

## City of Bowling Green Fair Housing Action Plan

### FY 2020 (September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021)

Issue	Proposed Action
<b>Impediment #1:</b> Fair Housing Education and Outreach Needed	The Fair Housing Office will continue to make no less than one Fair Housing presentation to the Wood County Realtor Charter (formerly known as the Wood County Board of Realtors), annually. Said presentation will include added emphasis on the illegality of racial/ethnic steering and disability accommodation.
	The Fair Housing Officer will continue to make no less than one Fair Housing presentation to the Wood County Apartment Owners' Association, annually. Said presentation will include added emphasis on the illegality of racial/ethnic steering and disability accommodation.
	The Fair Housing Officer will ensure all public presentations include specific information related to the issue of racial/ethnic steering and disability accommodation to include information regarding how the public can report illegal actions.
	The Fair Housing Office will ensure at least two of the Fair Housing advertisements placed in local newspapers (annually) address the illegality of racial/ethnic steering and at least two of the advertisements will address disability accommodation. All advertisements will convey how the public can report illegal actions.
	Fair Housing Officer to monitor local newspaper advertising related to rental housing and address any discriminatory issues revealed on weekly basis throughout FY 2020.

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	<p>Fair Housing Officer to distribute supply of Fair Housing Program brochures to all agencies participating in the “No Wrong Door” program and Bowling Green Housing Agency on or before December 31, 2020. Make contact with above-noted agencies before April 30, 2021 to assess replenishment needs. Where needed, replenish stock on or before July 31, 2021.</p>
	<p>Fair Housing Officer to continue to ensure Fair Housing Program brochures are on display in the City Administration Building and Utilities Office throughout FY 2020.</p>
	<p>Fair Housing Officer to make no fewer than six Fair Housing training presentations (during FY 2020). Of the six annual presentations, three are for predominantly lower-income audiences. Fair Housing Officer is to provide quarterly status updates to the Grants Administrator to include when, where, how many attended and the training agenda. The Housing Specialist will maintain on file the agenda, sign-in sheet and other relevant data.</p>
	<p>Fair Housing Officer to provide and distribute approximately <b>500</b> brochures describing Fair Housing Program, on or before June 30, 2021 at various locations serving low- and moderate-income persons.</p>
	<p>Fair Housing Officer to prepare and place public service announcements and advertising which addresses fair housing guidelines on no less than a quarterly basis throughout FY 2020. Perform no less than a quarterly review of the City’s Fair Housing web page to ensure links are working and information on said site is up to date.</p>

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	<p>Fair Housing Officer to communicate no less than annually with representatives from La Conexion and Bowling Green State University International Student Services in an effort to raise awareness of Fair Housing Program's existence/role and gauge ongoing public needs. The Fair Housing Officer is encouraged to expand upon the list of local advocacy organizations and include them in annual outreach efforts. The Fair Housing Officer will also attend all scheduled Human Relations Commission meetings.</p>
	<p>Fair Housing will write and distribute a newsletter (bi-annually) for those in the banking, rental and real estate industries. These newsletters will provide ongoing education related to the Fair Housing Act, provide local Fair Housing contact information and encourage greater compliance.</p>
<p><b>Impediment #2:</b> Lack of Housing Affordability for Renter Households</p>	<p>The City of Bowling Green will continue to offer the CDBG-funded Rental Rehabilitation Program in FY 2020. This program improves the decency and affordability of rental housing for persons with low and moderate incomes. Fair Market Rent rates will be the standard applied to provide these already cost-burdened households some reprieve.</p>
	<p>The City of Bowling Green will continue to provide letters of support, proclamations and other assistance to entities seeking funding for publicly supported housing (to include accessible units) and affordable housing programming in FY 2020.</p>
<p><b>Impediment #3:</b> Lack of Housing Affordability for Owner-Occupied Households</p>	<p>In FY 2020, the City of Bowling Green will continue to implement the following Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-funded housing repair programs for lower-income households: Home Repair, Mobile Home Repair, and Elderly Home Repair.</p>

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	The City of Bowling Green will continue to include the Direct Homeownership Assistance Program (makes affordable homeownership possible for lower-income persons) as a written goal in the City of Bowling Green's CDBG Annual Plan.
	The City of Bowling Green will continue to implement programming through the Housing Revolving Loan Fund (established from prior Community Housing Improvement Program grants). All programs solely benefit persons with low and moderate incomes. Programs include Down-payment assistance/Rehabilitation and Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation.
<b>Impediment #4: High Poverty Rates</b>	Utilizing the Business Revolving Loan Fund (RLF), the City of Bowling Green will continue to offer Business Assistance Loans to businesses located in the Special Improvement District, which spans two of the City's low-moderate income census tracts (217.01 and 217.02).
	The City of Bowling Green will utilize the Business Revolving Loan Fund (established through CDBG revenues) as a mechanism to create jobs for persons with lower incomes.