

Fair Housing Implementation Council (FHIC) Request For Proposal For Fair Housing Activities

Monday, April 29, 2024

Agenda

- Background
 - Fair Housing Implementation Council (FHIC)
 - 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)
- Request For Proposal (RFP) For Fair Housing Activities
- Q&A

Housekeeping

- Introductions
- Program website: ramseycounty.us/FHIC
- Meeting recording
- Q&A will be compiled into an FAQ document
- Put questions in the chat

Fair Housing Implementation Council (FHIC)

- Composed of cities, counties, community development agencies (CDAs) and housing and redevelopment authorities (HRAs) that coordinate metro-wide efforts to affirmatively further fair housing and promote fair housing choice
- Funding members include:
 - Anoka and Hennepin County; Carver, Dakota, Scott and Washington County CDAs; Metropolitan Council, Ramsey County and Bloomington HRAs; and Eden Prairie, Minneapolis, Plymouth, Saint Paul and Woodbury
- Dakota County CDA is the FHIC's fiscal agent

2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)

- Report highlighting structural barriers to fair housing for members of historically marginalized groups protected from discrimination by the federal Fair Housing Act (FHA).
- A blueprint for the FHIC to affirmatively further fair housing and increase housing choice for protected classes of Minnesotans



RFP For Fair Housing Activities

- **Purpose:** The FHIC requests proposals from any qualified agency, nonprofit, or community organization focused on one or both of the Fair Housing activities below as stated in the AI:
 - **Goal 3:** Support homeownership for households of color.
 - **Goal 6:** Ensure equal access to housing for persons with protected characteristics, lower-income, and homeless.
- **Eligibility:** Project needs to target populations across the Twin Cities 7-County Metro Area
- **Typical award range:** \$30,000 to \$50,000.

Goal 3: Support homeownership for households of color.

Examples may include, but not limited to:

- Conduct homebuyer and financial literacy education targeted at communities of color.
- Conduct credit counseling and improvement programs targeted at communities of color.
- Provide stewardship programming (e.g., educational training on home maintenance) for low-to-moderate income homeowners.

Goal 6: Ensure equal access to housing for persons with protected characteristics, lower-income, and homeless.

Examples may include, but not limited to:

- Provide translation services for federally funded programs across the metropolitan area (e.g., translate city rehab program or rental assistance applications to Spanish, Hmong, Somali, Karen and other represented languages).
- Hold legal services, eviction prevention and other educational activities across the metropolitan area.
- Conduct fair housing training for landlords and renters.

Previously Funded Activities

- Fair Housing Trainings for Landlords and Tenants, Affordable Housing Connections, Inc.
 - Goal 6: “Conduct fair housing training for landlords and renters.”
- Eviction Prevention Project, HOME Line
 - Goal 6: “Hold legal services, eviction prevention and other educational activities across the metropolitan area.”
- Culturally Relevant Home Stretch Curriculum, MN Homeownership Center
 - Goal 3: “Conduct homebuyer and financial literacy education targeted at communities of color.”

Overview of Proposal

- **Work Plan & Budget**
 - Describe proposed scope of work and how it connects to the goals and strategies listed in the RFP
 - Should include:
 - Number and frequency of activities
 - Proposed methods for implementing the activities
 - Timeline.
- **Racial Equity**
 - Focus on reducing disparities in housing by serving historically disadvantaged people within Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities and other protected classes in the Fair Housing Act.
 - Intentional and inclusive engagement strategies should be designed in partnership with BIPOC communities and should be provided in detail.

Overview of Proposal

- **Qualifications & Experience**
 - Describe the organizations' qualifications and experience to execute the proposed scope of work.
 - Provide examples of past work where you successfully implemented fair housing activities.
- **Organizational Capacity**
 - Describe key personnel of the proposed scope of services.
 - Identify the team members' areas of responsibility and experience.
 - Organizations should have the capacity to complete this work without additional hiring.

Required Attachments

**required materials to submit application*

- One paragraph summary of the project that will be used to present the project to elected officials and the public.
- Organizational Capacity Worksheet (*template provided*)
- Resolution of support from the applicable municipality OR for nonprofit organizations upload the board resolution allowing for the application of grant funds.
- Lobbying certification (*template provided*)
- Solicitation certification (*template provided*)
- Subrecipient risk assessment form (*template provided*)

Additional Attachments

- IRS 990 (if organization is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit)
- Project Schedule & Project Schedule Narrative.
- Budget breakdown of total costs associated with Fair Housing Activity program.

Application Timeline



Proposed performance schedule for project:
October 2024 – September 2025

Funding RFP

Timeline (Spring-Summer 2024)	
Request for Proposal for Fair Housing Activities webinar	April 29 10:30- 11:30 a.m. Join via Zoom Passcode: 522475
Request for Proposal published	April 29
Response deadline	June 10 4:30 p.m.
Funding award decision	July- August 2024

On April 29, the FHIC will begin accepting proposals containing eligible fair housing activities from any qualified agency, nonprofit or community organization. Applicants should respond to the questions in the online application and submit all requested materials by **Monday, June 10 (4:30 PM)**. Paper applications will not be accepted.

[Begin application](#)

ZoomGrants Application

- **ZoomGrants link:**
https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/FHIC_RFP
- Also located on Ramsey County FHIC website:
ramseycounty.us/FHIC
 - No paper applications will be accepted
- **Deadline: Monday, June 10 at 4:30 PM**

Q&A

Thank You!

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