

Overview of the Fair Housing Advisory Committee

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The fair housing advisory committee will advise the 13 Twin Cities local government grantees* of HUD, who comprise the Fair Housing Implementation Council (or FHIC), in the preparation of an addendum to the 2014 Regional Analysis of Impediments.

Role of the fair housing advisory committee as required by HUD:

- Provide input into the scope of the analysis performed by the fair housing consultant to be employed by FHIC, common definitions to be used in the analysis, data to be used in the analysis – all of this input is to be considered as the FHIC develops a work plan for the consultant.
- Provide input into the selection of the fair housing consultant.
- Recommend specific strategies to overcome impediments to fair housing choice and foster inclusive communities.

The addendum to the Regional Analysis of Impediments (or here called the “fair housing plan”) is required by HUD to include the following:

- Identification of fair housing issues in the region such as patterns of integration and segregation, racially/ethnically concentrated areas of poverty, disparities in access to opportunity, and disproportionate housing needs.
- A commitment to undertaking actions necessary to overcome the impediments identified in the fair housing plan.
- Will address the distribution of affordable housing throughout the Twin Cities region.
- Will identify how the administration of low income housing tax credits will address the concentration of poverty or segregation.
- Will identify how zoning ordinances with address concentration of poverty or segregation.
- Will show how government housing-related activities and policies address concentration of poverty and segregation.
- Will show how future community development investment will balance revitalization of low income areas and adding affordable housing in areas of high opportunity.

Other steps HUD requires to be taken during or as a result of the fair housing planning process.

1. Make sure that there is “robust” community participation in the planning process.
2. In each annual plan submitted to HUD for spending HUD funds (called an “Action Plan”) there will be included the fair housing impediments and actions that will be taken to overcome those impediments.

The fair housing plan must be completed by May 15, 2017.

The advisory committee is to be supported by MHP (as a technical assistance contractor with HUD), and the committee’s membership shall be determined by HUD. It will include representatives of the following groups: cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis and organizations who filed a fair housing complaint against these cities, the FHIC, other metropolitan jurisdictions, the advocacy group Equity in Place, and housing developers and other stakeholders.

** The local government grantees are the counties of Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington and these cities: Bloomington, Coon Rapids, Eden Prairie, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, Plymouth, St. Paul and Woodbury.*