

City of Bowling Green Fair Housing Action Plan

FY 2008 (September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009)

Identified Impediment	Recommendation	Proposed Action
Lack of public understanding of fair housing law	Undertake efforts to maintain and increase education/ outreach programs	Fair Housing Officer to distribute supply of <i>Landlord-Tenant Booklets</i> and Fair Housing Program brochures to all agencies participating in the “No Wrong Door” program and Bowling Green Housing Agency on or before November 30, 2008. Make contact with above-noted agencies before March 31, 2009 to determine if replenishment is needed. If needed, replenish stock on or before July 31, 2009.
		Fair Housing Officer to continue to ensure <i>Landlord-Tenant Booklets</i> and Fair Housing Program brochures are kept in stock in the City Administration Building and Utilities Office throughout FY 2008. Stock supply to be monitored monthly by Fair Housing Officer throughout FY 2008.
		Fair Housing Officer to make no fewer than four Fair Housing training presentations during FY 2008. Two of the four presentations must be provided to a predominantly low- and moderate-income audience. Fair Housing Officer to provide quarterly status updates to the Grants Administrator to include when, where, how many attended and the training agenda. At least one presentation is to be made each quarter throughout FY 2008. <i>Quarterly progress reports due to the Grants Administrator on December 10, 2008, March 10, 2009, June 10, 2009 and September 10, 2009.</i>
		Fair Housing Officer to provide and distribute 500 brochures describing Fair Housing Program, and 150 booklets outlining landlord/tenant's rights and responsibilities on or before June 30, 2009.

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More publicity needed regarding fair housing law	Undertake activities which publicize fair housing guidelines	Fair Housing Officer to prepare and place public service announcements and advertising (to include newspapers published in Spanish) which addresses fair housing guidelines on quarterly basis throughout CY 2008. Provide quarterly progress reports to Grants Administrator throughout CY 2008. Fair Housing Officer to provide Grants Administrator with quarterly progress reports (Dec. 10, 2008, March 10, 2009, June 10, 2009 and September 10, 2009).
		Fair Housing Officer to meet at least quarterly with representatives from various agencies to include Rural Opportunities, BGSU advocacy organizations, and the Migrant Health Center in an effort to raise awareness of Fair Housing Program's existence/role and gauge ongoing public needs. Status reports due to Grants Administrator on quarterly basis throughout FY 2008 (Dec. 10, 2008, March 10, 2009, June 10, 2009 and September 10, 2009).
Newspaper advertisements indicate occasional discriminatory practices in relation to rental housing	Weekly monitoring of local newspaper advertisements	Fair Housing Officer to monitor local newspaper advertising related to rental housing and address any discriminatory issues revealed on weekly basis throughout FY 2008. Quarterly status reports to be presented to City Grants Administrator throughout FY 2008 (reports due Dec. 10, 2008, March 10, 2009, June 10, 2009 and September 10, 2009).
Lack of Affordable Housing's Impact on Consumer Choice	Maintain and increase the supply of affordable housing programs	Maintain the Housing RLF throughout FY 2008 in order to provide down-payment assistance, owner-occupied rehabilitation and acquisition/rehab housing programs for persons with low- and moderate-incomes.
		Maintain the tenant-based rental assistance program for approximately 119 Section 8 vouchers throughout FY 2008.
		Maintain affordable housing programs in FY 2008 using CDBG funds. Programs include Rental Rehabilitation, Mobile Home Repair and Elderly Emergency Home Repair.