

Recipient's Plan to Further Fair Housing

Chatham County
Grantee

P. O. Box 87, Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312
Grantee's Address

Henry Dunlap, Chairman
Contact Person

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Telephone Number

- I. Indicate if the grantee will be affirmatively furthering fair housing for the first time or has implemented specific activities in the past.

First Time Past Activities

- II. Identify and analyze obstacles to affirmatively furthering fair housing in grantee's community. (Use additional pages as necessary.)

Discussions with local public officials indicate that private housing market participants (citizens, contractors, lenders, realtors) are aware of the need for fair housing; however, they lack information regarding Federal and State fair housing legislation. Public-assisted housing providers appear to be more knowledgeable of legislation. All activities undertaken will have provisions of reaching the visually impaired and ensure equal opportunity for housing in the community for all persons regardless of income status.

III. Briefly describe the activities that the grantee will undertake over the active period of the grant to affirmatively further fair housing in their community. A time schedule for implementation of these activities must be included. Activities must be scheduled for implementation at least on a quarterly basis. (Use additional pages as necessary.)

Chatham County will develop a fair housing program including activities that have provisions for reaching the visually impaired and ensuring equal opportunity for housing in the community for all persons regardless of income status. Activities scheduled for the FY 94 Chatham County Community Development Program include:

- Assess the knowledge of the community concerning the fair housing requirements under Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968. (January 1995)
- Develop fair housing brochure that summarizes the fair housing requirements under Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968. (February 1995)
- Prepare a newspaper article which will be targeted for all citizens. The article will summarize fair housing requirements under Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968. The article will also inform citizens of the housing discrimination complaint procedures. (August 1995)
- Prepare a poster for distribution and posting. The poster will summarize fair housing requirements under Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968. The poster will also inform citizens of the housing discrimination complaint procedures. (November 1995)
- Develop a survey to assess past efforts, present knowledge, and status of fair housing efforts in the County. (February 1996)
- Assess the status of the County's fair housing activities for future actions. The assessment will be compiled and transmitted to the County for further actions. (May 1996)

IV. Will the above activities apply to the total municipality or county?

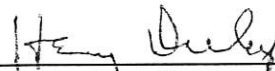
Yes X No (If no, provide explanation.)

V. Describe grantee's method for receiving and resolving housing discrimination complaints. This may be either a procedure currently being implemented or one to be implemented under this CDBG grant. Include a description of how the grantee informs the public about the complaint procedures. (Use additional pages as necessary.)

1. Any person or persons wishing to file a complaint of housing discrimination in Chatham County, North Carolina, may do so by informing Ben Shivar, County Manager, Chatham County, P. O. Box 87, Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 of the facts and circumstances of the alleged discriminatory act or practice;
2. Upon receiving a housing discrimination complaint, the County shall inform the North Carolina Human Relations Commission (Commission) and the complainant about the complaint within ten (10) calendar days of receipt. The County shall then assist the Commission and the complainant in filing an official written housing discrimination complaint with the Commission, pursuant to the State Fair Housing Act and Title VIII;
3. The County shall offer its assistance to the Commission in the investigation and conciliation of all housing discrimination complaints which are based upon events occurring in Chatham County, North Carolina.
4. The County shall publicize within Chatham County, North Carolina, that it is the local agency to contact with housing discrimination complaints.

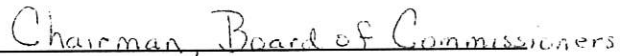
The County will develop and disseminate the above Fair Housing Complaint Procedure. The public will be informed through hand-outs, educational materials, posters, and newspaper article(s).

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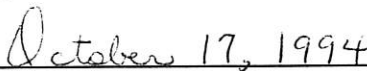


Henry Dunlap, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Signature



Title



Date