



**COUNTY OF BUTLER
FAIR HOUSING and EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PLAN
FOR HUD FUNDED PROGRAMS**

INTRODUCTION

The County of Butler, as required by the federal CDBG, HOME and ESG programs, will develop an Affirmative Marketing and Fair Housing Policy, or incorporate policies into the organizations existing system, which will ensure that all citizens in the service area are aware that affirmatively furthering fair housing is a priority of the County of Butler and the CDBG entitlement communities of Jefferson Township, Penn Township, Slippery Township, and Summit Township of Butler County. Actions will be taken to provide information and attract eligible persons in the housing market area to the available housing program without regard to race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, familial status, ancestry or national origin, or use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap or handler or trainer of such.

FAIR HOUSING PLAN

The County of Butler and the CDBG entitlement communities of Jefferson Township, Penn Township, Slippery Township, and Summit Township of Butler County will conduct the following activities to promote fair housing and to affirmatively market its programs:

- 1) Require subrecipients to use the Equal Housing Opportunity logo or slogan in press release, brochures or other written communication disseminated to potential recipients, staff, volunteers, collaborative partners, service providers, etc.
- 2) Conduct activities that will solicit applications from persons who are not likely to apply for housing without special outreach. Brochures and informational presentations will be distributed among community organizations, places of worship, employment centers and fair housing groups, housing counseling agencies, public agencies, etc.
- 3) Maintain complete and accurate records that describe all actions taken by the organization to affirmatively market its programs and to assess the results of these activities. The organization will annually assess the results of these activities, including written assessment and corrective action for unmet goals.
- 4) Provide training to all staff, volunteers, service providers and others involved in the development and implementation of the program regarding Fair Housing and will promote measures which ensure minority populations are made aware of the organizations programs and are not excluded from access to the programs.

Contact Information

For more information regarding the CDBG or HOME program, please contact the Butler County Planning Commission, 214 South Diamond Street, PO BOX 1208, Butler, PA 16003-1208. (724) 284-5300. For more information regarding ESG contact the Human Services Department, 214 South Diamond Street, PO BOX 1208, Butler, PA 16003-1208. (724) 284-5114.