



City of Maricopa

Legislation Text

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A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, adopting a fair housing policy, making known this commitment to the principle of Fair Housing Policy, and describing actions it shall undertake to affirmatively further fair housing. Discussion and Action.

The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 requires that all applicants for CDBG funds certify that they shall affirmatively further fair housing. The resolution must be completed each year in April. April is Fair Housing month and each community is required to complete several activities that further fair housing in their community. Each community is also required to adopt a resolution or proclamation, display a fair housing poster in at least one public place, and perform one additional activity. Samples of additional activities are to: distribute brochures at city hall, public libraries, post offices, Chambers of Commerce, or print the information in the newspaper at least once annually and attend or hold a public meeting/forum on fair housing. The City completed its initial Needs Assessment in October 2017. Next steps included creating a Housing Plan with a Public Meeting/Design Charrette held March 15, 2018.

Since 1982, the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH), a state agency in Arizona, has been responsible to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for administering the Small Cities CDBG Program in Arizona with the exception of Maricopa and Pima counties and the cities of Yuma and Flagstaff. The State of Arizona has a partnership with the regional Councils of Government (COG) to provide technical and administrative assistance. ADOH has delegated to each COG the responsibility of recommending an annual method of distribution within its region, thereby enabling local units of government to guide the distribution of resources. CDBG funds are utilized to address housing and community development needs.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Developments mission is to create equal housing opportunities for all persons living in America by administering laws that prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, and familial status. By passing this resolution the Mayor and City Council reaffirm their mission.

As part of fair housing month activities this resolution will be posted in three locations within the City, brochures about fair housing will be distributed and the fair housing poster will be displayed.

The City has passed fair housing resolutions each year since 2005 to be in compliance with CDBG requirements and enable CDBG projects to be completed.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, pass a resolution and adopting a fair housing policy, making known this commitment to the principle of Fair Housing Policy, and describing actions it shall undertake to affirmatively further fair housing.