to diverse, multi-lingual audiences; distributing fair housing literature in English, Spanish and Vietnamese; expanding the agency’s social media presence; conducting fair housing workshops; educating and training local housing authority staff; participating in special community events; and, working with a local community college paralegal studies program to enhance students’ familiarity with fair housing law and rights.

**Santa Clara**

**Project Sentinel, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Project Sentinel will use its grant to provide fair housing intake, complaint-based and systemic investigations, enforcement, and fair housing education across Sacramento, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Stanislaus counties and the cities of Fremont, Merced, and West Sacramento. The project will provide services covering all protected classes and contains specific tasks that respond to demonstrated community needs, such as broader systemic investigation for familial status discrimination and the need for specialized testing that examines criminal history as a proxy for race and national origin. Project Sentinel’s project will focus on the following activities: enforcement; systemic investigations; community education and outreach to include workshops and events for the public that will increase community awareness and education, and a symposium and two regional fair housing forums

**Colorado**

**Denver**

**Denver Metro Fair Housing Center**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $297,651.81**

The Denver Metro Fair Housing Center (DMFHC) will use its grant funds to conduct systemic testing investigations involving lending, REO maintenance, home sales, insurance, disability accommodation/modification, new construction of multi-family housing for design and construction violations, and rental housing. These investigations will serve people and communities protected under the Fair Housing Act by investigating and examining differences in treatment and services between Whites and African Americans, Latinos, families with children, people with limited English proficiency, and people with disabilities. DMFHC will also provide modification grants to individuals with disabilities who need accessible housing to avoid displacement from their homes; and provide education and outreach services in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese. Among the project activities will include 106 lending/sale/insurance investigations; 62 accessibility investigations; 225 rental housing investigations; 12 accessibility modification grants; conducting 501 intakes and filing 20 jurisdictional complaints; distributing fair housing educational information; and teaching fair housing classes.

**Connecticut**

**Hartford**

**Connecticut Fair Housing Center**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Connecticut Fair Housing Center (the “Center”) will use its grant funding to undertake core initiatives which are designed to address both individual acts of discrimination as well as uncover violations of the law which are systemic, and which reinforce segregation patterns. Specifically, the Center will undertake three enforcement projects designed to provide core fair housing services, promote mobility, and expand the organization's work in segregated areas.

The initiatives of this project include: Core Fair Housing Activities Initiative; Promoting Integration Initiative; and Expanding Work in Segregated Neighborhoods Initiative. Among the project activities will include the following: performing fair housing intakes, investigating housing and lending discrimination complaints; performing fair housing and fair lending testing; and providing advice and legal assistance to victims of housing and lending discrimination in the greater Hartford region. Additionally, the project will investigate, conduct testing, and challenge the arbitrary use of eviction records to deny housing to people in the protected classes (particularly people of color and female heads of households); attempt to determine if landlords are treating white people with eviction records and people of color with eviction records differently; create guidance for landlords on developing a less discriminatory alternative policy for considering eviction records; provide direct legal assistance and representation to victims, as necessary; provide information (in person and via distribution of materials) on the fair housing and fair lending laws to residents, housing providers, legal services providers, and others; and update educational materials to include information for people with eviction records.

**Connecticut Fair Housing Center, Inc**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Connecticut Fair Housing Center (CFHC) will use its grant to undertake four education and outreach projects designed to: 1) promote fair housing training for individuals most likely to be victims of discrimination; 2) provide fair housing expertise to Connecticut’s Promise Zone; 3) promote mobility and reduce segregation; and 4) remediate past practices of discrimination. Specific project activities will include, but not be limited to: fair housing classes; distribution of fair housing materials; promoting mobility by building an application that will assist individuals with moving resources, including resources found in CFHC’s existing *Moving Forward Guide*; assisting the successful promotion of resources in Hartford’s Promise Zone; assisting with the implementation and development of the Envision Center;promoting integration by reviewing notices of waiting list openings; creating a public display to share emerging fair housing issues across a diversity of stakeholders; and collaborating with the Harriet Beecher Stowe House to teach students about the history of segregation and housing discrimination today.

**Open Communities Alliance**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Open Communities Alliance (OCA) will use its grant for its Open Zoning Outreach and Education Project, to combat exclusionary housing policies in Connecticut.Connecticut is one of the most racially, ethnically, and economically segregated states in the country; its deep residential segregation is largely driven by pervasive exclusionary zoning policies and discriminatory practices in the rental market in thriving communities. This project will undertake three outreach efforts. First, OCA will provide expanded outreach about the history of segregation and systemic discriminatory, exclusionary zoning; and bust myths around affordable housing in Connecticut’s highly segregated high opportunity, predominantly white areas with restrictive zoning. Second, to increase housing choices for members of the focus groups, OCA will reach out to landlords in higher opportunity areas to inform them of fair housing obligations and demystify federal programs that assist low-income families with housing. Lastly, OCA will provide outreach on fair housing rights to members of the focus groups of this grant.

**Open Communities Alliance**

**FY2019 Fair Housing Organization Initiative - $250,000.00**

Connecticut is one of the most racially, ethnically, and economically segregated states in the country; the deep residential segregation is largely driven by pervasive exclusionary zoning policies and discriminatory practices in the rental market in thriving communities. Zoning restrictions limit property owners’ land rights and prevent the market from meeting evident housing demand. Exclusionary policies also limit housing options for groups protected by the federal Fair Housing Act, including people of color, families with children, and people with disabilities. Open Communities Alliance will use its grant funding to support its *Connecticut Fair Housing and Zoning Enforcement Project.* This project will address systemic discriminatory exclusionary zoning in highly segregated areas of Connecticut by empowering Open Communities Alliance and its partners (such as faculty and students at Yale Law School and some of the preeminent fair housing litigators in the country) to monitor, investigate, and where necessary litigate municipal zoning policies and decisions that violate the federal Fair Housing Act. Open Communities Alliance will also conduct fair housing tests on existing multi-family housing complexes in higher opportunity areas and expand its fair housing testing and outreach capacity.

**Delaware**

**Wilmington**

**Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. (CLASI) will use its grant to reduce the instances of housing discrimination against members of the protected classes in the State of Delaware through increased enforcement efforts. All services and activities will be available to the class members protected under the federal, state and local fair housing acts. CLAS’ proposed project will continue activities conducted under previous PEI grants, including continued action on systemic complaints filed. The project will emphasize the investigation of systemic fair housing violations through testing and individual complaint investigation. CLASI will also collaborate with other housing advocates in the state to implement recommendations in the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in Delaware. CLASI will conduct a total of 78 fair housing tests under this project each year. CLASI will measure effectiveness of testing by meeting or exceeding these goals each year: rental tests: 50; sales tests: 6; accessibility tests: 6; homeowners insurance tests: 8; mortgage tests: 8. In addition, CLASI will follow-up on its current limited English proficiency investigation by conducting retests where necessary and initiating enforcement action if violations of the Fair Housing act are discovered. The project will intake, process and investigate at least 45 complaints of discrimination in housing-related activities including rentals, sales, lending and insurance each year. CLASI will file housing discrimination complaints with HUD and/or the Delaware Division of Human Relations for any meritorious claims and identify a minimum of 8 such claims each year as a consequence of the aforementioned outreach, intake and investigation efforts, and conduct additional fair housing enforcement related activities.

**District of Columbia**

**Washington**

**National Community Reinvestment Coalition**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) will use its grant to determine the extent of unlawful housing discrimination faced by service members, veterans and their families. NCRC will focus its project on the examination of rental, sale and lending practices in six cities across the United States that provide significant services to our service members, veterans and their families: Charlotte, NC; Evansville, IN; Fayetteville, NC; Jacksonville, FL; Norfolk, VA; and Tacoma, WA. NCRC will identify, analyze, and bring enforcement efforts against systemic predatory, abusive, and discriminatory practices within the rental, sale and mortgage markets, and conduct testing, complaint intake, investigation, mediation, and enforcement actions to measure, identify, and remediate the levels of discrimination service members, veterans and their families face. NCRC will coordinate its program with the local Vet Centers to provide education and outreach to Vet Center personnel, military families, service members, and veterans on their rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act.

**National Fair Housing Alliance**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA) will use its grant to conduct at least 506 rental, sales, lending, insurance, and design and construction investigations. NFHA will conduct these tests in multiple CDBG jurisdictions across the country, focusing on underserved cities where no private, non-profit, full service fair housing centers are located. These complaint-based and systemic investigations will provide CDBG recipients with more knowledge about how discrimination occurs in their localities so they can design better remedies in their Consolidated Plans for eliminating barriers to fair housing. NFHA will develop systemic investigations based on initial complainant allegations and testing evidence and will bring administrative or legal enforcement actions. Additionally, NFHA will continue to develop investigations and pending enforcement actions initiated under previous FHIP awards.

**Equal Rights Center**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Equal Rights Center (ERC) will use its grant to educate local communities in the Greater Washington, D.C. region about their fair housing rights. This project will benefit individuals in all federally protected classes. In order to achieve its goals, the ERC will: publish fair housing related blog posts; send weekly email blasts with fair housing content to local ERC members and housing providers; offer fair housing presentations for community groups and trainings to housing providers; participate in community events and outreach opportunities to share information on fair housing with attendees; participate in media interviews related to fair housing; host a Fair Housing Month event in April 2021; and co‐produce a Fair Housing Month event with the Fairfax County Office of Human Rights and Equity Programs. The ERC will address discrimination against individuals in all protected classes by creating a one‐page postcard that explains fair housing protections. The postcard will then serve as a handout at community events and as a mailer. The postcard will be translated into two additional languages so that individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP) will have access to the information.

**Equal Rights Center**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Equal Rights Center (ERC) will use its grant to benefit individuals in all federally protected classes in the Greater Washington, D.C. region. Grant activities will include systemic testing (including rental, sales, lending, and accessible design and construction); tester trainings; tester appreciation events; and assisting persons with disabilities with submitting requests for a reasonable accommodation or modification. The ERC will also analyze draft legislation, regulations, and planning documents and attend coalition meetings to provide a fair housing perspective to housing-related topics. In addition, the ERC will meet with relevant stakeholder groups to identify possible fair housing violations that are negatively impacting survivors of domestic violence and people of color in the local housing market.

**National Fair Housing Alliance**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – National Media Campaign Component - $250,000.00**

The National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA) will use its grant to create a national, coordinated, comprehensive, and centralized educational and digital/social media campaign that will provide broad reach to persons in all protected classes, but the campaign will target areas of high segregation. The products developed under this campaign will have a common theme under the Fair Housing Act; and the project will address bias and discrimination in data, artificial intelligence, and related technologies that negatively affect housing choice and opportunity for persons protected by the Fair Housing Act and in areas of high segregation. For this effort, NFHA will subcontract with The Causeway Agency, a public service marketing and advertising firm. The campaign will include the creation and broad distribution/placement of: a podcast featuring experts in the field; a webinar for civil rights organizations and the housing industry; a pre-roll video for placement on YouTube; digital and social media placements on YouTube, Facebook, LinkedIn and other platforms; a social media content calendar; a Twitter campaign; a Facebook Live event; and a panel for HUD’s 2021 Fair Housing Month event.

**Florida**

**Daytona Beach**

**Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc. (CLSMF) will use its grant to serve residents of Brevard, Citrus, Flagler, Hernando, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Putnam, Seminole, Sumter and Volusia Counties in Central Flor­ida who may be victims of housing discrimination, lending discrimination, or mortgage rescue fraud. The full-ser­vice project will perform fair housing outreach/education throughout Central Florida in order to identify victims of housing and lending discrimination or mortgage rescue scams. CLSMF staff will conduct fair housing/fair lending/mortgage rescue educational workshops in English, Spanish and Creole to educate area residents on discriminatory housing practices. The proj­ect will also continue or initiate at least 30 systemic investigations over a three-year period; project staff will work with local counties and municipalities on identifying and overcoming impediments to fair housing choice, and will build the capacity of local jurisdictions to affirmatively further fair housing through annual training for state/ local government staff and housing providers; and CLSMF will enforce the Fair Housing Act and fair lending laws against violators through complaints filed with HUD or substantially equivalent agencies and through conciliat­ing, mediating and litigating appropriate cases in administrative forums and state/federal court.

**Jacksonville**

**Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $299,980.00**

Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc. (JALA) will use its grant under its Fair Housing Unit (FHU) to address problems associated with mortgage foreclosure and rescue scams, REO property maintenance, zombie foreclosures, vacancy rates and blight, sex discrimination based on gender stereotyping, discriminatory redlining of mortgage loan applications, racial segregation, housing for the disabled, reasonable accommodations and modifications, and impediments to fair housing choices in our minority neighborhoods. Project activities will include intake, testing, investigations, and enforcement of fair housing discrimination complaints, mediation or voluntary resolution of housing discrimination, and litigation where necessary. The organization’s services and activities will continue investigating and litigating property maintenance, Zombie foreclosure, and Garne St. Germane cases. Expansion of services will include additional systemic investigations including zoning restrictions that discriminate against the disabled, and apartments that may have been constructed in violation of the Fair Housing Design and Accessibility standards. Additional systemic investigations may also be conducted for rental, sales, and lending discrimination.

**Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc. (JALA) maintains offices in Duval, Clay, and St. Johns Counties and offers special events/outreach in other northeast Florida counties. JALA will use its grant to run its FHIP, focusing on the Florida counties of Baker, Bradford, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns. JALA’s fair housing activities include community education; intake of housing discrimination allegations; testing and evaluation of testing results; investigations to address resolutions in fair housing and systemic discrimination; and mediation and litigation in state and federal courts. JALA advocates work directly with the targeted population of housing consumers and the local nonprofit community to affirmatively further fair housing by: 1) providing education, counseling, and legal advice to the general public about their fair housing rights and regulations; 2) providing legal assistance to other agencies and organizations to enforce fair housing and fair lending laws; 3) investigating possible violations and enforcement pursuant to other state and federal laws that accompany a suspected fair housing violations; 4) conducting outreach to marginalized populations regarding fair housing and impediments to housing; 5) collaborating with community partners; and 6) educating governmental agencies, local real estate and construction company employees, and private attorneys regarding provisions of the Fair Housing Act.

Lantana

**Fair Housing Center of the Greater Palm Beaches, Inc.**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Fair Housing Center of Greater Palm Beaches (FHC) will use its funding to address all forms of housing discrimination covered by the Fair Housing Act and provide comprehensive services to persons with limited English proficiency and persons with disabilities. Among the project activities will include the following: intake 450 intake interviews; provide fair housing counseling to 50 clients; assist at least 45 persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations; conduct 90 investigations of allegations of housing or mortgage related discrimination; make at least 60 referrals on non-fair housing issues; conduct 21 mediations of fair housing related issues; recruit and train at least 15 testers; conduct a total of 192 complaint-based and/or survey 384 test parts; provide at least 9 workshops geared towards LEP new immigrants; conduct one Fair Housing Month activity; and publish and distribute 12 quarterly newsletters to 1500 addresses each. Additionally, the project expects to file at least 45 and jurisdictional complaints with HUD, FHAP and/or cooperating attorneys; provide lending discrimination training; and maintain website, Instagram, Twitter and Facebook accounts committed to fair housing awareness, among other activities. Areas of Concentration for the proposed activities are various cities in the metropolitan statistical area (MSA) of West Palm Beach/Miami-Ft Lauderdale.

**Miami**

**Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc. (HOPE) will use its grant to

conduct activities in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties, FL. HOPE will conduct a broad based, full service fair housing enforcement project providing culturally competent and accessible services to all members of protected classes in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties, with the goal of increased numbers of complaints from South Florida’s immigrant population, other minorities, persons with disabilities, and other underserved populations. Annually, HOPE will complete the following project activities: conduct fair housing intake and process allegations of housing discrimination; assist clients requesting reasonable accommodations; provide fair housing guidance/counseling to households, including immigrant families on discriminatory housing practices; recruit and train testers; conduct site assessments and other methods of investigation; conduct rental, sales, accessibility/design & construction, and mortgage lending testing; evaluate housing discrimination complaints for enforcement and refer enforcement proposals to HUD, private attorneys, and other administrative agencies for appropriate action; establish and/or maintain partnerships with agencies/organizations; and conduct targeted outreach to specific groups, including landlords to inform them about fair housing rights and obligations.

**Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence (HOPE) , Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc. (HOPE) will use its grant to address specific fair housing training needs identified in areas of South Florida (Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Monroe Counties) as part of an ongoing statewide initiative. HOPE will provide training to recipients and sub-recipients of federal financial assistance, housing providers, and other community organizations in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties. The project also includes outreach to residents in Marathon, Florida, an area unserved by a fair housing program. The training curriculum is designed to address strategies that affirmatively further fair housing and are consistent with the implementation of HUD’s programs. The focus includes compliance with the Fair Housing Act and all civil rights-related program requirements. HOPE will conduct a Fair Housing Month event in partnership with the Broward County Human Rights section (FHAP) and Broward County entitlement jurisdictions that will feature educational sessions on the latest trends and emerging issues fair housing. South Florida residents, entitlement jurisdictions, community organizations, real estate professionals, and condominium/homeowner associations are among those targeted to attend.

**Tallahassee**

**Center for Community and Economic Development DBA CCEDU. Inc**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Corporation for Community and Economic Development United, Inc. (CCEDU) will use its grant to extend the outreach of the Big Bend Fair Housing Initiative (the Initiative) which serves as a comprehensive education and outreach program designed to inform members of the public concerning their rights and obligations under the Fair Housing Act. The project will provide education and outreach in 12 underserved rural counties with a 20% immigrant population of farm workers with limited English proficiency, and in low-income areas in two urban counties in the North Florida Panhandle. Grant activities will include: fair housing education workshops and community outreach tailored to the needs of rural residents; information seminars for housing providers to furnish developers, real estate brokers, property managers, financial institutions, and the media/advertising industry with the most current information necessary to fully comply with fair housing laws and regulations; and the development and dissemination of education and marketing materials in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Kreyol.

Tampa

**Bay Area Legal Services, Inc.**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. (BALS) of Tampa, Florida, will use its grant to implement Fair Housing enforcement activities. This project will provide a full-service Fair Housing Program throughout Hillsborough County, Florida, to assist underserved, vulnerable populations facing fair housing discrimination. The project will include high-need target areas identified in the county's *5-Year Consolidated Plan 2016-2020* and the *Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice*: including Plant City, Ruskin, Gibsonton, Wimauma, and the City of Tampa (formerly a Preferred Sustainable Community). The project will also educate residents about their fair housing rights and housing providers about fair housing obligations; eliminate discriminatory practices in rental, sales and lending against protected classes under the FHA: race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, and familial status; preserve affordable, decent housing and create more inclusive communities especially for populations at increased risk of discriminatory housing practices; and obtain reasonable accommodations and accessibility for disabled persons. Through this effort, BALS will affirmatively further Fair Housing rights through investigation and enforcement of 100 cases, 120 paired tests, and 22 educational events each year, to ensure more diverse, inclusive and sustainable communities, stronger households, and reduce homelessness.

West Palm Beach

**Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. (LASPBC) will use its grant to 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 enforcement activities: (1) systematically investigate at least 70 cases of which it is estimated that approximately 15 will be litigated; (2) recruit and train 30 new testers; (3) conduct 70 tests of the local housing market, of which 40 will be rental, 10 sales, 12 will target accessibility/reasonable accommodation/modification; and 8 lending; (4) conduct at least 12 education and outreach activities targeting underserved communities of immigrant populations, persons with disabilities, veterans and seniors; (5) conduct at least 5 fair housing workshops; and (6) refer at least 15 complaints to HUD or the local FHAP agency. The Project will concentrate on resolving fair housing complaints through mediation or other voluntary resolution processes rather than through litigation whenever possible, practical, and in the best interest of the client.

**Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc., a nonprofit law firm, has been providing outreach, complaint intake, investigation, testing, and mediation and litigation of meritorious claims in Palm Beach County, Florida, since 1999. The Legal Aid Society will use its grant to explain to the general public and local housing providers what “equal opportunity in housing” means and what housing providers need to do to comply with the Fair Housing Act. Project activities will include: presentation of at least 12 substantive workshops; development of 5 new fair housing outreach materials (in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole); conducting 15 education and outreach events to make participants aware of their fair housing rights; producing 800 electronic newsletters to governmental officials, housing, real estate and lending industry professionals; launching 3 initiatives for tenants, property management companies, homeowners associations, condominium boards of directors, and disabled individuals utilizing emotional support animals; and employing an established process to refer complaints to HUD or a local Fair Housing Assistance Program agency. The Legal Aid Society’s fair housing staff will also address the more subtle and technical forms of housing discrimination, such as racially discriminatory lending, sexual harassment, discrimination against disabled individuals, and discriminatory targeting of persons of limited English proficiency.

**Georgia**

**Atl**a**nta**

**Metro Fair Housing Services, Inc.**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Metro Fair Housing Services, Inc. (Metro) will use its grant funding to continue the expansion of its core Fair Housing enforcement activities throughout the greater Atlanta MSA, specifically the service area of Fulton (including the City of Atlanta), DeKalb, Cherokee, Cobb, Forsyth, Gwinnett, and Hall Counties. Metro’s *Private Enforcement Initiative: Fair Housing Choice & Fair Lending* project will address impediments to fair housing and the complex contributing factors of gentrification, segregation, discrimination and escalating housing costs through an aggressive testing program guided by population densities and stages of housing development. During the 3-year grant period, Metro will perform 528 sale, lending, rental and accessibility tests based on race, national origin, familial status, and disability; process a minimum of 144 housing discrimination intakes; and refer a minimum of 24 bona fide fair housing allegations to HUD. Metro will also mediate or conciliate a minimum of 9 complaints, recruit and train a minimum of 60 new testers, and collaborate with a minimum of 24 public and private partners to conduct 100 education workshops/events to directly reach a minimum of 3,000 persons.

**RIVERDALE**

**VETERANS CENTER, INCORPORATED**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Veterans Center, Inc. (Veterans Center or Center) will use its grant to support an education and outreach program in Georgia to combat discrimination against community members. Currently there are 1,668,701 members in the Center’s service area that are in poverty; and most of this population consists of minorities. They are not able to afford homes for their families in this economy, therefore putting them out on the street and increasing the homelessness rate. Through this project, the Veterans Center will inform the public of its rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act, with a goal of moving community members that are discriminated against into affordable housing, as well as ending homelessness and discrimination for the betterment of its community. The Veterans Center project will include training staff members and educating the community using various types of literature and postings to social media sites.

**Hawaii**

**Honolulu**

**Legal Aid Society of Hawaii**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative –Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Legal Aid Society of Hawai‘i’s Fair Housing Enforcement Program (“FHEP”) will use its grant to conduct annual statewide activities including: reviewing/refining referral process to refer potential victims to Hawaii Civil Rights Commission (“HCRC”) and/or HUD; outreach materials; submitting testing methodology and tester training for review and approval; conducting intakes, receiving allegations; mediate complaints; recruit testers, assist individuals with requests for reasonable accommodations and/or modifications and other activities. FHEP proposes a full-service enforcement program. Specific areas of concentration include: education and outreach to elderly and disabled communities and caregivers; testing and enforcement related to discrimination against the physically and mentally/psychologically disabled; systemic testing of accessibility and structural violations; and continued recruitment and training for testers on islands other than O‘ahu.

**Idaho**

**Boise**

**Intermountain Fair Housing Council, Inc.**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $299,917.66**

The Intermountain Fair Housing Council (IFHC), Idaho’s only fair housing enforcement organization, will use its grant funds to support a statewide fair housing PEI-MYFC project. This project will provide a statewide, full-service fair housing enforcement program designed to address systemic housing issues; and it will focus on low-income rural persons, recent immigrants (LEP), persons with disabilities, single-female heads-of-households with children, LGBTQ, homeless, and victims of sexual and other harassment. The project will provide a full spectrum of fair housing services to all FHA protected persons. Among the project’s enforcement activities will include, but not be limited to intake interviews, allegation processing, complaint referrals, systemic investigations, recruitment and training of testers, and tests and assessments. In terms of outreach and education, IFHC will conduct 12 collaborative trainings/meetings with local jurisdictions about affirmatively furthering fair housing; provide a fair housing website with 3,000 views per year; and conduct 9 targeted outreach efforts per year.

**Idaho Housing & Finance Association**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $123,750.00**

The Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) will use its grant throughout Idaho to provide residents with knowledge of their fair housing rights and responsibilities through outreach and education. The project will reach as many Idahoans as possible through effective marketing and distribution strategies while also placing particular emphasis on targeted groups including government officials, community planners, housing professionals, building officials, transition-age youth (16-20), refugees, limited English proficiency individuals, and members of minority and protected classes. Project activities will include: creating a new project web page that will serve as the central library for all information produced and disseminated; developing a social media presence under the label #Fair Housing Friday; producing and disseminating “Z-cards” as pocket-sized information cards through hundreds of public locations and housing communities; producing a six video series providing various fair housing information for a range of audiences; offering in-person trainings around the state, as well as digital recordings of said trainings; and disseminating project material at numerous conferences, trainings, and trade shows.

**Idaho Legal Aid Services**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $114,944.00**

Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc. (ILAS) will use its grant funds to support its Fair Housing Education and Outreach Project, which aims to reduce housing discrimination in Idaho by increasing access to fair housing resources through statewide education, outreach, and legal advocacy. Through this project, ILAS will build on the activities and relationships created with its current HUD grant. While this project will address all discrimination prohibited by the Fair Housing Act, a special emphasis will be on those who face housing discrimination based on disability and sexual harassment. Activities for this project will include: 1) creating additional fair housing education materials that will specifically address housing discrimination based on disability and sexual harassment; 2) providing statewide outreach to promote fair housing resources through a media campaign, partner organizations, and targeted community outreach presentations; 3) providing fair housing advocacy, legal assistance, and HUD referrals through ILAS’s housing hotline; and 4) generating an artificial intelligence (AI) portal to help persons generate reasonable accommodation and modification requests.

**Illinois**

**Chicago**

**Rogers Park Community Council dba Northside Community Res.**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Northside Community Resources (NCR) will use its Fair Housing Initiatives Program – Private Enforcement Initiative grant funding to continue its Northside Fair Housing Initiative Program, which brings fair housing and civil rights programming to one of the most ethnically and economically diverse parts of the United States, the north side of Chicago, and nearby predominantly white neighborhoods. NCR plans to promote and enforce the Fair Housing Act by conducting a multifaceted fair housing initiatives project serving people experiencing discrimination based on all classes protected by the Fair Housing Act, as well as source of income. It will give special attention to underserved populations including immigrants, refugees, and people of color in its expanded service area, including discrimination based on race, national origin, and source of income/Housing Choice Voucher status/racial disparate impact. NCR will use its well-established relationships with its subcontractors Chinese Mutual Aid Association, Vietnamese Association of Illinois, and Hamdard Center, which provides services for diverse cultural communities, and other ethnic and community partners to promote equal opportunity in housing and enforce the FHA. It will do so by conducting outreach and education to residents and housing providers, intake, testing, investigation of violations, litigation, mediation/resolution of allegations of FHA violations, and resource referrals.

**The John Marshall Law School**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $299,660.66**

The John Marshall Law School (JMLS) will use its grant funds to support its Fair Housing Legal Clinic (Clinic), a broad-based, full-service project under the Private Enforcement Initiative (PEI) Multi-year Component (MY). The Clinic will enforce fair housing laws by representing persons who have been discriminated against in housing transactions; it will focus its activities on underserved populations (including immigrants, persons with limited English proficiency, racial and ethnic minorities, the homeless, and persons with disabilities) in the Chicago metropolitan area. The clinic handles all types of discrimination claims and defends related matters; assists with the removal of collateral barriers to housing when feasible; and conducts complaint-based and systemic testing to expose discriminatory practices. Under this proposal, the Clinic will maintain an active caseload of approximately 40 cases a year and will conduct 40 tests per year; conduct education and outreach programs for the public and providers; develop new materials in different languages and large print; expand its social media presence to educate and reach more people; and provide in depth fair housing training to 20 law students per year and a 120-minute class on fair housing law to an additional 50 – 75 law students per year.

**Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Access Living is one of the nation’s largest, most experienced, and most prominent disability rights organizations that is governed and staffed by people with disabilities. Through its Fair Housing Enforcement Project (Project), Access Living will use its grant to continue to increase housing opportunities for people with disabilities and eradicate housing discrimination by conducting three primary activities: investigation (including testing) and legal assistance; education and pro se assistance; and public policy partnerships and advocacy. Specifically, the Project will provide legal advice, counseling, and representation; and conduct systemic testing investigations. The Project’s education and pro se assistance will include consumer education on how to comply with fair housing laws and training for architects and developers on new construction requirements. The Project will also collaborate with private and public partners to further fair housing on the local, state, and national level by recommending policy changes and educating government agencies and public officials about fair housing obligations.

**Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights under Law**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $279,831.33**

The Equitable Community Development and Housing (ECDH) team at Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights (CLC) is a broad-based, full-service Qualified Fair Housing Organization (QFHO) with extensive experience testing and litigating a broad range of fair housing/fair lending matters in court and in administrative agencies. CLC will use its grant to address discriminatory housing practices and affirmatively further fair housing through the innovative approach of leveraging its access to free, expert legal services, a history of successful litigation and advocacy, strong community ties, and participation in community development efforts. Grant activities will include conducting intakes of new complaints; conducting complaint-based and systemic testing and investigation; litigation and mediation; and outreach, education, and training to address housing discrimination and segregation in the Chicago Metropolitan Area.

**HCP of Illinois, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

HCP of Illinois, Inc. (HCP) and the Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance (CAFHA), as a sub-grantee, will use this grant funding to support the implementation of a unique, collaborative strategy to address deep-seated residential racial segregation and rampant housing discrimination against low-income families with children and individuals with disabilities. Through this project, HCP will also address widespread incidents of unreported sexual harassment among low-income women of color. Target areas include Chicago and Cook County, Illinois. The project will utilize current networks and firmly committed partners to reach a large audience of HUD-subsidized renters, easily targeted through their association with local public housing authorities. Efforts will focus on education and engagement of stakeholders. Additionally, this program will utilize CAFHA’s innovative online database that automatically scans rental unit ads for discriminatory language, identifies when such language is used, and records the instance, allowing HCP to directly and immediately reach out to housing providers most in need of corrective educational resources.

**Legal Aid Chicago**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Legal Aid Chicago has over 50 years of experience providing free civil legal services to low-income residents from highly segregated areas of Cook County, Illinois. Through its Fair Housing Investigation and Enforcement Initiative (FHIEI), Legal Aid Chicago will use its grant to provide a broad scope of services to all protected categories facing housing discrimination but will focus on combating sex discrimination in housing in Cook County—a pervasive issue that disproportionately affects women of color. Legal Aid Chicago is currently the only legal service provider in Cook County with an attorney devoted to representing survivors of violence in housing matters, including filing complaints; referring meritorious claims to HUD or the Department of Justice; negotiating with housing providers to affirmatively further fair housing; and training community partners and tenants on how to assert their fair housing rights. Through this grant, Legal Aid Chicago will commit more staff to fair housing work; expand testing and investigation; conduct targeted fair housing education and outreach; and develop a direct referral processes with community partners.

**The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $122,182.00**

The University of Illinois at Chicago John Marshall Law School (UIC John Marshall) will use its grant in support of its Fair Housing Legal Support Center (Center) expanding its efforts to inform and educate persons in the Chicago Metropolitan Area, especially college and university students in protected classes, about fair housing and fair lending laws and their rights under these laws. Grant activities will consist of two primary components: 1) The Center will teach two three-credit-hour one-semester Fair Housing/Fair Lending courses at the law school, at no cost to selected students, for the purpose of creating a new generation of fair housing advocates; and 2) The Center will conduct a minimum of 15 education and outreach presentations on fair housing/fair lending laws specifically targeted to audiences of students from diverse areas of study and protected classes. Through these efforts, students will learn about the history and damage caused by housing discrimination and the remedies afforded by federal, state, and local laws and ordinances. As a requirement of the course, students will assist the Center staff in making presentations at local schools, to community groups, local churches, and senior organizations in the Chicago Metropolitan Area.

**Homewood**

**South Suburban Housing Center**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

South Suburban Housing Center (SSHC) will use its grant to address the continuing need for comprehensive fair housing enforcement activities in this primary service area and in underserved areas of northwest Indiana and central Illinois to treat historic impediments to fair housing which cause patterns of segregation, and to continue to assist with recovery from the mortgage foreclosure crisis. SSHC activities include implementing fair housing complaint intake, strategic testing with increased capacity to conduct systemic investigations, dispute resolution, and when necessary, the filing of HUD and Federal Court Fair Housing Act violation actions. The project also features activities to provide housing related hate crime awareness.

**Rockford**

**Prairie State Legal Services, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Prairie State Legal Services, Inc. (PSLS) will use its grant to continue to offer a full range of fair housing enforcement services from intake to investigation to litigation. PSLS will expand testing services to grow a tester pool and include homeowner’s insurance testing in the second half of the grant term. The organization will also make efforts to partner with universities or other community-based organizations to educate the public about opportunities, through the fair housing planning process, to identify and provide input about local barriers to fair housing choice, and continue to fight housing discrimination by offering legal services that include complaint intake, legal advice and representation, complaint filing, conciliation/mediation, settlement negotiation and referrals. PSLS will continue to offer complaint-based and audit testing and expand our systemic work by initiating new fair housing investigations in rental, sales, lending, and insurance markets. The organization will refer all meritorious claims to HUD or DOJ. In addition, the organization will conduct fair housing trainings/workshops for potential victims of discrimination, housing consumers, housing providers, and local officials or staff of entitlement jurisdictions, and develop educational materials in the form of brochures translated into two new languages, a best practices sheet about affirmatively furthering fair housing, and financial literacy informational sheets in Spanish. Finally, PSLS will host fair housing month events and continue to maintain a social media presence focused on fair housing issues, cases, and education.

**Wheaton**

**HOPE Fair Housing Center**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

HOPE Fair Housing Center’s will use its grant to service the suburban counties of DuPage, Kane, McHenry, Northwestern and Western Cook County, 26 rural counties in Northern Illinois, and large cities including Naperville, Peoria, Aurora, Elgin, Bloomington, Moline, and Rock Island. HOPE is the only agency providing all fair housing services, including intake, testing/investigation, enforcement referral or action, public policy advocacy, and education and outreach in this area.

**H.O.P.E. Inc d/b/a HOPE Fair Housing Center**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Since 1995, H.O.P.E. Inc., dba HOPE Fair Housing Center (HOPE), has received HUD-FHIP funding and has undertaken significant investigation, enforcement, and education and outreach activities. HOPE will use its grant funds to conduct targeted and effective fair housing education presentations to consumers and service providers in Illinois, informing them about fair housing laws and rights. Through this project, HOPE will: 1) convene a half-day April Fair Housing conference with plenary and breakout fair housing training sessions; 2) conduct onsite rental, sales, and mortgage lending fair housing training, technical assistance and complaint intake with local housing agencies in areas of Illinois not served by any fair housing enforcement agency; 3) deepen and extend HOPE’s relationships in Northern and North Central Illinois through fair housing workshops and small group trainings; 4) continue and expand HOPE’s fair housing outreach and training statewide, helped by targeted social media advertisements; and 5) host a youth event for MLK Day for 125 high school students.

**Winnetka**

**Open Communities**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $295,510.00**

Open Communities will use its grant to intake of at least 120 allegations of violations of the Fair Housing Act and complaint-based investigations of at least 90 fair housing allegations for all protected classes in the housing market and related transactions. The organization will also conduct systemic testing and evaluate the testing results. Specifically, Open Communities will conduct a systemic review of the rental market for both race-based and national-origin based discrimination and file enforcement actions as needed. In preparation for systemic testing, the organization will conduct 3 tester trainings in Spanish and recruit bilingual and Limited English Proficiency testers. In addition, the organization will conduct 120 tests, including rental and sales tests based on complaints or systemic investigations; conduct accessibility testing of residential properties as needed; conduct 12 mediations to attain just resolutions for protected persons experiencing disparate treatment, and when appropriate, refer enforcement proposals to HUD on behalf of individuals or groups. The organization will also conduct education and outreach activities, including 9 formal fair housing trainings. Open Communities expects to reach 600 housing consumers, with special emphasis on reaching people of color, new immigrants, those with limited English proficiency and people with disabilities.

**Indiana**

**Indianapolis**

**Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) will use its grant to serve over 2.5 million residents through the service area of 24 counties in Central Indiana, including the Indianapolis Metro Area, the Cities of Bloomington, Columbus, and Muncie, as well as surrounding rural counties. FHCCI will also go outside this 24-county service area as resources allow. The primary grant focus: 1) Conduct testing and other investigation tools to effectively address identified unlawful discrimination, 2) Continue current efforts to affirmatively further fair housing, 3) Expand the public’s knowledge of the services of the FHCCI to uncover incidents of housing discrimination, 4) Support training programs on fair housing, and 5) Continue investigations and testing projects related to the investigation of systemic predatory lending allegations and other systemic investigations begun under previous FHIP awards.

**Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI), the only fair housing organization in Indiana, will use its grant to provide fair housing education on the federal Fair Housing Act throughout the FHCCI service area and the broader state of Indiana. The primary project area for this grant will be the 24 counties in Central Indiana, however some statewide services will be provided. This grant will continue needed fair housing education funds which are limited under enforcement focused grants and will build upon the education and outreach conducted under FHCCI’s current grant. Specific grant activities will include providing fair housing education and outreach through a variety of trainings and partnerships and distributing publications and PSAs in multiple languages to impact and advance fair housing knowledge.

**Kentucky**

**Lexington**

**Lexington Fair Housing Council, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Lexington Fair Housing Council will use its grant to continue its enforcement program, and conduct the following tasks: an expanded program of systemic paired sales and rental testing throughout Kentucky; reasonable accommodation testing; accessibility surveys; a hotline for housing providers seeking legal advice on fair housing laws; fair housing trainings for housing providers; trainings for housing providers on working with the mentally ill; continue to staff and advertise a program to provide immediate advice to those under pressure to take out predatory loans; providing education and monitoring for local homeownership programs; outreach to the community (including workshops in languages other than English); promotion of language access by housing providers; partner with Kentucky State University (a Historically Black College) to educate their students about fair housing laws; intake on housing discrimination issues; obtaining reasonable accommodations/modifications; filing fair housing complaints; litigation; and mediations.

**Louisiana**

**New Orleans**

**Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center (FHAC, formerly the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center) will use its grant to educate protected class members and housing providers throughout the state of Louisiana about their rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act and applicable local and state fair housing regulations. FHAC will undertake the following activities: 1) Host a fair housing summit for at least 125 participants; 2) Host three educational events for Fair Housing Month 2021; 3) Conduct outreach at 12 community events targeted to protected class members; 4) Provide at least three fair housing trainings for housing industry professionals; 5) Place bus advertisements about sexual harassment in housing in at least three markets in the service area; 6) Conduct outreach about fair housing protections, with a focus on sexual harassment, to students at a minimum of one Historically Black College or University (HBCU) in the service area, and conduct at least three trainings in English and three 3 trainings in Spanish to individuals vulnerable to sexual harassment; 7) Conduct at least three Fair Housing Youth Workshops for students in grades K-8 and 3 trainings to youth ages 14-24; 8) Provide fair housing training to at least 500 first-time homebuyers; 9) Keep residents in the service area informed about fair housing through maintaining an informative website and social media accounts as well as appearing in the press; and 10) Provide advocacy for and direct assistance to at least 25 individuals alleging violations of fair housing or fair lending laws.

**Maine**

**Portland**

**Pine Tree Legal Assistance Inc.**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Pine Tree Legal Assistance (PTLA), Maine’s only Qualified Fair Housing Organization (QFHO), will use its grant to operate the Fair Housing Initiative Project of Maine (FHIPME). The project will serve all 16 counties in Maine, including 32 designated Qualified Opportunity Zones (QOZs). FHIPME activities will include: enforcement of federal and state laws prohibiting housing discrimination in rental housing, including mobile home parks; testing to identify systemic discrimination against all protected categories, with a special emphasis on discrimination against underserved populations including individuals in rural areas, individuals with disabilities, and those who are immigrants or have limited English proficiency (LEP); and education and outreach efforts designed both to strengthen awareness of fair housing laws and protections among individuals vulnerable to discrimination and to strengthen capacity among government and nonprofit partners to enforce and extend fair housing protections for all vulnerable individuals around Maine.

**Maryland**

**Baltimore**

**Baltimore City Office of Equity and Civil Rights**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Baltimore City Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR) will use its grant to implement a comprehensive fair housing outreach program in Baltimore to address issues of discrimination in housing by building bridges between renters and landlords, potential homebuyers, and housing professionals. The OECR will take several approaches to educating residents, including creating and disseminating printed materials; providing training to city residents, including landlords, real estate agents, mortgage brokers, property managers, and developers; and attending community events that celebrate national origin and heritage in order to garner trust among community members. OECR will also work to break down silos of housing-based organizations through the creation of a comprehensive Housing Resource Guide that OECR will bring to life through a program called Housing Hub, in which three or more organizations, in collaboration with OECR, meet bi-monthly at libraries around Baltimore City to provide in-person answers to housing questions. For Fair Housing Month, the OECR will host a special event aimed at creating empathy and understanding, as well as providing fair housing education for residents and housing industry professionals. People will come together to play “Factuality,” a game based on the modern-day effects of redlining. Additionally, people will be able to receive information about various resources, take homebuyer classes, and receive training on fair housing.

**Massachusetts**

**Boston**

**Suffolk University**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $299,989.00**

The Suffolk University Law School (SULS) Housing Discrimination Testing Program (HDTP) will use its grant to continue and expand its fair housing work in Greater Boston, Massachusetts, including testing, enforcement, education and outreach, curriculum development and academic study. HDTP will continue to provide high quality testing services to the community and to conduct intakes and evaluate for allegations of fair housing laws. HDTP will leverage its resources with the assistance of 14 Suffolk Law student attorneys in Suffolk’s Accelerator Practice. The student attorneys will continue to represent clients alleging violations of fair housing laws and provide assistance with reasonable accommodation/ modification requests under the close supervision of HDTP attorneys. The University program will also continue to meet the needs of the community and agency partners by responding to complaint-based testing requests and through close consultation in planning systemic investigations. HDTP will develop methodology and materials for conducting testing in Spanish, addressing an unmet need for a vulnerable housing-seeking population, and continue to meet the needs of our community by providing tailored fair housing training to community groups, local governments, and students.

**Suffolk University**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Suffolk University Law School’s Housing Discrimination Testing Program (HDTP) will use its funds to propose education and outreach activities to address the high levels of identified discrimination and segregation that is occurring in the rental housing market. The HDTP will leverage its position within an educational institution to produce a national fair housing conference and other high-quality educational opportunities for tenants, high school and law students, real estate professionals and landlords, and fair housing professionals. Leveraging its staff’s strength as professional educators, the HDTP will host meetings and training sessions for fair housing professionals, including quarterly lunch and learn meetings, in-depth skills-based workshops, and a national fair housing conference. The HDTP will connect with people actively looking for rental housing and provide them with information about their rights and the enforcement process in order to encourage victims of discrimination to pursue enforcement actions. The HDTP will also connect with community groups to offer fair housing workshops with a focus on languages other than English; develop and disseminate public service announcements; and deliver fair housing information to high school students through the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project, and to law students through a fair housing seminar course.

**Holyoke**

**Massachusetts Fair Housing Center, Inc.**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Massachusetts Fair Housing Center (MFHC) is a full-service fair housing agency that provides comprehensive fair housing services to all protected classes in central and western Massachusetts. MFHC will use its grant to address housing discrimination and segregation in a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) that is the most highly segregated large MSA in the nation for Hispanic-White segregation. MFHC will conduct complaint intakes and tests to uncover discriminatory housing practices. Included in the testing will be three special systemic testing investigations to uncover discriminatory treatment of: (1) families with children living in Opportunity Zones with high rates of lead poisoning; (2) Hispanics and African Americans in the real estate sales market; and (3) people with disabilities seeking reasonable accommodations. If testing shows evidence of discrimination, MFHC will take appropriate enforcement action and file meritorious complaints. MFHC will also undertake outreach and advocacy with rural town officials and nursing home/assisted living facilities’ ombudsman and staff, where individuals with disabilities may be unaware of their fair housing rights.

**New Bedford**

**SouthCoast Fair Housing, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

SouthCoast Fair Housing (SCFH) will use its grant to implement fair housing education and outreach activities in underserved Rhode Island and Bristol and Plymouth Counties in Massachusetts. SCFH’s fair housing education and outreach efforts will include training and outreach for housing and service providers; presentations to first-time homebuyers; distribution of fair housing informational materials; publishing and/or airing of fair housing public service announcements; distribution of electronic newsletters; outreach to local/state officials to offer assistance with obligations to affirmatively further fair housing; and continued development of relationships with a variety of organizations. All these activities are designed to specifically target identified areas of need within the region (racial and ethnic segregation and discrimination, discrimination based on familial status and disability, and sexual harassment) and will not be limited to a single fair housing issue. SCFH will also leverage its existing partnerships and develop new ones to specifically target education and outreach activities to have the most impact in the region.

**SouthCoast Fair Housing, Inc.**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

SouthCoast Fair Housing (SCFH) will use its grant to continue its fair housing enforcement and education and outreach activities in historically underserved Rhode Island and Bristol and Plymouth Counties, in southeastern Massachusetts. Though the program will be broad-based, enforcement efforts will emphasize race, color, and national origin discrimination; and SCFH’s outreach efforts will particularly include discussion of sexual harassment. SCFH’s full-service project will include fair housing intake, evaluation, and enforcement; audit- and complaint-based fair housing testing; systemic investigations; and monitoring of real estate advertisements. Education and outreach activities will include distribution of materials in English, Spanish, and Portuguese; conducting outreach and workshops/trainings; and engaging local jurisdictions and recipients of federal funds.

**Springfield**

**Way Finders, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $122,760.00**

Way Finders, Inc. (Way Finders) will use its grant to affirmatively further fair housing by providing services to the more than 829,000 people of Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire Counties. This Fair Housing Education and Outreach Initiative (EOI) Program is a partnership with the Massachusetts Fair Housing Center (MFHC), a regional nonprofit fair housing advocacy agency. The Fair Housing Program is one component of Way Finders’ Housing Consumer Education Center, a comprehensive regional housing information, education, and counseling initiative that serves tenants, landlords, homebuyers, and homeowners. Way Finders will provide a variety of outreach, education, and counseling services to increase the understanding of fair housing rights among members of all protected classes, and to help housing providers, community groups, service providers, and municipalities better understand fair housing and reasonable accommodation obligations. Thirty-four activities will occur over the course of a year, including the 16th Annual Fair Housing and Civil Rights Conference.

**Worcester**

**Community Legal Aid, Inc.**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Community Legal Aid, Inc. (CLA) will use its grant for its Worcester Fair Housing Project (Project), a partnership between CLA and the City of Worcester. The Project will engage in intake, investigation, testing, litigation, and enforcement to uncover and overcome housing discrimination against ethnic and racial minorities, low- and moderate-income families and individuals, persons with disabilities, homeless persons, immigrants and limited English proficiency (LEP) persons, rural residents, and other underserved persons attempting to get and keep the housing of their choice throughout Worcester County. The Project will recruit and train testers and conduct complaint-based, systemic, and audit tests. In addition, the Project will continue to participate in a working group of the state’s Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP)-funded organizations and the state’s largest Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) to share best practices and ensure the FHAP’s responsiveness to its fair housing constituents. The Project will expand its systemic work by starting a new initiative to enforce the fair housing rights of people with alcohol and substance use disorders. The Project will also create, translate, and distribute fair housing materials throughout the service area and will give community legal education workshops to targeted groups of vulnerable populations, housing providers, branches of local government, and human service providers.

**Michigan**

**Ann Arbor**

**Fair Housing Center of Southeastern Michigan**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Fair Housing Center of Southeastern Michigan (FHC) will use its grant to provide fair housing enforcement services and systemic testing in Washtenaw, Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, and Monroe counties in southern mid-Michigan. Activities include a plan for taking 465 new fair housing complaints; completing 402 test parts, including rental testing, sales testing, lending testing, and investigating the accessibility of new construction; training 60 new testers; and gaining reasonable accommodations or modification for 30 complainants with disabilities. FHC staff will also initiate 18 systemic investigations. FHC will train staff from 24 community service organizations so they can help their clients recognize potential acts of housing discrimination. FHC staff will make 1,020 referrals for services including legal aid and emergency housing and estimate an informative website with 36,000 views. Further, FHC will also provide three educational events for housing industry professionals and government officials.

**Detroit**

**Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit (FHCMD) will use its grant to increase and continue its focus on systemic cases for larger numbers of people in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb County. FHCMD will continue the following activities accomplished during the previous HUD FHIP/PEI projects, including: investigated over 4,000 complaints of unlawful housing discrimination referred over 1,000 complainants to HUD, and/or the Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR), for administrative resolution of their complaints; and referred over 300 complainants to private practice attorneys who filed lawsuits in state or federal courts on behalf of those complainants. Hundreds of complainants have obtained housing and/or recovered millions in awards and settlements from defendants in cases that have been investigated by FHCMD since 1990. FHCDM uses all the methods available to enforce, educate, train and otherwise support HUD’s Strategic Objectives to ensure compliance with civil rights and economic opportunity, discourage discrimination by education housing providers and by publishing the consequences of violating the law(s).

**FLINT**

**Legal Services of Eastern Michigan**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component -$300,000.00**

Legal Services of Eastern Michigan (LSEM) will use its grant to address individual legal needs and proactively engage in impact work that provides systemic change thus positively affecting the poverty community as a whole. LSEM established a Fair Housing Center in 1999, to ensure equal housing opportunities for all people, regardless of race, sex, age, color, religion, national origin, familial, marital, or disability status. LSEM will continue to offer comprehensive fair housing services in Bay, Genesee, Midland, and Saginaw Counties, as well as conducting complaint-based testing in the remainder of LSEM’s 14 county region. Fair housing services include testing, enforcement, outreach, education, and research. LSEM will include the fair housing testing and enforcement activities by conducting paired tests along with investigations of community complaints, and other enforcement related and education and outreach activities.

**LEGAL SERVICES OF EASTERN MICHIGAN**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Legal Services of Eastern Michigan (LSEM) will use its grant funds to carry out programs aimed at preventing or eliminating discriminatory housing practices. LSEM will deliver 8 trainings for community agencies (4 in rural areas), 15 outreach events, 8 community group presentations, 2 webinars, 4 partnerships, and 1 fair housing conference. LSEM anticipates delivering information on the rights and obligations put forth by the Fair Housing Act to as many as 5,000 people. Broadly speaking, the primary audience targets include community members from LSEM’s 14-county region, community agencies and organizations, educators, private landlords, and local governments. However, this project will also focus on reaching veterans, victims of domestic violence, the elderly, those residents with limited English proficiency, and residents in rural areas. LSEM is the only known agency in the area with a skill set focused on the Fair Housing Act and the practice of law; and LSEM is also successfully executing a project similar in scope (the FY 2018 EOI-G project).

**Grand Rapids**

**Fair Housing Center of West Michigan**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Fair Housing Center of West Michigan (FHCWM) will use its grant to provide comprehensive fair housing enforcement services throughout a 12-county service area in west Michigan to include the counties of Allegan, Grand Traverse, Isabella, Ionia, Kent, Muskegon, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola and Ottawa. The FHCWM will work within all aspects (i.e. sales, rental, lending, insurance, etc.) of the housing market to provide fair housing enforcement and related services to people within all federally protected classes, including minority populations, persons with Limited English Proficiency, families with children, and persons with disabilities. In addition, the FHCWM will undertake activities specifically targeted toward expanding upon previous FHIP funded activities and conducting systemic investigations of housing discrimination. This project will enforce Fair Housing Act compliance, detect, address and remove systemic barriers to fair housing choice and equal housing opportunity, promote inclusive patterns of housing occupancy, and educate those in the service area on fair housing rights.

**Fair Housing Center of West Michigan**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Fair Housing Center of West Michigan (FHCWM) will use its grant funds to provide comprehensive fair housing education and outreach services throughout a 12-county service area in west Michigan. The FHCWM will provide services designed to inform people of their rights and/or responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act. The FHCWM will provide fair housing education and related services and materials to members of the housing industry in the areas of rental and real estate sales as well as to people within all federally protected classes, including persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) and persons with disabilities. The FHCWM will undertake activities specifically targeted toward expanding upon previous FHIP-funded activities and provide comprehensive education and technical assistance in the pursuit of increased awareness of and compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws. This project will promote capacity building and knowledge sharing with partners through the dissemination of effective best practices; and the FHCWM will maintain a protocol for referral of complaints of discrimination to HUD and/or the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. The project’s activities will include interactive trainings and other symposia; workshop and conference sessions; brochures and other materials; PSAs; electronic materials; and outreach.

**Kalamazoo**

**Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan (the Center) will use its grant to provide the residents of Southwest Michigan fair housing services, which will include receiving allegations, conducting systemic investigations, and outreach to educate the residents. The investigations performed under this project will be expansive to cover real estate transaction, lending, and insuring. The Center will approach all aspects of this project to remove barriers to housing and to affirmatively further fair housing in all activities.

**Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $123,605.00**

The Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan (the Center) is a Qualified Fair Housing Enforcement Organization committed to promoting integration and eliminating housing discrimination in nine counties of southwest Michigan. The Center will use its grant to dramatically increase its outreach and education services to currently underserved populations, including rural residents (particularly Hispanics and elderly persons with disabilities); potential homeowners in general; and Burmese people. With a new and more assertive approach, the project will take steps to ensure residents are aware of their rights; new housing opportunities are created; increases are gained in the culture of inclusion; and continued steps are taken toward its ultimate goal of eliminating housing discrimination in southwest Michigan.

**Minnesota**

**Minneapolis**

**Mid-Minnesota Legal Assitance**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid (Legal Aid), in partnership with Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS), will use its grant to improve enforcement of the Fair Housing Act for individuals and families in the rental and home ownership markets in 53 southern and central Minnesota counties. Proposed activities and projects are consistent with the North Minneapolis Promise Zone Community and include complaint intake; enforcement services; testing; and litigation. Legal Aid also plans to provide analysis of housing providers’ occupancy limits to determine whether the limits have a disparate impact based on familial status and/or national origin; leverage relationships with mental health providers and use intentional cross-training to enhance the quality of reasonable accommodation requests made by the project; and enrich subsidized housing providers’ compliance with HUD limited English proficiency (LEP) guidance by comparing their existing policies with HUD guidance and subsequently advocating for corrective action through negotiation or when necessary litigation.

**Mississippi**

**Jackson**

**Mississippi Center for Justice**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Mississippi Center for Justice will use its grant to develop and implement a comprehensive fair housing enforcement campaign in Central and Southeast Mississippi. Project activities include fair housing education and outreach to members of all protected classes, as well as industry representatives, social work students, and law students; intake and investigations of individual allegations of housing discrimination; and systemic testing in the sales, rental, lending, insurance, and accessibility markets.

**Housing Education and Economic Development, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Housing Education and Economic Development (HEED) has been conducting fair housing activities that include education and outreach, intake, and testing projects for Mississippi residents from across the state for more than 31 years. HEED will use its grant to conduct a Fair Housing Initiatives Program Education and Outreach project to increase its capacity to educate persons of all the protected classes, local government officials, housing industry workers, and disability rights advocates as well as the general public about the fair housing rights of individuals and federal accessibility guidelines. To that end, HEED will hold a series of ten fair housing workshops throughout North and Central Mississippi to continue to educate Mississippians in segregated, rural, and underserved parts of the state. HEED will also intake fair housing complaints and hold a 2-day Fair Housing, Fair Lending Conference in Jackson, Mississippi. It is anticipated that these activities will result in an increase of both general awareness of fair housing laws and regulations and the number of fair housing complaints being filed within the state.

**Housing Education and Economic Development, Inc.**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Housing Education and Economic Development (HEED) has been conducting fair housing activities for Mississippi residents for more than 31 years and will use its grant to expand its enforcement and educational outreach. Grant activities will include systematic testing; complaint intake; referral of meritorious complaints to HUD; and education and outreach efforts. The anticipated result of this project is increased awareness of fair housing laws; greater compliance with the Fair Housing Act; and progress toward more inclusive communities free from housing discrimination.

**Mississippi Center for Justice**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Mississippi Center for Justice (MCJ), a Qualified Fair Housing Enforcement Organization with a history and mission of advancing racial and economic justice in the state of Mississippi, will use its grant to provide fair housing education and outreach to underserved populations (including persons with disabilities, members of protected classes living in rural areas, and persons of limited English proficiency). The project is built upon specific steps of increasing depth that include identification of key community leaders whose professional, social and faith lives intersect with members of protected classes; multiple trainings of these key leaders to develop a community fountain of fair housing knowledge; general fair housing community training sessions led jointly by MCJ and trained community leaders; and fair housing workshops devoted to commonly encountered issues and fact situations. The face-to-face education and outreach will be bolstered by fair housing billboards and public service announcements in the targeted counties, social media messaging, and distribution of fair housing literature.

**Missouri**

**St. Louis**

**Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing and Opportunity Council**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing and Opportunity Council (EHOC) provided a full range of fair housing activities in the St. Louis region since 1992. EHOC will use its grant to expand fair housing education and outreach activities in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area to educate the public about fair housing laws, as well as identify and eliminate discriminatory housing practices. Project activities will include conducting educational trainings with partner organizations to inform community members and the general public about the Fair Housing Act and the rights of protected classes; developing and printing new materials that inform about the Fair Housing Act and rights of protected classes; distributing materials through social media advertising; participating in and supporting initiatives led by community partners with fair housing information and materials; and conducting other community outreach to ensure widespread use of fair housing informational materials. Areas of concentration for the proposed activities include limited English proficiency populations, community-led housing initiatives to engage tenants, accessibility and protections for people with disabilities, as well as focusing on Opportunity Zones located within the St. Louis region.

**Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing and Opportunity Council**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing and Opportunity Council (EHOC) is the only private, nonprofit fair housing organization serving the St. Louis Metropolitan Area, including eight counties in Missouri and Illinois. EHOC will use its grant to continue its full-service, broad-based activities, including: providing fair housing counseling and intake to individuals of all protected classes; conducting testing and systemic investigations to identify violations of the Fair Housing Act; filing complaints and other enforcement activities; conducting educational trainings to inform community members and the general public about fair housing rights of protected classes; and engaging in public policy advocacy to ensure fair housing compliance, overcome segregation, and promote open and inclusive communities.

**Montana**

**Butte**

**Montana Fair Housing, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Montana Fair Housing, Inc. (MFH) is a full service, private, nonprofit fair housing organization and has been providing services to citizens of the state of Montana since 1988. MFH will use its grant to address impediments identified in the state and local AIs, and issues outside the scope of those AIs. MFH’s activities will include: coordination with state and local agencies, and agencies and organizations serving protected class members, to facilitate outreach and education activities; complete mediation activities (dispute resolutions) including those involving requests for reasonable accommodations and modifications; continue to conduct intake and investigation activities; continue to initiate and complete investigations of systemic violations; train additional testers, conduct systemic and complaint-based testing and refer testing-based enforcement actions to HUD.

**Nebraska**

**Lincoln**

**City of Lincoln, Nebraska**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The City of Lincoln Nebraska will use its grant to educate Lincoln community members, including immigrants and refugees, racial and ethnic minorities, people experiencing homelessness, individuals with disabilities, as well as housing providers (landlords, property managers, real estate agents), and the general public living in Lincoln’s eight Opportunity

Zones on fair housing rights, responsibilities, and services. The project will enable the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights (LCHR) to work with the city to develop a comprehensive fair housing education campaign. One component of which will be to place LCHR education outreach workers in community centers serving minorities and individuals and families experiencing homelessness. LCHR education outreach workers will provide comprehensive fair housing education so participants can identify rights violations and learn self-advocacy tools; information regarding the steps involved in a fair housing case, as well as potential outcomes with either LCHR, Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission, or directly with HUD; and information conveying the importance of reporting and filing fair housing cases to not help only one’s self and/or family, but also to help eliminate housing discrimination within the larger community.

**Omaha**

**Family Housing Advisory Services, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Family Housing Advisory Services, Inc. (FHAS) will use its grant to expand enforcement activities to specific areas in Nebraska and Iowa with a focus on systemic issues facing new immigrant populations, especially individuals and families with limited or no English skills and persons with disabilities, including returning veterans with disabilities. FHAS will provide on-site intakes and fair housing assessments at partnering agencies, including the Nebraska AIDS Project, YATES Educational Community Partnership, Care Corps Shelter and other faith-based and community organizations providing services to the homeless, to new immigrant communities, and to other targeted protected classes in order to increase Fair Housing services to these underserved populations. In addition, the organization will conduct complaint based and systemic matched pair fair housing tests addressing the rental, sales, and lending markets; investigate all complaints of housing discrimination generated by project activities; and maintain a 24-hour toll free hotline and internet website to assist persons throughout the states of Nebraska and Iowa with complaints of discriminatory housing actions. Education and outreach activities include: providing education and outreach services to the general public and professional fair housing enforcement training to agency staff which serve clients at high risk of housing discrimination; providing training and technical assistance to governmental and other planning bodies to assist them in their duty to further fair housing and increase affordable housing choice; and ensuring staff capacity is maintained and increased through ongoing HUD-sponsored and HUD-approved education.

**Nevada**

**Reno**

**Silver State Fair Housing Council**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) will use its grant funds to provide a full-service fair housing enforcement program throughout the state of Nevada. SSFHC will continue to collaborate with jurisdictions, public housing authorities, social service providers, and housing providers to reach and assist residents in carrying out enforcement related and education and outreach activities. Many activities address the effects of impediments identified through Analyses of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI) and regional AIs throughout the state. Funding ensures that barriers to equal housing opportunity will continue to be identified and addressed.

**Silver State Fair Housing Council**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $124,502.00**

Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) will use its grant to augment its current enforcement program with the development of educational materials centered around fair housing rights and responsibilities. The materials will target underserved populations, persons with disabilities who have service/emotional support animals, and housing providers who seek reliable information about their fair housing obligations. The program will affirmatively further fair housing and serve all protected classes with activities, including: developing a 2-hour fair housing training based on the *Assistance Animal Notice* released by HUD on January 28, 2020 (FHEO-2020-01) and marketing it to housing provider groups and disability-rights organizations in the state; updating SSFHC’s brochure, *Help Open Doors for People with Disabilities,* to reflect the FHEO-2020-01 notice; conducting an AIA-accredited [American Institute of Architects] continuing education seminar for developers and architects building new multi-family housing; conducting an accredited Continuing Legal Education seminar on fair housing for attorneys; and receiving and forwarding housing discrimination complaints to HUD, based on SSFHC’s proven, effective referral process.

New Hampshire

Concord

**New Hampshire Legal Assistance**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

New Hampshire Legal Assistance (NHLA) will use its grant to sustain and expand the statewide fair housing work performed by its Fair Housing Project. Founded in 1971, NHLA is a statewide legal aid organization dedicated to providing high quality legal services to vulnerable low-income and elderly clients. For the past 23 years, as New Hampshire’s first and only comprehensive fair housing enforcement organization, NHLA has developed an impressive, multi-faceted, statewide strategy to combat housing discrimination. NHLA staff attorneys investigate fair housing complaints and file complaints, as appropriate. NHLA also conducts fair housing testing and undertakes extensive education and outreach on fair housing law. For this effort, NHLA will continue to address and combat housing discrimination in New Hampshire; and engage in advocacy and analysis of policies, laws and practices that present systemic obstacles to equal access to housing. NHLA will also conduct systemic testing and provide phone-assisted counsel and advice and full legal representation, as applicable, to those in need of fair housing assistance; and engage in targeted outreach to persons with disabilities, including those seeking to enter or remain in assisted living facilities, survivors of family violence experiencing difficulties in housing, and immigrants.

**New Jersey**

**Hackensack**

**Fair Housing Council of Northern New Jersey**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Fair Housing Council of Northern New Jersey (the Council) will use its grant to conduct systemic testing throughout the entire state, focusing on southern and northeastern New Jersey—where previous systemic testing revealed a high level of discrimination against minorities of color, families with children, persons with disabilities, and those with limited English proficiency. The Council will conduct rental/sales tests and intake, investigate, and refer Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) funded complaints of housing discrimination to HUD. The Council will recruit and train testers and provide tester training to the Council’s non-FHIP staff in order to carry out this project. The Council will also provide education and outreach through addressing community organizations and distributing flyers to faith-based, veterans, and disability advocacy groups, as well as local merchants and grass-roots organizations. The Council will also purchase newspaper, print and journal ads to advertise the project and its services.

**Fair Housing Council of Northern NJ**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Fair Housing Council of Northern New Jersey (Council), the only Fair Housing Council in the state, will use its grant to conduct education and outreach on Fair Housing, Title 8, and the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) project throughout the state of New Jersey. This project will focus on southern and northeastern New Jersey, where previous systemic testing revealed a high level of discrimination against minorities of color, families with children, and persons with disabilities. This project will involve close contact with HUD, the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights (FHAP agency), and private advocacy groups; and the project will serve all protected classes with a special emphasis on disability and familial status discrimination. To achieve its goals, the Council will develop and conduct workshops on housing discrimination; develop a media and web-based marketing campaign; and publish and distribute fair housing brochures in English, Spanish and other languages as needed.

**Newark**

**Citizen Action of New Jersey**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Citizen Action of New Jersey (NJ Citizen Action/NJCA) will use its grant funding to support its New Jersey Statewide Fair Housing Education & Outreach Project. This project will educate traditionally underserved New Jersey residents on their rights under the Fair Housing Act and other consumer protection laws, as well as understanding, avoiding and reporting housing discrimination in all its forms. NJCA will also work to incorporate information on new fair housing issues and trends that arise. Specifically, NJCA will increase knowledge of community leaders so they can educate their clients on how to avoid and report fair housing violations; increase fair housing knowledge among minorities, people with disabilities, new immigrants, and/or people with limited English proficiency; and increase identification and referral of fair housing complaints to HUD and Fair Housing Enforcement Organizations (including the newly established enforcement program run by its sister organization, NJ Citizen Action Education Fund). Project activities will include various workshops and trainings; development and distribution of materials; print and social media outreach; and development of a story bank with stories of consumers affected by housing discrimination to prevent future abuse.

**New Jersey Citizen Action Education Fund, Inc.**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The New Jersey Citizen Action Education Fund, Inc. (NJCAEF) will use its grant to support its existing New Jersey Statewide Fair Housing Enforcement Project. Grant activities will include: expanding the project’s geographic reach from 8 counties served to statewide; increasing project staff by hiring a Bilingual Intake and Outreach Coordinator and a Testing Coordinator; continuing its existing testing program of rental, sales and accessibility tests by hiring 45 new testers and coordinating at least 10 tester trainings and expanding its testing to include lending and insurance; conducting systemic investigations; enhancing the testing program with the use of audio recording; conducting intake and processing allegations; assisting complainants with reasonable accommodation/modification requests; conducting fair housing education and outreach; and improving measurement and evaluation with the implementation of a fair housing database. All activities will be available in English, Spanish and one to 2 other languages (based on need).

**New York**

**Bohemia**

**Long Island Housing Services, Inc.**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component – $300,000.00**

Long Island Housing Services, Inc. (LIHS) will use its grant to provide full-service, broad-based fair housing services for the Long Island region (Nassau and Suffolk Counties). Grant activities will include: screening intakes; counseling clients; conducting preliminary investigations; conducting testing and systemic investigations; recruiting and training a diverse pool of testers; assisting with reasonable accommodation/modification requests; and extending outreach to underserved populations (including persons with disabilities, persons experiencing homelessness, veterans, victims of religious discrimination, limited English proficiency (LEP) persons, and victims of domestic violence) by mailing postcards and participating in fair housing events. LIHS will also maintain its literature and webpage in English and Spanish and add literature and a webpage in Chinese.

**Brooklyn**

**Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) will use its grant to support its Fair Housing Education Outreach Project (the Project). Through the Project, Brooklyn A will provide affirmative, informational, and educational outreach to apprise Kings (Brooklyn) County residents of their protections under the federal and local fair housing laws, and how they can enforce their protections in the face of housing discrimination. As property values and the cost of living rise astronomically across Brooklyn, landlords continue to push out low-income tenants from their homes through abusive actions and harassment. These tactics have become especially severe in the central and eastern part of the county, which is heavily racially and ethnically segregated. The limited availability of affordable housing compounds the problem due to widespread gentrification, rezoning, and other land use actions that produce massive luxury development in this area. Through this program, Brooklyn A will be able to implement a comprehensive outreach schedule of 128 fair housing “Know your Rights” workshops, community presentations, and informational meetings scheduled throughout the county; the program will directly reach 2,370 residents of Kings (Brooklyn) County and impact an additional 16,160 individuals.

**Brooklyn Legal Services, Inc.**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Brooklyn Legal Services (BLS) will use its grant to operate a broad-based, full-service project in which BLS and an experienced coalition of partners will provide comprehensive assistance to New York City residents facing foreclosure because of Fair Housing Act violations. The project will generate and accept referrals of clients at risk of foreclosure due to lending discrimination in Brooklyn; screen, investigate and analyze all complaints; conduct testing and analyze test results; through its subcontractor, the New Economy Project, generate computerized maps to support housing discrimination claims; refer meritorious housing discrimination complaints to state and federal enforcement agencies; file affirmative enforcement litigation to address systemic lending abuses; and provide legal and other assistance to help targeted homeowners avoid foreclosure and access affordable loan modifications. In addition, project staff will provide training and support to partner local agencies and organizations; and promote fair housing choice by educating the public about discriminatory practices in lending and home sales and foreclosure prevention.

**Buffalo**

**Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi Year Component - $300,000.00**

Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Inc. (HOME) will use its grant funds to: conduct intake interviews of 1,800 persons contacting HOME with housing issues; record 450 allegations of housing discrimination involving violations of federal, state, or municipal fair housing laws, provide paralegal counseling, emotional support, and referrals to resource agencies; assist 24 clients requesting reasonable accommodations or reasonable modifications; conduct 60 systemic investigations of larger housing providers; recruit and select 75 new fair housing testers; train a minimum of 60 new fair housing testers; conduct 342 paired/sandwiched rental test parts; conduct a minimum of 15 accessibility design/construction test parts; conduct 72 sales test parts; complete 72 hours of training for HOME staff, and complete additional enforcement related and education and outreach activities.

**Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Inc. (HOME) will use its grant to provide fair housing education and outreach services to members of all protected classes with emphasis on those who have limited English proficiency (LEP) and residents of rural communities residing in Western New York, i.e., Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus, Genesee, Orleans, and Wyoming Counties. Through this project, HOME will refer non-fair housing issues; evaluate potential complaints for enforcement; conduct fair housing workshops for members of the housing industry and all protected classes; develop, translate and distribute outreach materials in Arabic and Spanish, including an abbreviated landlord guide; develop an on-demand webinar to educate landlords outside of the Buffalo metro area on their responsibilities under FHA; conduct a fair housing workshop regarding housing issues in LEP communities; conduct bi-monthly satellite office hours at community-based organizations that serve seniors and LEP communities; produce educational events during Fair Housing Month with the Erie County Fair Housing Partnership; design and place fair housing advertisements in shelters and on billboards and buses; create a radio advertisement in English and Spanish and an informational video to target rural and LEP communities; and hire a part-time Education and Outreach Intern and Community Engagement Intern to manage the agency’s social media campaign.

**Dunkirk**

**Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. (COI), a Community Action Agency well known for assisting residents with default/foreclosure, credit problems, and rental assistance, will use its grant to continue its education and information activities initiated under its HUD Housing Counseling and Housing Choice Voucher Programs. The program will target Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties in New York with a focus on outreach to minorities, non-English speakers, and the disabled. Grant activities include: distribution of fair housing informational materials; tenant workshops; referrals to the legal aid agency for fair housing complaints; one-on-one homebuyer counseling covering mortgage abuse, fair lending practices, and housing choice; quarterly social media posts on Facebook and Twitter with links to the local complaint agency and legal aid agency; public service announcements on affirmatively furthering fair housing; and community meetings and public forums to support the adoption of best practices in fair housing.

**GENEVA**

**LEGAL ASSISTANCE OF WESTERN NEW YORK, INC.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $110,500.00**

Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc. (LawNY), a not-for-profit public interest

law firm will use its grant to expand the work of its Fair Housing Enforcement Project (FHEP) for the Finger Lakes Region through the creation of a Fair Housing Outreach and Education Project (FHAP) in two regions: urban-suburban Monroe County and the five adjoining rural counties. LawNY will engage members of all protected classes in outreach and education activities that will inform people of their rights or responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act. This will include developing and distributing fair housing material, conducting “Know your Rights” training to community members, conducting in-service presentations to staff of other area human services agencies, developing social media campaigns, and utilizing multiple forms of print and other media outlets. LawNY will provide outreach and education in avenues that impact all protected classes; and in collaboration with committed community partners, LawNY will create materials for communities with limited English proficiency as well as materials focused on the protected class of gender (particularly geared towards survivors of domestic violence). All activities will have a direct connection to the Fair Housing Act or issues that may violate the Act.

**LEGAL ASSISTANCE OF WESTERN NEW YORK, INC.**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc. (LawNY), a not-for-profit public interest law firm, will use its grant to continue the work of its Fair Housing Enforcement Project (FHEP) serving members of all protected classes in urban-suburban Monroe County and the five adjoining rural counties. Litigation will be a primary enforcement strategy and will include both new filings and continued enforcement actions from prior years. FHEP will conduct systemic testing, focusing on accessibility of area housing stock for persons with disabilities and expanding testing related to the deaf and hard-of-hearing population. FHEP will continue to utilize census data, mapping, and expanded community collaborations to target outreach and testing activities toward limited English proficient populations that may experience discrimination based on their national origin. LawNY’s FHEP will expand its focus on other disadvantaged groups such as women, particularly those impacted by domestic violence, by utilizing committed community partners and developing new collaborations. LawNY will also continue to collaborate with a veterans service organization in order to provide services to chronically homeless disabled veterans.

**Long Island City**

**Fair Housing Justice Center, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Fair Housing Justice Center, Inc. (FHJC) will use its grant funds to service

the boroughs of New York City and seven suburban counties of Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester. The FHJC will continue providing comprehensive fair housing services and activities with counseling and intake, investigative services (testing), and legal and administrative referrals of housing discrimination complaints. The FHJC will additionally assist households with federal housing choice vouchers and homeless individuals and families with rental subsidies to overcome barriers to housing choice based on source of income discrimination. The organization will focus much of its work on activities that combat systemic housing discrimination based on race, national origin, and disability in the rental and sale of housing through implementation of carefully designed systemic testing investigations. The FHJC will also conduct three legal seminars for cooperating attorneys; provide ongoing legal research/support to cooperating attorneys on fair housing cases; monitor compliance with settlement agreements/orders; produce and distribute FHJC’s Opening Acts e-Newsletter; maintain the FHJC website (www.fairhousingjustice.org); and conduct in-service training for FHJC staff on vital fair housing issues.

**Syracuse**

**CNY Fair Housing, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

CNY Fair Housing, Inc. will use its grant funds to provide comprehensive fair housing services to central and northern New York, including the counties of Cayuga, Jefferson, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, St. Lawrence and Tompkins. Under this project, CNY Fair Housing will accept complaints of housing discrimination, conduct investigations of complaints including testing, and provide legal representation for victims of housing discrimination. CNY Fair Housing will also provide fair housing counseling, advocacy, and legal representation to people needing reasonable accommodations and modifications. In addition to complaint-based testing, CNY Fair Housing will conduct systemic investigations which will include testing in rentals, sales, insurance, and lending. Among the issues to be addressed through these systemic investigations are insurance redlining, steering in real estate sales, discrimination against people with disabilities in rentals, and discrimination against families with children in rentals, “student housing.” To educate both housing consumers and particularly in units advertised as housing providers on fair housing rights and responsibilities, CNY Fair Housing will conduct trainings and public speaking engagements, distribute informational materials and PSAs, and will maintain a website and active social media presence. Finally, CNY Fair Housing will work with local municipal officials and housing providers, to provide training and technical assistance to ensure municipalities in the service area are meeting their obligation to affirmatively further fair housing and addressing identified impediments.

**CNY Fair Housing, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

CNY Fair Housing (CNY) will use its grant to provide comprehensive fair housing education and outreach services to Central and Northern New York, including the nine counties currently within the agency’s Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) catchment area: Broome, Cayuga, Jefferson, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, St. Lawrence and Tompkins; and one county that will soon be added to the catchment area, Cortland County. The agency will also expand services to counties east of the agency’s service area that are not served by a FHIP-funded agency. Outreach activities will focus on discrimination based on race, national origin, gender, disability, and familial status. In order to educate housing providers, members of protected classes, and human service workers working with protected class members, CNY will conduct a variety of trainings and speaking engagements to impart in-depth knowledge of fair housing rights and responsibilities. The agency will also provide: 1) informational tables at community events targeted to members of protected classes and develop a new fair housing fact card in order to directly engage consumers; 2) incorporate transit, billboard, and digital advertising into a targeted marketing campaigns aimed at raising awareness of fair housing rights and the availability of resources to protect those rights; 3) produce a training video on sexual harassment in housing; 4) produce a bi-monthly newsletter; and 5) work to educate the community on the history of fair housing and impact of historical discriminatory practices by conducting presentations to local high school students and new real estate professionals.

**White Plains**

**Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc.**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc. (WRO) will use its grant funds to support its “*Fair Housing in the Lower Hudson Valley*” project. Through this project, WRO will continue to implement a systemic fair housing testing program, expanding on FY 2012 Multi-Year funding component and 2015 Multi-Year funding component, and extending the geographic reach of those prior testing grants by engaging in more comprehensive testing throughout the Lower Hudson Valley region of New York, including Westchester and Rockland Counties as well as the underserved areas of Putnam and Dutchess Counties. Testing and enforcement will focus people with disabilities; families with children; immigrant populations with limited English proficiency (LEP), the underserved areas of Putnam and Dutchess counties, and the homeless population. Throughout the grant period, WRO will continue administering its comprehensive fair housing enforcement program, aiding victims of housing discrimination, particularly underserved populations, through a vigorous program of complaint intake and investigation, and resolution through mediation or litigation. Finally, WRO will cosponsor a fair housing training for attorneys, to train regional lawyers in how to litigate fair housing complaints; and sponsor a Fair Housing Symposium.

**Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc. (WRO) will use its grant to inform people in Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam Counties (the Region) of their fair housing rights and maximize equal housing opportunities through fair housing education and outreach. WRO is aware of the impediments to fair housing faced by its residents, especially people with disabilities; LGBTQ individuals; immigrants, particularly those with limited English proficiency (LEP); and the homeless and near homeless. WRO believes the best way to address fair housing issues is through education and outreach. To this end, WRO will continue its robust program of fair housing education and outreach throughout the Region, leveraging its relationships with other nonprofits, including disability rights groups, LGBTQ advocates, a Hispanic resource center, and entities fighting homelessness, to broaden its reach. Activities will include sponsoring the annual Westchester County Fair and Affordable Housing Expo; conducting fair housing workshops for people seeking housing, real-estate agents, landlords, cooperative and condominium boards, and management companies; and distributing fair housing brochures in three languages for people with limited English proficiency.

**North Carolina**

**Raleigh**

**Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Legal Aid of North Carolina (LANC) will use its grant to provide a full-service fair housing project to residents throughout North Carolina, targeting underserved populations including racial and ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, individuals with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), low income rural residents, and families with children. LANC activities will include: conduct intake on 300 allegations of discrimination, provide fair housing counseling to 90 households, refer 60 cases to HUD, FHAPs, DOJ, courts, and private attorneys; provide direct advocacy to 30 households to achieve policy changes, including RA/RMs; conduct 18 market reviews; conduct 24 systemic investigations; recruit and train 60 testers; conduct 390 rental test parts, 60 sales test parts, 60 D&C test parts, and 30 lending test parts; monitor 12 settlement agreements; conduct 51 fair housing trainings (including 6 for people with disabilities, 6 for rural residents, and 15 for LEP communities); conduct 3 Fair Housing Month Conferences; attend 72 hours of staff training; organize 6 Fair Housing Working Group meetings; distribute 18,000 brochures in English and 3 other languages; monitor 150 online advertisements or publications; distribute PSAs to 36 media outlets; conduct outreach to 30 religious organizations; attract 24,000 website views; and conduct 2 CLE seminars (on fair housing litigation and fair housing and land use).

**Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Fair Housing Project of Legal Aid of North Carolina (LANC) is currently the only Qualified Fair Housing Enforcement Organization (QFHO) agency in North Carolina available to provide comprehensive fair housing education and outreach services to residents in all protected classes and markets across the state. LANC will use its grant to support a broad-based fair housing project to North Carolina residents, targeting underserved populations including racial and ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, people with limited English proficiency, and rural residents. LANC will: conduct intake on allegations of discrimination; direct victims of discrimination to HUD attorneys or other sources of assistance; conduct fair housing trainings for individuals with disabilities; conduct a fair housing and reasonable accommodations CLE [Continuing Legal Education]; conduct general fair housing “Know your Rights” trainings (in partnership with NCCU [North Carolina Central University] School of Law); conduct fair housing trainings on criminal background screening (one in partnership with NCCU); prepare and distribute a quarterly electronic newsletter; prepare and distribute a 2020 State of Fair Housing in North Carolina report; develop and promote web-based self-help advocacy videos; translate the self-help advocacy videos into Spanish; translate LANC’s general fair housing brochure into two additional languages (Chinese and Korean); monitor legislation for fair housing implications; implement a refined social media and online outreach plan; and provide fair housing training to LANC staff.

**Telamon Corporation**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Established for more than 50 years, Telamon Corporation (Telamon) empowers individuals and strengthens communities by providing educational services in 11 states across the Southeast, Mid-Atlantic, and Great Lakes regions. Telamon’s mission is to provide educational services that lead to better jobs, better lives, and better communities. To this end, Telamon focuses its efforts on customer outcomes within each of its lines of business: Early Childhood & Family Support, Workforce & Career Services, and Housing & Financial Empowerment. In each of these lines, Telamon provides opportunities for both limited English proficiency (LEP) and low-income persons to obtain fair, safe, and affordable housing. Telamon will use its grant to provide education and outreach in the Hagerstown-Martinsburg, West Virginia; and Salisbury, Maryland Metropolitan Statistical Areas. Education and outreach activities will focus on topics of housing rights for persons with disabilities, housing choice rights for minority populations, and identifying and reporting sexual harassment violations in single- and multi-family housing. As part of this initiative, Telamon will conduct training for landlords, lenders, insurers, and real estate agents to increase their understanding of responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act.

**North Dakota**

**Grand Forks**

**High Plains Fair Housing Center**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $205,000.00**

High Plains Fair Housing Center (High Plans) will use its grant to serve the fair housing needs of North Dakota. The project activities include: increasing compliance with fair housing laws in the residential rental/lending/sales/design and construction by providing information on rights, technical assistance on discrimination complaints, and full functioning enforcement mechanisms (testing and a robust investigation protocol to ultimately dismantle barriers to housing choice experienced by the large population of persons with disabilities, families with children, and victims of domestic violence); working with entitlement and non-entitlement entities to adjust municipal zoning and planning to reduce segregated living patterns when siting new housing, analyzing the juxtaposition of income and racial make-up of neighborhoods in each jurisdiction when looking for potential impediments to fair housing, and tracking the effectiveness of these efforts, through surveys and testing; and improving knowledge about fair housing rights and remedies by attorneys (both plaintiff and defense side) and working with our state FHAP to encourage stronger remedies for victims of discrimination.

**High Plains Fair Housing Center**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component – $125,000.00**

High Plains Fair Housing Center (High Plains) will use its grant to expand fair housing knowledge to help dismantle barriers to housing choice experienced by persons with disabilities, Native Americans, immigrants, families with children, and victims of domestic violence and sexual harassment. In order to reach this goal, High Plains will continue to promote a North Dakota initiative to combat sexual harassment in housing and increase the efforts to protect women from harassment by landlords, property managers, maintenance workers, and other representatives of rental property owners; publicly place Fair Housing Month displays throughout the state, especially in Opportunity Zone and Promise Zone areas; design and deliver fair housing educational events; and place PSAs in public health locations. High Plains will also engage in trainings and webinars, as well as provide print, audio, and digital media; and continue to empower complainants to file claims.

**Ohio**

**Akron**

**Fair Housing Contact Services, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Fair Housing Contact Service, Inc. (FHCS) will use its grant to conduct Fair Housing Investigation and Enforcement Activities throughout Summit, Portage, and Medina Counties in Northeastern Ohio. FHCS will continue delivering comprehensive Fair Housing investigation, testing, and enforcement activities provided under its prior FHIP PEI Multi-Year grant, including the completion of test part, conducting intake, receiving allegations, filing fair housing complaints, and assisting persons with disabilities to receive reasonable accommodations or modifications. As well as continuing these activities, FHCS will also expand activities to develop new systemic housing investigations, conduct sales or lending testing, develop partnerships with educational, medical, and business institutions, and conduct other enforcement related activities

**Fair Housing Contact Service, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Fair Housing Contact Service (FHCS) will use its grant to conduct expanded fair housing education and outreach activities throughout Summit, Portage, and Medina Counties in Northeastern Ohio. Currently, no other Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP)-funded agencies provide services within this proposed service area. From April 2018 to present, FHCS has provided 53 trainings, distributed 2,789 pieces of literature, designed and executed 6 major digital billboard advertisements and 55 exterior bus signs, translated 8 printed brochures, provided 14 homebuyer education classes, and hosted 2 large outreach events. FHCS, through this effort, will continue these services, as well as expand activities. Specifically, FHCS will implement media campaigns that include television and/or radio advertisements and public awareness signage in unique locations. FHCS will also engage its community regarding the concerns connecting housing discrimination and poor housing conditions with eviction. Additionally, FHCS’s planned outreach to municipal council meetings, child welfare agencies, mental health organizations, and animal shelters/adoption agencies will broaden the scope of its community education about fair housing rights and responsibilities.

**Cincinnati**

**Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Greater Cincinnati**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Greater Cincinnati (HOME) will use its grant to employ a variety of media to effectively communicate the fair housing message to members of all protected classes. In-person education will be used for the general public with an emphasis on people living with disabilities (and their families), design and construction professionals, and advocates. Consumer presentations will also be arranged through partnerships with local agencies that support people with disabilities. A television advertising campaign will raise general awareness of fair housing rights and encourage people to report discrimination. HOME also plans to use social media and online tools such as Google AdWords to ensure that local people doing online searches related to housing see HOME’s fair housing-related ads. In addition, HOME will convene a Fair Housing: Accessibility Design and Construction Summit, focusing on the needs of people living with disabilities, for housing providers working in inclusive design and creating accessible housing.

**Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Greater Cincinnati**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Greater Cincinnati (HOME) will use its grant to provide comprehensive fair housing enforcement services to all protected classes in Hamilton, Butler, Warren, and Clermont Counties, Ohio. Grant services will include systemic discrimination testing and investigations; overview of enforcement options; training for local governmental departments; and community fair housing education and outreach. To ensure compliance with the accessibility requirements of the Fair Housing Act, HOME will audit new multi-family construction and review rules of condominium and homeowner associations. HOME will also provide opportunities for inclusive patterns by sponsoring a roundtable to share best practices in building stable, integrated communities.

**Cleveland**

**Housing Research & Advocacy Center**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Housing Research & Advocacy Center (HRAC), dba Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research, will use its grant to provide fair housing services to all protected class members in Cuyahoga and Lorain Counties of Ohio and will focus on activities designed to reduce unlawful discrimination, increase awareness of fair housing responsibilities, and educate individuals about their fair housing rights. Service delivery will be targeted to reach underserved populations and designated Opportunity Zones through this unique fair housing initiative using technology to expand access to fair housing education. HRAC will accomplish its objectives by: developing interactive online fair housing trainings for housing providers and tenants; referring victims of discrimination to HUD; placing fair housing advertisements and PSAs; updating its website and social media with the latest fair housing information; updating and reprinting its “Fair Housing: Know Your Rights” booklet for tenants; and participating in community outreach events with partner agencies to educate consumers and advocates.

**Housing Research & Advocacy Center**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Housing Research & Advocacy Center (HRAC), dba Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research, will use its grant to provide broad-based services to all protected class members in Cuyahoga and Lorain Counties, in Ohio. Grant activities will include: performing fair housing audits; reviewing rental policies and procedures; conducting trainings for community partners, care providers, homeless advocates, and social workers; assisting potential victims of housing discrimination through intakes, investigation, and referral to HUD/ Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) agencies; monitoring websites/publications for discriminatory advertisements; completing systemic housing investigations; providing a quarterly e-newsletter; creating a new brochure for voucher holders and having it translated; updating its website and social media to include a fair housing blog; creating and distributing flyers and brochures to various types of care providers; and participating in community resource fairs.

**Columbus**

**OhIo State Legal Services Association**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Southeastern Ohio Legal Services (SEOLS) will use its grant to increase fair housing services for all federally and state protected classes throughout a 35-county area in rural, southeast Ohio. Grant activities will increase the capacity of SEOLS to identify and address systemic forms of housing discrimination in rental markets throughout southeast Ohio, including 39 federally designated Opportunity Zones, through audit testing, investigation, and targeted enforcement. Furthermore, the grant will allow for significant expansion of SEOLS’ capacity for complaint-based enforcement in administrative and judicial forums, and complaint-based fair housing testing services in six key housing markets. Education and outreach will be conducted through existing webpages and social media to publicize enforcement services and activities; recruit testers; and provide ongoing legal training and litigation support to SEOLS staff and project partners.

**Dayton**

**Miami Valley Fair Housing Center, Inc.**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Miami Valley Fair Housing Center, Inc. (MVFHC) will use is its grant to address housing discrimination through enforcement and education activities. The project will also support MVFHC’s work on investigating systemic housing discrimination issues, as well as filing and litigating fair housing cases. The project will be conducted primarily in the Dayton metropolitan statistical area (MSA) and several contiguous underserved counties, as well as in other parts of the state revealed to be affected through ongoing investigations. The project will reach consumers in the residential housing market as well as private and public housing professionals, underserved individuals, and members of all protected classes. The grant will implement enforcement activities by conducting an educational and outreach program instructing people on how to recognize and report housing discrimination in the rental, sales, lending, and insurance markets as well as how to recognize and report racial or sexual harassment; gaining relief for victims through testing, investigation, administrative and legal enforcement efforts provided by MVFHC, private attorneys, HUD, DOJ, the Ohio Civil Rights Commission (a statewide FHAP agency), or the Dayton Human Relations Council (our local FHAP agency), as appropriate; and documenting evidence of systemic discrimination by conducting at least 64 test parts each year, allowing time to recruit and train new testers as needed

**Painesville**

**Fair Housing Resource Center, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Fair Housing Resource Center, Inc. (FHRC) will use its grant to continue to conduct comprehensive enforcement efforts within Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula County Ohio region that involve conducting the following types of testing: rental, rental property management, rental LGBTQ, rental religion/national origin, lending, and new construction. FHRC will implement new testing strategies with a focus on property management companies to help ferret out discriminatory rental practices and expand the reach and presence of the agency in rural communities through our new monthly satellite walk-in clinics. In addition, FHRC will create the following: three rental fact books with a focus on Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula County, and three State of Fair Housing Reports for Northeast, Ohio. FHRC proposes to hold meetings with local stakeholders and provide information on fair housing obligations through the creation of an AFH tool kit to outline the discriminatory impact of some legacy citing standards, legacy residency requirements, and local preference standards. Also, FHRC plans to expand educational and outreach services by conducting: three Fair Housing seminars to educate local realtors on fair housing and landlord /tenant, three Fair Housing Month seminars, twelve Hispanic Advisory Committee meetings with local organizations to identify local barriers that prevent access to equal housing opportunity and conducting additional outreach to the Tri-county area schools, promoting diversity. The agency will develop an aggressive newly designed marketing campaign to reach underserved populations to help promote fair housing and fair lending awareness among all persons within the tri-county area and this monitoring project will increase the number of meritorious claims submitted to the Department of HUD to increase its enforcement efforts

**Fair Housing Resource Center, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Fair Housing Resource Center, Inc. (FHRC) will use its grant to implement a broad-based project that includes aggressive and full-service education and outreach in the Tri-County region of Lake, Geauga, and Ashtabula Counties in Ohio. This project will assist residents by providing comprehensive education on their fair housing rights. Activities, which will help promote fair housing awareness among all persons in the Tri-County area, will include: a 1-day multi-track conference on fair housing; fair housing education and outreach PSAs for radio and television; creation of a *Guide to Housing* publication; billboard advertising; creation of a brochure for social workers, care coordinators and mental health specialists; one seminar for Tri-County realtors; participation in four community engagement events; expansion of FHRC`s Housing Hollie YouTube channel; and dissemination of printed materials throughout the Tri-County service area.

**Toledo**

**Fair Housing Opportunities, Inc. dba Fair Housing Center**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Toledo Fair Housing Center (TFHC) has more than 43 years of experience conducting investigative, testing, enforcement, and educational activities in order to eliminate discriminatory housing practices and expand equal housing opportunities. Through this grant, TFHC will: open a minimum of 240 new complaint-based and systemic housing discrimination cases, while assisting over 1,800 complainants, and providing over 2,500 referrals to other agencies; conduct over 72 case review meetings; coordinate, execute, and evaluate a minimum of 144 tests; recruit and train new testers; conduct a minimum of 6 refresher trainings for veteran testers; conduct onsite accessibility visits/audits; resolve a minimum of 75 housing discrimination complaints and other alleged violations of fair housing laws; provide assistance and counseling to 150 persons with disabilities with the submission and successful resolution of reasonable accommodation and modification requests; conduct 72 fair housing education classes, including 12 in-depth classes for housing professionals, disseminate more than 3,600 brochures and educational materials (English, Spanish, Arabic, and Chinese); and build the organizational capacities of TFHC by attending trainings and over 240 meetings with like-minded agencies to build and maintain a minimum of 60 partnerships, ensure Strategic Plan compliance, and expand its digital processes, while improving data security through enhanced software systems and procedures

**Fair Housing Opportunities of Northwest Ohio, Inc**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Fair Housing Center (TFHC) is a Qualified Fair Housing Organization with 45 years of experience. TFHC will use its grant to conduct several innovative outreach events, including producing and distributing an educational video that will illustrate the impact of zip code on life outcomes. Upon completion of the video, TFHC will host a premier featuring a screening and panel discussion to raise awareness of the connection between place and opportunity. TFHC will also increase its exposure through advertisements (digital/print/outdoor/television) to educate the public and housing professionals about fair housing rights and responsibilities. In conjunction with its partner organizations, TFHC will conduct its sixth annual *Ode to the Zip Code* poetry contest, sparking a community-wide dialog about the role of place in determining life outcomes. Among other project activities include: new printed material and a webinar to educate the public about fair housing rights for people with disabilities; distribution of a model criminal history screening policy to housing providers and hosting a fair housing training for advocates and those who serve the reentry market; and various housing trainings to address discriminatory practices.

**Oklahoma**

**Oklahoma City**

**Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, Inc.**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, Inc. (LASO) will use its grant to foster a community of equal housing opportunity in Oklahoma. LASO will use its grant to expand its promotion, understanding, and enforcement of fair housing laws within the most segregated, rural, and underserved locations in Oklahoma. LASO will utilize the extensive network it has created with Tribes, rural counties, senior advocates, re-entry service providers, and substance abuse providers. This project will address the denial of fair housing choice in the context of equal housing opportunity and access. LASO has analyzed the local fair housing landscape by using data, anecdotes, and protected class intelligence shared with LASO to: 1) recognize, identify and assess patterns of integration and segregation in both rural and urban Oklahoma; 2) assess racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty; and 3) assess disparities in access to opportunity found in rural areas where the availability of housing is limited and all too often denied to protected classes leading to a disproportionate need for housing in rural Oklahoma. Project activities will continue to affirmatively further fair housing through investigations of inquiries; prosecution of complaints; testing throughout the state; and education of Oklahoma households, stakeholders, and housing providers through the development of multilingual fair housing education materials and presentations.

**Metropolitan Fair Housing Council of Oklahoma, Inc**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Since 1979, the Metropolitan Fair Housing Council (MFHC) of Oklahoma, Inc. has served as the only staffed, full-service, private nonprofit, qualified fair housing enforcement and advocacy organization in Oklahoma. MFHC will use its grant to affirmatively further fair housing in Oklahoma by expanding its current enforcement activities to provide more victims of housing discrimination increased access to remedies. Specific grant activities will include: complaint and reasonable accommodation request intake; testing; claim investigation and referral to HUD; and partnering with public and private organizations to educate low-and moderate-income persons, persons with disabilities, the LGBTQ community, veterans, the elderly, minorities, housing providers, faith-based communities, families with children, persons who are non-English speaking or have limited English proficiency (LEP), persons from low-opportunity areas, and natural disaster victims about fair housing/fair lending remedies to help remove barriers to fair housing choice, reduce the impact of historic housing discrimination, prevent foreclosure and homelessness, expand knowledge of renter’s rights, and increase rental and home ownership opportunities.

**Metropolitan Fair Housing of Oklahoma, Inc**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Metropolitan Fair Housing of Oklahoma, Inc., through its Metropolitan Fair Housing Council (MFHC), will use its grant to expand and increase knowledge of fair housing rights and access to HUD fair housing enforcement remedies for Oklahoma consumers. MFHC will conduct a free Fair Housing Laws & Litigation Symposium for attorneys and realtors; and conduct 20 free fair housing and fair lending seminars for the community (targeting low- and moderate-income persons, persons with disabilities, the LGBTQ community, veterans, the elderly, minorities, housing providers, faith-based communities, families with children, persons who are non-English speaking or have limited English proficiency (LEP), and natural disaster victims) about fair housing and fair lending practices to expand knowledge of fair housing enforcement resources for Oklahomans complaining of unfair housing practices. MFHC will also incorporate printed materials into its outreach plan by publishing 20 fair housing and fair lending advertisements in underserved communities in English and two other languages; producing two fair housing bus stop advertisements; and creating and producing the *Oklahoma Guide to Accessible and Affordable Housing* as an educational tool for people with disabilities.

**Oregon**

**Portland**

**Fair Housing Council of Oregon**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO) will use its grant to ensure equal access to housing for residents throughout the state of Oregon. The program will assess and respond to key fair housing issues through education and outreach activities in support of HUD’s strategic goals and policy priorities. This project will expand fair housing awareness and increase housing choice through key stakeholder engagements and will serve housing consumers most likely to experience housing discrimination, including people living with disabilities, families with children, and residents with limited English proficiency. Activities will include expanding housing choice and access for residents throughout Oregon by: identifying and addressing fair housing issues and engaging local stakeholders in affordable housing supply and land use activities throughout state; increasing consistent access to fair housing education resources statewide through online delivery and engagement techniques across diverse geographies; and creating, updating and revising education and outreach material to respond to needs identified by community stakeholders and emerging federal and state legislation.

**Fair Housing Council of Oregon**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO) will use its grant to serve housing providers, housing consumers (including those with limited English proficiency, people with disabilities, and communities of color), and advocates serving the targeted consumer populations. Activities of this grant will include: identification, investigation and referral of alleged fair housing violations to HUD; continued development and expansion of current systemic investigation efforts through the recruitment and training of testers; increased fair housing enforcement, to include expanding contacts from groups who are least likely to report discrimination by partnering with community-based organizations and conducting complaint-based and audit testing, and direct follow-up advocacy on specific intakes; and increased housing choice for protected class groups through identification and elimination of community policies that perpetuate segregation.

**Pennsylvania**

**Fort Washington**

**Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia (FHCSP) will use its grant to conduct the following fair housing activities: intake/process 180 allegations of housing discrimination and 120 requests for technical assistance; assist 45 people with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodation/modifications; conduct paired tests: 60 racially identifiable voice-based, 240 rental, 30 sales, 15 mortgage lending, 15 insurance (120, 480, 60, 30, and 30 individual test parts, respectively), and 30 accessibility tests; refer 60 complaints to HUD, DOJ, PHRC or private attorney, disseminate press releases, and monitor 6 settlements; recruit 60 and train a total of 30 new rental, sales, accessibility, lending, and insurance testers; work with subcontractor Reinvestment Fund to develop and apply data analysis and mapping framework to support systemic testing investigations; conduct 30 systemic housing investigations; conduct fair housing speaking engagements/meetings; conduct 36 consumer workshops for disabled populations with subcontractor Self-Determination Housing Project; and provide a fair housing website and distribute 22,500 print materials and 600 posters. FHCSP/HECP will serve all protected classes, with particular focus on disabled persons, racial/ethnic minorities, families with children, and residents impacted by historic segregation, including in a Promise Zone and serve 7 Pennsylvania counties, the City of Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery Counties (Suburban Philadelphia); and Northampton and Lehigh Counties (Lehigh Valley).

**Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia, dba Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania (FHCSP/HECP), will use its grant to affirmatively further fair housing and reduce discrimination in Greater Philadelphia and Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, by developing and delivering a program of fair housing education and outreach on various specialized and general topics through a variety of strategies to members of protected classes and private and nonprofit housing providers. FHCSP/HECP will serve all protected classes with no income restrictions, focusing on disabled persons, persons with limited English proficiency (LEP), and residents impacted by historic segregation, including two Opportunity Zones in the City of Chester. Project activities will include developing and delivering specialized fair housing training curricula; developing and distributing print materials, including landlord compliance and reasonable accommodation request guides and literature in Spanish and Mandarin; developing an interactive online tenant self-advocacy manual with translation capability and customizable letters; and developing advertising campaigns educating consumers on how to recognize housing discrimination and directing them to FHCSP/HECP for enforcement services.

**Lancaster**

**Lancaster Housing Opportunity Partnership**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $124,383.00**

The Lancaster Housing Opportunity Partnership (LHOP) will build on its strength in creating lasting community partnerships and use its grant to continue to reach the diverse underserved populations in Lancaster and York Counties. Using a metric-driven focus on achieving measurable outcomes in fair housing, LHOP will efficiently and effectively address impediments to housing choice by utilizing a spectrum of tools and activities tailored to specific audiences, including trainings, community outreach events, summits, large workshops, meetings and individual consultations, traditional and social media outreach, and written fair housing materials. LHOP will also continue its focus on engaging the Amish and Mennonite communities in fair housing education, given that these individuals are increasingly engaging in becoming landlords and often do not have equal access to information, due to restrictions based on their religious beliefs. LHOP anticipates experiencing an increase in intakes, mediations, and housing discrimination complaint referrals as result of these activities.

**Philadelphia**

**Fair Housing Right Center in Southeastern Pennsylvania**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Fair Housing Rights Center in Southeastern Pennsylvania (FHRC) will use its grant to conduct activities in Southeastern Pennsylvania (SEPA) to serve all protected classes under the Fair Housing Act. This project will combat housing discrimination covered in the Fair Housing Act, state and local fair housing laws, and local Assessments of Fair Housing. Also, the project will provide a full service, broad-based program of systemic housing investigations and enforcement of fair housing laws. FHRC will work to mitigate foreclosure and eviction issues by approaching both crises from a Fair Housing perspective when appropriate, with a focus on historical disenfranchised racial groups and persons with mental health disabilities.

Pittsburgh

**Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh (FHP) will use its grant to continue to address housing discrimination in its neighborhoods and work to affirmatively further fair housing. FHP will continue to provide fair housing services to the City of Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh MSA; and assist other FHIPs in serving underserved areas. FHP is the only organization in the Pittsburgh region focused exclusively on combating housing discrimination and affirmatively furthering fair housing. Through this project FHP will conduct intake of allegations of housing discrimination carry out both audit and complaint-based testing and assist in the enforcement of alleged violations of the Fair Housing Act and substantially equivalent State and local fair housing laws. FHP will seek to identify systemic complaints and to create systemic changes through enforcement measures and working with local jurisdictions. FHP’s enforcement related work will involve activities serving all protected classes under the FHA.

**Washington**

**Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services, Inc. (SPLS), in coordination with four legal services program Partners (Neighborhood Legal Services Association, Laurel Legal Services, Northwestern Legal Services, and Mid Penn Legal Service), three Independent living services Partners (Tri-County Patriots for Independent Living, Voices for Independence, and one County Fair Housing Office Partner (Beaver County Fair Housing Office) will use its grant to expand its established testing program for fair housing discrimination, and to increase the provision of legal counsel and representation on behalf of individuals who, through the project’s information/outreach process, are made aware of illegal acts affecting themselves or others in their community, because of their race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status or disability. The project will cover 24 Pennsylvania counties (Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mercer, Somerset, Venango, Warren, Washington and Westmoreland) and 4 West Virginia counties (Brooke, Hancock, Marshall and Ohio) which are situated within Appalachia, deemed to be a significant area of widespread unemployment, low per capita income and poverty. SPLS will recruit and train new testers to join with existing testers in conducting single tests throughout the service area for residential, accessibility, sales and lending or insurance discrimination; maintain a protocol for referral of complaints of discrimination, review complaints made and litigate appropriate complaints in state and federal court; conduct educational outreach meetings throughout the service area; conduct three special events recognizing and publicizing Fair Housing Month and the protections provided to protected classes under the Fair Housing Act.

**Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services, Inc. (SPLS) will use its grant to continue its commitment to affirmatively furthering fair housing by working with planning departments, housing providers, and fair housing officers to provide technical assistance to ensure fair housing choice. Grant activities will focus on addressing two problems identified in the target region: sexual harassment and the discrimination people with disabilities face as a result of a lack of education regarding reasonable accommodations and modifications. To achieve its goals, SPLS will implement a multi-functional education and outreach approach including: providing direct education on fair housing laws to women most vulnerable to sexual harassment, individuals with disabilities, those agencies that advocate for the two groups, and housing providers; making information and educational materials available to the general public at community outreach events; accepting referrals from partner programs; and utilizing a toll-free fair housing hotline, social media, and its website.

**Puerto Rico**

**San Juan**

**Solo Por Hoy, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The mission of Solo Por Hoy, Inc. (SPH) is to serve individuals and families with disabilities (such as chronic substance abuse, mental illness, HIV, and physical conditions) in crisis situations including, but not limited to, homelessness and at risk of becoming homeless. SPH will use its grant to further its mission by providing intensive fair housing outreach and educational workshops to these populations and their service providers. The SPH program will maintain its established partnerships with continuum of care (COC) agencies serving the target populations and work together to affirmatively further fair housing, build capacity, and share knowledge. SPH will also launch a public awareness campaign consisting of literature distribution; the use of television, radio, and local newspapers; social media; and a dedicated section on SPHs webpage to advise the public of the services provided through the program.

**South Carolina**

**Greenville**

**Greenville County Human Relations Commission**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $120,753.90**

The mission of the Greenville County Human Relations Commission (GCHRC) is to improve the quality of life in Greenville County by promoting positive community relations and equal opportunity. In support of this mission, for nearly 50 years, GCHRC has conducted ongoing research to find ways of combating barriers faced by minority populations and other protected classes. GCHRC will use its grant to continue providing fair housing outreach, education, and information to Upstate residents with an emphasis on traditionally underserved populations, including African Americans, Hispanics, the elderly, persons with physical and mental disabilities, immigrants and other limited English proficiency populations, low- and moderate- income level persons, persons subject to predatory lending practices, prospective homebuyers, and persons in need of foreclosure prevention counseling. Specific activities will include, but not be limited to: a public awareness campaign consisting of literature distribution throughout the target communities; the use of mass media to advise individuals of fair housing and housing counseling services available to them; and maintaining established partnerships with agencies that serve the target population and working together to affirmatively further fair housing, build capacity, and share knowledge.

**Tennessee**

**Jackson**

**West Tennessee Legal Services, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

West Tennessee Legal Services, Inc. will use its FHIP grant to implement a project that includes analyzing housing related issues; complaint intake; investigation of allegations of discrimination; complaint-based and systemic testing; mediation services; and enforcement of meritorious claims through litigation, administrative processes, and/or HUD, DOJ referral. Special focus will be placed on examination of (with testing) and remedial methodology for: 1) difference in services provided to REO properties by race/ethnicity; 2) discrimination in the rental market targeting a Hispanic population in rural development properties; 3) discrimination toward persons with disabilities/agencies/entities that assist them to reside in group homes; 4) requests for Reasonable Modification and/or Reasonable Accommodation (RM/RA) by military personnel seeking medical attention at locales with VA medical facilities focusing on large management companies; 5) assisting (with testing) victims of domestic violence in danger of or having lost housing and/or are denied housing due to past violence in the home; and 6) development/implementation of a fair housing program for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

**West Tennessee Legal Services, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

West Tennessee Legal Services (WTLS) will use its grant to affirmatively further fair housing in the following 17 counties in West Tennessee: Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Lake, Madison, McNairy, Obion and Weakley. WTLS will provide fair housing education and outreach to all protected classes in all markets, as well as education and outreach for other anti-discrimination laws such as the Civil Rights Act and Equal Credit Opportunities Act. Under this grant, WTLS will distribute fair housing educational materials to the general public via: 1) Television Commercials; 2) Radio Advertisements; 3) Billboard Advertisements; 4) Social Media; 5) Geofencing and Retargeting Campaign; 6) Distribution/Presentations (of printed color brochures to social service agencies, religious organizations and other nonprofits); 7) Presentations at Area Colleges and Universities; and Presentation/Distribution to Local Government Offices. All victims of discrimination who contact WTLS as a result of the education and outreach through this initiative will be referred to its PEI Statewide Enforcement Initiative.

**Nashville**

**Tennessee Fair Housing Council**

**FY2018 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Tennessee Fair Housing Council (Council) will use its grant to engage in intake, case processing, filing of complaints with HUD and/or substantially equivalent agencies, and litigation, when appropriate. The Council will also have a broad-based testing program. The Council will engage in several education and outreach projects, including its annual 1-day Tennessee Fair Housing Matters Conference: a technical assistance effort, consisting of a handbook and onsite training designed to help jurisdictions understand and fulfill their obligations to affirmatively further fair housing; trainings for case managers and others on disability; training for operators of non-profits who operate group homes for persons with disabilities; trainings for affordable multifamily owners/operators; training on sex discrimination; and face-to-face contact with consumers at various festivals. The project activities are designed to be responsive to impediments to fair housing identified in the Consolidated Plans for Nashville/Davidson County, the State of Tennessee, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). They also address impediments and trends that the Council has observed as an agency. Enforcement activities will take place in Davidson, Cheatham, Dickson, Montgomery, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson Counties in Middle, Tennessee. Education and outreach activities will be statewide.

**Texas**

**Austin**

**Austin Tenants Council**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Austin Tenants Council (ATC) will use its grant to continue its Private Enforcement Initiative, focusing on three areas of local need: housing discrimination against transgender individuals; predatory practices that target people hoping to buy a mobile home (particularly people for whom English is a second language); and housing discrimination against families with children. Grant activities to combat the areas listed above will include: intake; counseling; systemic and accessibility testing; litigation; working with community groups and social service agencies; disseminating information using social media, ATC’s website, newsletters, ATC’s Homebuyers’ Resource Guides, and other communication tools; assisting with accommodation and modification requests; and referrals to HUD for enforcement.

**Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $124,866.79**

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) will use its grant to help low-income households in Texas and participants in programs administered by TDHCA learn about fair housing laws and their rights under the law. Specifically, TDHCA plans to: expand the number and availability of fair housing webinars it hosts on topics such as reasonable accommodations, reasonable modifications, and affirmative marketing; offer in-person trainings across the state of Texas including in rural, colonia, and high RE/CAP areas; and produce fair housing brochures that focus on the needs of low-income households. TDHCA will routinely evaluate these activities to ensure they are meeting the needs of Texas stakeholders; and using feedback from attendees, TDHCA may add additional trainings and webinars on special topics related to fair housing.

**Dallas**

**North Texas Fair Housing Center**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

North Texas Fair Housing Center (NTFHC) will use its grant to continue counseling, intake, investigations, advocacy and education program while also supporting the development of systemic investigations and enforcement activities. NTFHC will develop a systemic enforcement program in the North Texas region. NTFHC will conduct discrimination investigations and use testing to uncover patterns of discrimination based on race and disability in North Texas. NTFHC will follow-up on potential sustainable cases of discrimination by filing complaints with HUD and local FHAP agencies. NTFHC will also work with local jurisdictions to identify barriers to fair housing and develop strategies that have a real and measurable impact on communities.

**Houston**

**Greater Houston Fair Housing Center, Inc.**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Greater Houston Fair Housing Center (GHFHC) is a grass roots organization, Qualified Fair Housing Organization (QFHO), and Traditional Civil Rights Organization (TCRO), that has been affirmatively furthering fair housing and providing fair housing enforcement services since 1999. GHFHC’s grant activities will include: complete bilingual, full-service enforcement capability in English and Spanish; complaint intake and processing; investigations (including development of systematic investigations); recruitment and training of testers; performance of 360 fair housing enforcement tests; accessibility and design audits; conducting Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) capacity building programs for local partners (jurisdictions, nonprofit and faith based organizations); conducting news media campaigns (English and Spanish); referral of appropriate cases to HUD; and assisting other agencies in discovery of fair housing enforcement evidence.

**San Antonio**

**San Antonio Fair Housing Council, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The San Antonio Fair Housing Council, Inc. (SAFHC) will use its grant to provide fair housing enforcement activities in Bexar County and an additional 36 counties in South Texas (Atascosa, Bandera, Brooks, Cameron, Comal, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, Frio, Gillespie, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kendall, Kenedy, Kerr, Kinney, Kleberg, LaSalle, Live Oak, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Nueces, Real, Starr, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Willacy, Wilson, Zapata, and Zavala). SAFHC will receive and evaluate at least 300 allegations of housing discrimination, provide 300 households with counseling on discriminatory housing practices, counsel 150 complainants with disabilities regarding reasonable accommodation or modification requests, submit 100 reasonable accommodation or modification requests to housing providers on behalf of disabled complainants, conduct 20 systemic investigations, conduct 2 joint systemic investigations with other FHIPs, conduct 108 rental test parts, conduct 12 sales test parts, conduct 6 lending test parts, conduct 5 design and construction test parts, conduct 2 site assessments of new construction, multi-family housing to determine compliance with FHA design and construction requirements, conduct 10 mediation efforts, conciliate at least 75 complaints to the benefit of the complainant, refer 2 cases to private attorneys, refer 40 complaints to HUD, conduct 2 outreach activities to local jurisdictions about their AFFH obligations, conduct 4 outreach activities to housing providers, conduct 4 outreach activities in the Promise Zone (PZ), provide 4,000 households in the PZ with information to address discriminatory housing practices, and provide 20 developers, architects, and/or builders with information on FHA design and construction requirements to increase accessible housing.

**Utah**

**Salt Lake City**

**Disability Law Center**

**FY2019 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $299,580.00**

The Disability Law Center (DLC) is the Protection and Advocacy agency for people with disabilities, as well as the HUD Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) enforcement agency for the state of Utah. For over 42 years, the DLC has offered services to people with disabilities in Utah, and in 2013 DLC expanded its services to include fair housing for allprotected classes. DLC will use its grant to continue and expand its ongoing activities including complaint intake; enforcement; testing; referrals; short term assistance; technical assistance; legal representation; accessibility and design investigations; and education and outreach.

**Vermont**

**Burlington**

**Vermont Legal Aid, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Vermont Legal Aid, Inc. (VLA) will use its grant to conduct statewide enforcement activities that include complaint intake, counseling, and referral; representing complainants in private enforcement actions; systemic and complaint-based testing and investigation; policy advocacy; and land use planning advocacy with officials and others. VLA is the only organization in Vermont currently engaged in systemic fair housing enforcement.

**Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) will use its grant to conduct a comprehensive statewide fair housing education and outreach campaign to build a vibrant and inclusive Vermont. As Vermont’s only program solely dedicated to fair housing education, outreach, and training, CVOEO will collaborate with a range of agencies to continue its essential ongoing efforts to address systemic barriers to fair housing through the education of local governments, organizations, and the general public on fair housing compliance and responsibility. Program activities will include, but not be limited to: 1) training and consulting with members of volunteer boards, municipal planners, zoning administrators, elected officials, direct housing and service providers, and the public to encourage inclusive, diverse, affordable, and economically vibrant communities focusing on reform of planning/zoning regulations and municipal development regulations; 2) implementing an education and outreach campaign of conventional media and high impact web-based and social media; and 3) continuation of successful community art projects that support fair housing ideals. This project will also serve to expand CVOEO’s outreach and education capacity through a strategic partnership within CVOEO to increase information sharing, referrals, and fair housing content through the Vermont Tenants educational curriculum.

**Vermont Legal Aid, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Vermont Legal Aid, Inc. (VLA), a Qualified Fair Housing Organization (QFHO), has been a successful Fair Housing Initiative Program (FHIP) - Private Enforcement Initiative (PEI) grant recipient since 2009 and has always conducted education, outreach, and training as part of its FHIP-PEI activities. With its experienced staff and organizational capacity, VLA will use its Education and Outreach Initiative (EOI) grant to continue and expand its educational and outreach efforts to combat impediments to fair housing throughout Vermont, including in Opportunity Zones. Activities will include, but are not limited to: identifying discriminatory advertisements made by housing providers and contacting the advertiser to explain why their advertisement is unlawful; assessing new housing developments or rehabilitations by larger developers for design and construction or other FHA issues; providing fair housing counseling to complainants about discriminatory housing practices and their legal rights; conducting fair housing training and disseminating fair housing literature; and engaging with partner agencies to conduct community outreach.

**Virginia**

**Richmond**

**Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia, Inc.**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative –Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia, Inc. (HOME) will use its grant to serve the commonwealth of Virginia, residents of which still suffer from housing discrimination. Many instances of illegal discrimination continue to be underreported, especially among vulnerable populations, including people with disabilities, Latino/Hispanic families, and LGBTQ individuals, thus delaying the promise of fair housing. HOME’s project activities include uncovering allegations of housing discrimination, especially among vulnerable populations; conducting thorough and comprehensive investigations into allegations, including systemic investigations designed to examine the incidence of extensive discrimination; conducting enforcement of state and federal fair housing laws when evidence of discrimination is established.

**Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia, Inc.**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

As Virginia’s only statewide, nonprofit, fair housing agency, Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia, Inc. (HOME) has a unique and important role to ensure that all Virginians have access to its services and information to combat housing discrimination. To that end,

HOME will use its grant to host a Fair Housing Conference (Summit) in Richmond, Virginia, inviting a range of stakeholders from across the state to hear from local and national expert speakers and panelists on new and emerging fair housing protection—as well societal, environmental, and/or policy issues that impact fair housing. The project area will serve the entire commonwealth of Virginia, with localized targeting of people and regions based on the emerging changes to state fair housing laws. In addition to its Fair Housing Summit, HOME will focus two statewide campaigns (one being a digital advertising campaign) around discrimination based on the federal protections of sex and race, but specifically leveraging and emphasizing the new state protections of sexual orientation, gender identity, source of income, and veteran status, which are all highly likely to go into effect on July 1, 2020.

**Washington**

**Spokane**

**Northwest Fair Housing Alliance**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Northwest Fair Housing Alliance (NWFHA), the only fair housing advocacy organization in east Washington, will use its grant funds to continue and expand its systemic enforcement activities. NWFHA will provide services for all protected classes in 17 Counties in E./Central WA (Spokane, Whitman, Garfield, Columbia, Asotin, Walla Walla, Franklin, Benton, Yakima, Grant, Adams, Lincoln, Douglas, Ferry, Okanogan, Stevens and Pend Oreille). NWFHA will: perform 3600 intakes, investigate 525 allegations of housing discrimination, assist with 150 reasonable accommodations, conduct 150 mediations, refer 45 fair housing complaints to HUD for investigation, continue advocacy on pending complaints referred to HUD under prior grants; recruit and train 21 testers; conduct 319 audit and complaint-based site, phone, and email testing for rental, sales, lending, and accessibility Fair Housing Act compliance; partner with region X fair housing organizations to conduct multi-state systemic investigations; draft and disseminate quarterly articles on current fair housing topics; create fair housing mailer inserts for inclusion in city utility bills and housing authority program participant mailings; maintain a website with current fair housing resources; conduct 12 trainings for housing providers and 12 trainings for housing consumers; and perform outreach at 12 community events. Additionally, NWFHA will conduct an investigation for discriminatory criminal history screening criteria; conduct an audit of local jurisdiction nuisance and crime-free housing ordinances for discriminatory impact on victims of domestic violence; and review Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Data for mortgage lenders to identify disparities in lending based on race, national origin, or gender, and conduct follow-up with paired lending site tests to confirm disparities identified.

**Northwest Fair Housing Alliance**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

Northwest Fair Housing Alliance (NWFHA), the only fair housing advocacy organization in Eastern Washington, will use its grant to continue and expand its education and outreach activities for all protected classes in 17 counties in Eastern and Central Washington. Activities to increase public awareness of fair housing within the region include: distributing brochures at community events; publishing community newspaper print PSAs; disseminating information through social media channels; partnering with other agencies to sponsor community outreach activities; providing trainings for nonprofit and community-based organizations and public housing authorities; designing online courses to discuss fair housing basics and reasonable accommodations requests; creating a mobile self-guided fair housing history tour of Spokane; and creating a brochure about filing complaints with HUD. Additionally, in order to address specific needs within the region with regard to reasonable accommodations, NWFHA will provide training on design and construction requirements; and create three reasonable accommodations brochures: one in American Sign Language, one for medical providers, and one highlighting HUD 2020 guidance on service animals. Additionally, NWFHA will conduct 6 fair housing trainings for ESL [English as a Second Language] classes; publish 12 print PSAs (6 in Spanish); and translate material into Arabic, French, Marshallese, Russian and Spanish. To increase awareness about sex harassment in housing, NWFHA will broadcast PSAs and update is website. NWFHA will also conduct first-time homebuyer classes to combat lending and homeownership racial disparities.

**Tacoma**

**Fair Housing Center of Washington**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

Fair Housing Center of Washington will use its grant to execute the following activities in 23 counties of western and central Washington: provide intake and investigation of complaints of housing discrimination in rental, sales and mortgage lending markets with a focus on systemic investigations; receive 740 intake inquiries and 425 fair housing allegations each year to be considered for testing and investigation (2,220 intake inquiries); file 25 complaints with HUD or Fair Housing Assistance Programs (FHAP) each year; conduct 90 matched pair rental, sales, design & construction, and lending tests in communities located in Western and Central Washington. Testing evidence will be used in support of bona fide complaints and focus on systemic investigations; recruit & train 15 testers and refresher training to 8 testers each year to support testing in Western and Central Washington; assist with 50 reasonable accommodation/modification requests per year; improve administrative case filings and systemic investigations with attorney oversight; hold an annual fair housing summit for Region X FHIP Qualified Fair Housing Organization (QFHO) executive directors & enforcement staff to improve management & service delivery; conduct testing for HUD and FHAP agencies to further fair housing; collaborate with HUD and all FHAP/FHIP agencies on joint activities; provide education and outreach to 300 housing industry, government staff, and housing consumers each year; provide individualized fair housing training to another 100 people through 6 sessions per year; distribute existing reasonable accommodation/modification guide to 150 providers throughout service area/year; collaborate with FHAP and FHIP partners on a hate crime webpage; and update and translate agency brochures into Khmer, Korean, Somali, and Chinese languages.

**Fair Housing Center of Washington**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Fair Housing Center of Washington (Fair Housing Center), in conjunction with Region 10 Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) Qualified Fair Housing Organization (QFHO) partners and other organizations, will use its grant to increase community-based involvement in fair housing planning; increase city and county officials’ understanding of and involvement in closing out impediments to fair housing, including regulatory barriers to affirmatively furthering fair housing; and enhance the ability of persons within federal protected classes to successfully negotiate reasonable accommodation/modifications. To achieve these goals, the Fair Housing Center will: provide training to key staff, landlords, realtors, and potential victims of discrimination; conduct in-person intake; ensure referral of bona-fide discrimination complaints to HUD or a FHAP; host workshops; create a fair housing social media campaign and distribute fair housing literature in multiple languages; and research and present regional impediments to fair housing choice to city and county officials to encourage regulatory reform in accordance with America’s Affordable Communities Initiative.

**Wisconsin**

**Milwaukee**

**Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council**

**FY2017 Private Enforcement Initiative – Multi-Year Component - $300,000.00**

The Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council (MMFHC) will use its grant to conduct state-wide enforcement activities for the purpose of identifying and eliminating discriminatory housing practices and affirmatively further fair housing. These activities will be implemented primarily in MMFHC’s 10-county service area, which comprises almost 50% of the total Wisconsin population. MMFHC’s primary service area is Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee, Dane, Brown, Calumet, Fond du Lac, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties. However, MMFHC makes its complaint intake and testing available on a statewide basis (as resources allow), thus, availing the entire State of Wisconsin to fair housing enforcement services. MMFHC will conduct the following activities: 1) conduct testing in response to complaints and as part of systemic investigations of discrimination in order to address acts of illegal discrimination, expand housing opportunities and affirmatively further fair housing; 2) conduct statewide intake, investigation, referral and case management of fair housing complaints to expand statewide coordinated enforcement; 3) conduct compliance testing and other monitoring activities to ensure housing practices are being conducted in accordance with fair housing laws; 4) recruit and train testers statewide to assist in the enforcement of fair housing laws; 5) partner with a statewide disability advocacy agency in order to provide comprehensive assistance to victims of discrimination on the basis of disability; 6) partner with nonprofit organizations in MMFHC’s 10-county service area to recruit testers and assist in other fair housing activities in order to increase enforcement efforts in Wisconsin and expand private sector involvement in fair housing activities and 7) refer complaints to HUD, other administrative agencies and/or attorneys to increase enforcement, eliminate illegal housing discrimination and expand efforts to affirmatively further fair housing.

**Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council**

**FY2019 Education and Outreach Initiative – General Component - $125,000.00**

The Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council (MMFHC) will use its fundsto conduct innovative education and outreach activities that will ensure fair housing rights and expand locational choice for persons throughout Wisconsin. MMFHC will launch a new outreach and education campaign, *Resources to Expand Access to Choice in Housing* (*REACH*), which will focus on reaching underserved populations and other persons most vulnerable to encountering practices of illegal housing discrimination. The implementation of *REACH* will lead to a demographic and geographic expansion of services to populations who otherwise might not have access to fair housing information and services. The primary project activities are: 1) develop and coordinate local initiatives to combat increasing levels of housing-related hate incidents; 2) provide education and outreach activities to immigrant populations and persons with limited English proficiency (LEP); 3) conduct outreach in communities not served by a private or public fair housing enforcement agency in Wisconsin; and 4) engage marginalized populations in Wisconsin in the planning and implementation of fair housing outreach and education activities by participating on the *REACH* Advisory Committee.