



MONTANA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Montana 5 Year 2015-2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

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AI



- **Five-year plan 2015-2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in Montana (AI).**
- **Applies to Commerce and DPHHS HUD funded programs**
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
 - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

<http://housingcdd.mt.gov/CP/cpdocuments.mcp>

Purpose of the AI



- **Montana's certification of affirmatively furthering fair housing to HUD**
- **Certification includes three elements**
 - Complete an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in Montana
 - Take actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified
 - Maintain records reflecting the actions taken in response to the analysis

Purpose of the AI



- **Examines:**
 - Variety of sources related to housing
 - Fair housing delivery system
 - Housing transactions
 - ✦ Particularly those are protected under fair housing law

Definition of Impediment



- 1.** Any actions, omissions, or decisions taken because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin which restrict housing choices or the availability of housing choices, and
- 2.** Any actions, omissions, or decisions which have this effect.

Protected Classes



Protected Classes definitions

- Federal Fair Housing Act
- MCA
 - ✦ Extended protections based on creed, marital status, and age

Components of the AI



- **10 Sections**

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Socio-economic context
- Fair housing law, study and case review
- Review of existing fair housing structure
- Fair housing in the private sector
- Fair housing in the public sector
- Public Involvement
- Summary of Findings
- Impediments and suggested actions

AI Implemented



- **Draft**
 - Comment period began July 13, 2015 and ends August 12, 2015
 - Once comment period ends, comments considered and final draft submitted to HUD
 - Repositories

- **Impediment and Suggested Actions**
 - 9 Impediments were identified
 - 17 Actions to address were identified

CDBG & HOME & ESG 2015-2016 Action Plan



Annual Action Plan Section

- **Barriers to Affordable Housing**
 - Identifies the action items the departments intend to implement to address housing barriers
 - This is supported through the AI document
 - Will continue to review through annual update of AAP

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Open Public Comment



- **Comments regarding the Montana 2015-2020 5-Year Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Plan are now being accepted during this webinar**
 - **When providing comment:**
 - ✦ **Please state your name, and spell it**
 - ✦ **And, the organization you are representing**

Comments will be accepted until August 12, 2015

Thank you for your input!

Comments



Written comments for the Montana 5 Year 2015-2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice can be submitted through August 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m., to:

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