

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

Monday, September 26, 2022

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)

- Established in 2002 to coordinate fair housing efforts throughout the metro area
- Funding members include:
 - Counties of Anoka and Hennepin; the Community Development Agencies of Carver, Dakota, Scott and Washington Counties; the Metro HRA (Metropolitan Council); Ramsey County HRA; and the Cities of Bloomington, 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 within the Twin Cities 7-County Metro Area
- **Typical award range:** \$47,000 to \$71,000.

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.

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.

Application Timeline



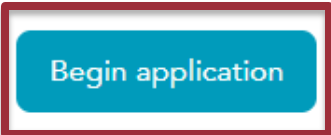
Proposed performance schedule for project:
January 2023 – December 2023

Request for Proposals (RFP) for Fair Housing Activities 2022

Timeline (2022-2023)	Start	End
Application period	Sept. 21	Oct.19, 5 p.m.
Informational meeting	Sept. 23, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m. Join via Zoom Meeting ID: 922 1062 1560 Passcode: 583235	

Beginning September 21, the FHIC will accept 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 **Wednesday, October 19**. Paper applications will not be accepted.



ZoomGrants Application

- **ZoomGrants link:**
https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/FHIC_Fair_Housing_Activities_RFP
 - Also located on Ramsey County FHIC website:
ramseycounty.us/FHIC
 - No paper applications will be accepted
- **Deadline: Wednesday, October 19 at 5PM**

Q&A

Thank You!

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