

KANSAS FAIR HOUSING

2005 ACTION PLAN

Based upon the *Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice*
Completed for the Kansas Consolidated Plan 2004-2008

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DIRECT ROLE*

<u>OBJECTIVE</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TARGETS</u>
<p>Inform housing providers and consumers about fair housing rights and responsibilities.</p> <p>*The KHRC implements DIRECT ROLE activities without other assistance.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Post the fair housing message on the agency website: housing is a fundamental right guaranteed to all. Include the Governor’s Proclamation, Impediments to Fair Housing, Action Plan, and Fair Housing Team. 2. Provide homebuyer training and counseling through partnership with a statewide homeownership initiative. Emphasize underserved rural areas and minority/immigrant populations. Include fair housing components in all classes and counseling sessions, i.e., fair credit, lending, insurance, etc. Contingent upon funding. 3. Establish architectural standards to promote accessible, adaptable, and universal design of rental housing. Require architects, builders, and developers to apply these standards to Housing Tax Credit, Private Activity Bond, and Community Housing Development Organization projects. Examples of standards include an accessible route, wide doors and hallways, turn-around space and grab bars in bathrooms. 4. Conduct rental housing seminars, including fair housing components, through partnership with a statewide rental initiative. Recruit landlords, tenants, property managers, and realtors of private and public sector rental housing. Cover rental applications, screening, leases, security deposits, maintenance, crime prevention, and eviction. 	<p>Fair Housing Chairperson and Consolidated Plan Coordinator</p> <p>Loans and Grants Administrator and Assistant</p> <p>Rental Housing Director and Assistant</p> <p>Rental Housing Director and Assistant</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>1st Quarter and Ongoing</p> <p>1st Quarter and Ongoing</p> <p>1st Quarter and Ongoing</p>	<p>User-friendly KHRC website.</p> <p>80 classes, 4 hours in length, average attendance of 10. 300 first-visit counseling sessions; 30 purchases.</p> <p>75 applications; \$100,000,000 total development costs; 1,500 rental units.</p> <p>7 seminars, 4 hours in length, average attendance of 70.</p> <p>Distribution of Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, etc.</p>

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INDIRECT ROLE*

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<p>Mandate State-funded housing providers to promote fair housing choice.</p> <p>* Recipients of the KHRC loans and grants implement INDIRECT ROLE activities.</p>	<p>1. Request local governments, private developers or owners, and nonprofit organizations receiving housing funds to complete, and verify, a minimum of one fair housing activity per year per loan or grant. Categories of fair housing activities include: Planning, Research, and Development; Business and Finance; Information and Education; Complaints and Remedies.</p> <p>2. Provide regular training, technical assistance, and monitoring for housing grantees to ensure compliance with fair housing requirements. Staff will complete, and submit, Fair Housing Tracking reports on all housing projects monitored.</p>	<p>Community Development Block Grant Director, Homeownership Director, Rental Housing Director, Housing with Supportive Services Director, Asset Management Director and Assistants</p> <p>Responsible persons above</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>400 new and open awards; therefore, 400 fair housing activities requested.</p> <p>300 housing projects monitored for fair housing.</p> <p>300 projects demonstrating minimum compliance.</p>

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COLLABORATIVE ROLE*

<u>OBJECTIVE</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TARGETS</u>
<p>Enlist decision-makers to advance the cause of fair housing.</p> <p>*The KHRC works with public interest groups to implement COLLABORATIVE ROLE activities.</p>	<p>1. Request the Governor, city mayors, and county commissioners to issue fair housing month proclamations for April 2005.</p> <p>2. Distribute fair housing information at professional and trade conferences. Attend events of local government officials, banking executives, real estate agents, landlord associations, community action agencies, independent living centers, or others.</p> <p>3. Present fair housing training and workshops, including educational courses or modules, to encourage proactive use of housing resources. Reach out to consumer and grass roots organizations, such as domestic violence shelters, job training centers, student associations, support groups, etc. Address topics of accessibility, predatory lending, local/state equivalency to federal enforcement; hate crimes and other issues. The Fair Housing Team will report all training sessions on Activity Report Forms.</p>	<p>Fair Housing Team: Chairperson and others</p> <p>Fair Housing Team</p> <p>Fair Housing Team</p>	<p>1st and 2nd Quarters</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>1st Quarter and Ongoing</p>	<p>Photo with Governor. 120 mayor proclamations; 30 commissioner proclamations.</p> <p>10 conferences attended.</p> <p>250 information packets distributed.</p> <p>5 training sessions/workshops held; 150 persons attending.</p>