

## RESOLUTION NO. 21-2020/2021

### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GRUNDY COUNTY, IOWA, ACTIVELY PROMOTING FAIR HOUSING FOR GRUNDY COUNTY, IOWA

#### GRANTEE COMPLIANCE WITH FAIR HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, requires that all CDBG grantees "affirmatively further fair housing". This means that each grantee must undertake, or have undertaken, activity to promote fair housing. IEDA suggests that one or more of the following acceptable actions be done, in order to comply with the law:

- Publicize that the local government will assist persons experiencing discrimination in housing. Such assistance can be in the form of facilitating the filing of a complaint with HUD or the Iowa Civil Rights Commission.
- Develop and adopt a fair housing ordinance and identify the methods of enforcement.
- Provide housing counseling services which assist minorities and women seeking housing outside areas of concentration.
- Work with local real estate brokers to form a Voluntary Area-wide Marketing Agreement.
- Work with local banks to end "redlining" practices and to post "equal lending opportunity" advertisements.
- Use "equal housing opportunity" slogan and logo on city/county letterhead.
- Sponsor fair housing seminars and campaigns.
- Work with minority and women leaders in the area to promote housing development and increase minority and female participation.
- Help local housing developers develop outreach programs to attract minorities and females.
- Review zoning ordinance and comprehensive plans to insure they promote spatial deconcentration of assisted housing units.
- Make county-owned property located outside areas of concentration available to developers at no or nominal costs for construction of assisted units particularly for large family units.
- Develop an Area-wide Housing Opportunity Plan.
- Support fair share housing allocation plans.
- Create a local housing authority.
- Conduct studies to ensure minority and female housing needs are adequately defined.
- Adopt a code enforcement ordinance that will compel landlords to keep their units in safe and sanitary condition.
- Publicly advertise that the county is a "fair housing county" (See the sample "Public Notice").
- Work with local real estate brokers and mortgage lenders in reviewing mortgage credit analysis and underwriting criteria.

- Provide fair housing counseling programs that include information on fair housing rights and the availability of housing in a variety of locations, emphasizing housing choice.
- Modify local ordinances and land use measures in pursuit of housing opportunity.
- Support training and education programs for real estate agents, housing managers, county officials and others to increase knowledge of techniques for promoting economically and racially integrated housing. They may also carry out promotional activities to initiate housing proposals in areas outside those with a high proportion of lower-income persons.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GRUNDY COUNTY, IOWA, THAT the County Auditor is authorized and instructed to post the attached "Public Notice" advertising that the County is a "fair housing county".

Passed and Adopted this 24th day of August, 2020.

  
Barbara L. Smith, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Rhonda R. Deters, County Auditor

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
AFFIRMATIVE FAIR HOUSING POLICY**

This notice is published pursuant to the requirements of Executive Order 11063 on equal opportunity in housing and nondiscrimination in the sale or rental of housing built with federal assistance, and with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, which prohibits discrimination in the provision of housing because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or handicap or familial status.

The Board of Supervisors of Grundy County, Iowa advises the public that it will administer its assisted programs and activities relating to housing and community development in a manner to affirmatively further fair housing in the sale or rental of housing, the financing of housing and the provision of brokerage services.

Grundy County shall assist individuals who believe they have been subject to discrimination in housing through the resources of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Grundy County has designated the following City Clerk as the contact to coordinate efforts to comply with this policy. Inquiries should be directed to:

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