



FAIR HOUSING

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NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING ACT

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended

Protects people from discrimination in housing when renting/buying a home (including obtaining a mortgage) and seeking housing assistance.



DISABILITY



RACE



SEX



COLOR



NATIONAL
ORIGIN



RELIGION



FAMILY
STATUS



HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED HOUSING DISCRIMINATION IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY?

Please contact the
Buncombe County Non-Discrimination Coordinator at:

Phone: 828.250.6568

Email: NDO@buncombecounty.org


You may also initiate a complaint online at:

<https://www.buncombecounty.org/i-want-to/contact/file-discrimination-complaint.aspx>



BUNCOMBE COUNTY FAIR HOUSING PLAN

- Identifies impediments to fair housing choice
- Recommends activities to further fair housing from 2024 – 2026
- Identifies methods to receive and resolve housing discrimination complaints



Buncombe County Plan to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

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I. History of Affirmatively Further Fair Housing in Buncombe C
Buncombe County has undertaken past activities to affirmatively f

II. Identification and Analysis of Obstacles to Affirmatively Furth Housing in Buncombe County
Buncombe County completed its "Analysis of Impediments to Fai Buncombe County" (hereinafter "Analysis") in November 2022. the following impediments which are fully detailed in Appendix I

1. Inadequate housing supply, both for-sale and rental.
2. Inadequate supply of accessible housing options.
3. Lack of housing finance options to achieve homeownership.
4. Discrimination based on source of rental income and previou
5. Lack of awareness of fair housing laws.

III. Affirmatively Further Fair Housing Area of Coverage
Buncombe County's area of coverage will be countywide.

IV. Description of Activities to be Undertaken to Affirmatively
Buncombe County remains committed to affirmatively further below describe the activities Buncombe County will undertake fair housing from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026 (period of the CDBG-NR grant). Buncombe County acknowledged may be undertaken to affirmatively further fair housing as avail

The term "fair housing information" includes this plan and documents. Fair housing information may also include inform leading practices, and financial literacy.

Activities to be Conducted Annually 2024				
Period	Description	Response to Impediment	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost
Quarter 1: January 1 through March 31	Conduct an assessment of the services available for homeownership counseling in Buncombe County and update Buncombe County Affordable Housing website information related to resources for homeownership counseling.	3	\$0	
	Review demographic groups present within Buncombe County and update fair housing information as needed to increase accessibility among demographic groups.	5	\$400	
Quarter 2: April 1 through June 30	Present fair housing information to the Affordable Housing Committee	5	\$50	
	Promote fair housing on Buncombe County social media with support from Buncombe County's Communications and Public Engagement Team.	5	\$0	
	Provide fair housing information to Buncombe County libraries including electronic screen content	5	\$50	
Quarter 3: July 1 through September 30	Host, individually or with partners, an annual fair housing event	5	\$150	
	Support emergency repair activities to improve accessibility for individuals with disabilities or mobility issues	2	Unknown	
	Support activities that seek to increase organizational capacity and outreach in homeownership counseling with a particular emphasis on BIPOC households and low- and moderate-income households	3	Unknown	
	Support activities that seek to increase the number of landlords participating in voucher programs	4	Unknown	
	Update and maintain the Affordable Housing Interactive Map available on Buncombe County's Affordable Housing website	5	\$0	
Quarter 4: October 1 through December 31	Update and inform Community Partners on fair housing during the Annual Partner Meeting for their further dissemination of fair housing information within the broader community.	5	\$50	
	Explore opportunities to increase quantities of accessible units in funded projects during the annual AHSP update process	2	\$0	
	Explore opportunities to increase financial literacy during the annual AHSP update process	3	\$0	
	Continue to require that all recipients of AHSP downpayment assistance complete a financial literacy course	3	\$0	
	Continue to prohibit source of income (SOI) discrimination in AHSP funded projects	4	\$0	
	Continue to provide organizational capacity support and eviction prevention funding through the AHSP.	4	\$0	
	Update fair housing information on Buncombe County's Affordable Housing website	5	\$0	
	Provide fair housing information to Buncombe County offices	5	\$250	
	Review proposed zoning ordinance text amendments to advise on potential impacts to housing production and supply and to ensure the inclusion of diverse perspectives.	1	\$0	
	Pursue external funds to support emergency repairs, rehabilitation, and accessibility improvements for individuals with disabilities if available and where reasonable to manage and use.	2	\$0	
Promote, participate in, and attend fair housing activities and workshops	5	\$150		
Make fair housing information available to the public attending Affordable Housing Committee meetings and other pertinent County public meetings	5	\$250		

PROCLAMATION: BUNCOMBE COUNTY FAIR HOUSING MONTH

