

Fair Housing Advocacy and Enforcement in Arizona - www.hud.gov

Phoenix

Arizona Fair Housing Center - \$206,489.79

Private Enforcement Initiative (PEI)

Arizona Fair Housing Center (AFHC) will conduct an 18-month project to provide fair housing enforcement activities in central and northern Arizona. Educational, outreach, and direct services will benefit residents of all protected classes, with an emphasis on minorities, Spanish-speaking immigrants, the disabled, and the elderly. Cooperating attorneys and others will partner to accomplish such activities as intake, investigation, and testing, recruitment and training of testers; and a legal seminar for attorneys. Local attorneys and other investigators are some of AFHC's partners.

Acorn Housing Corporation of Arizona - \$95,000.00

Education and Outreach Initiative-Hispanic Fair Housing (EOI-HSP)

ACORN Housing Corporation of Arizona (AHC of AZ), a nonprofit with a strong community base in minority and heavily Hispanic Phoenix neighborhoods, is dedicated to increasing low-income, minority homeownership in these neighborhoods. This Hispanic Fair Housing Awareness project is designed to provide pertinent information about Fair Housing and lending to borrowers at crucial points in the purchasing process, which is critical to recognizing Fair Housing violations and avoiding predatory lending. This information will be printed and disseminated in easy to understand language (English and Spanish). AHC will utilize various strategies to identify possible victims of predatory lending and will analyze their individual cases to find instances of violations of the Fair Housing Act.

Tucson-Southwest Fair Housing Council - \$205,964.04

Private Enforcement Initiative (PEI)

Southwest Fair Housing Enforcement Outreach Project (SWFHC) will serve the entire State of Arizona. Under the auspices of the Southwest Fair Housing Council, during an 18-month period, SWFHC will provide a full range of fair housing services to all protected classes, with a focus on the most underserved populations residing in the southern counties along or near the Mexican border, an area that contains all of Arizona's Colonias communities. In collaboration with local public and private agencies, as well as faith-based and grassroots organizations such as the local media and the Arizona State Department of Housing, SWFHC has established nine outreach offices to: (1) identify and assist persons with housing complaints, (2) conduct local investigations including testing, and (3) monitor the FHA compliance among housing providers. Activities include fair housing trainings, presentations, and promotions and dissemination of fair housing information.



Our firm represents owners and management companies in Fair Housing disputes and formal complaints. Most of our work in this area is Fair Housing complaint prevention through our extensive Fair Housing training program and regular Fair Housing exercises designed to provide managers with regular Fair Housing practice.

- Representation in all complaints brought by HUD, the Arizona Attorney General's office and/or the City of Phoenix Department of Equal Opportunity. Fair Housing representation participation in mediations and representation during all phases of the investigation.
- Representation in State and Federal court in any action brought for violation of the Fair Housing laws.
- Fair Housing education and training.

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