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#### DRAFT Portland Fair Housing Action Plan Annual Update FY 2013-2014

The City of Portland and the Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) are dedicated to removing barriers to housing choice in our community. Our city, county and state are strongest when everyone has equal access to a safe, affordable place to call home.

To guide our work, we developed the Portland Fair Housing Action Plan, adopted by City Council on Sept. 14, 2011. This Action Plan is being updated annually as part of the annual Action Plan process, and we report on the outcomes in the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) to HUD. Below are the highlights of progress toward meeting Portland's Fair Housing Action Plan goals.

The Plan includes Action Items in eight areas:

1. End Discrimination in Rental Housing	5. Employ Fair Housing Testing
2. Create a Fair Housing Advocacy Committee	6. Expand the Supply of Accessible,
(FHAC)	Affordable Homes
3. Strengthen Public Awareness of Fair	7. Address and Mitigate the Unintended
Housing Laws	Consequences of Gentrification
4. Improve Access to Housing Opportunity	8. Increase Funding for Safety Net Programs
	for Low-Income and Vulnerable Populations

The Fair Housing Advocacy Committee (FHAC) has become the primary body for the consortium of the City of Portland, Multnomah County and the City of Gresham to discuss Fair Housing issues. This body holds the partners accountable to outcomes; increases public awareness among both renters and landlords; improves coordination of Fair Housing enforcement officials; increases housing access and choice; and better incorporates data to measure and close disparities in funding and contracting decisions to create equitable outcomes. Issues that challenge the Fair Housing Action Plan are declining federal and local dollars; new communities, such as recent immigrants, that are not aware of their Fair Housing rights; lack of coordination among advocates; limited data available to accurately measure discrimination; and historic land use, lending and investment policies that perpetuate segregation or create displacement. This year the large outcome for FHAC was the inclusion of equity assessments and plans in every PHB contract. With the demographic data from these assessments PHB can move towards a better understanding of service gaps and solutions for closing the gaps in service to people of color.

The Portland Housing Bureau's Strategic Plan ending 2017 is focused on three goals:

- 1. Increase the Supply of Affordable Housing -
- 2. Prevent and Homelessness -
- 3. Create and Stabilize Homeowners with a focus on Communities of Color -

Fair Housing is integral to this focus. By increasing the supply of affordable housing we create more housing choice. By preventing homelessness we reach our most vulnerable protected classes, and by creating and stabilizing homeownership with a focus on communities of color we build wealth, stabilize and preserve community and culture.

Based on the outcomes to date, we anticipate a future focus on the education of our partners about the impact of the Fair Housing Act obligations in all aspects of City planning, investing, and coordination of investments that enhance access for low-income households.

While challenges remain, we are proud of what we have accomplished together. We will continue to advance our broad Fair Housing agenda in the coming years. Below are the highlights of our successful efforts.

Housing Choice	Fair Housing	Enforcement	Partnership	Equity
	Advocacy		with Landlords	
	Committee			
Completion of	Implementation	Additional	Our for profit	Education of
the Portland	of the Fair	resources for	and non-profit	contractors
Housing Growth	Housing	our partners to	partners found	regarding
and Opportunity	Outreach	advocate on	common ground	affirmatively
Analysis	Campaign.	behalf of low	on changes to	furthering fair
		income renters.	ORS 659 A.421	housing.
		Continued	landlord tenant	Contractors
		Partnership	law regarding	spent an entire
		between the	acceptance of	day engaged in
		City of Portland	applications	understanding
		and our local fair	from Housing	Fair Housing
		housing testing	Choice Voucher	policy.
		organizations.	(Section 8)	
			holders.	

## Fair Housing Highlights

## Housing Choice

Housing Choice means that everyone has equal access to affordable homes in quality neighborhoods. Our most significant gain was when the State Legislature passed a bill to include Section 8 as a protected source of income. HB 2639 went into effect July 1, 2014 and is now being implemented. Home Forward (the County's housing authority) has been the main educator of landlords in Multnomah County. This bill is designed to prevent source of income discrimination against tenants with Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) from renting homes in their preferred communities, giving low-income households more choices of where to live.

Our investments from July 1, 2013 to July 30, 2014 increased housing choice to vulnerable Portlanders. Preservation is the top funding priority because it targets investment in our most vulnerable populations and gives us the most return on the investment. The Housing Bureau embraced its value of transparency and equity through a new Notice of Funding Process that allows most of the bureau's funds to be released through a competitive process that is evaluated by our partners. Equity issues such as location, access, and contracting were a significant component of the selection criteria. Housing investments resulted in the construction, rehabilitation or preservation, of nearly 126 units of affordable housing in FY 2013-2014.

Planning where we invest is a key component of Housing Choice goal. This year, in partnership with the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, PHB incorporated the results of the Portland Housing Growth and Opportunity Analysis (PHGOA) and its PHGOA maps, into the City's Comprehensive Plan. This information is informing our investment decisions as PHB works to intentionally house our most vulnerable citizens close to services such as transportation, fresh groceries, medical facilities and strong schools that enhance stability and quality of life.

Housing Choice policy actions also include the successful legislation supporting changes to the Limited Tax Exemption (LTE) program to make it available, citywide. Program changes include using an equity lens to evaluate recipients of our funding. PHB guided all of its subcontractors to evaluate whether disparities exist among those being served with public resources, and to create strategies to close those gaps.

## Fair Housing Advocacy Committee

The Fair Housing Advocacy Committee (FHAC) serves as the primary body to discuss Fair Housing and holds the partnering jurisdictions accountable to the Fair Housing Action Plan that guides its work. This year FHAC's accomplishments include funding a far reaching multi-lingual public awareness campaign through multiple media sources including radio, TV and movie theaters, and community venues, to bring public awareness to Fair Housing issues. FHAC is also a venue for discussion of Fair Housing policy by its diverse set of constituents. This year important conversations were had about the new Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Rule and HB 2639. FHAC shared these views with stakeholders that were influential in the creation and passage of HB 2639. FHAC celebrated Fair Housing Month with activities intended to reach underserved audiences with information about what constitutes a Fair Housing violation and where to place complaints and with a Fair Housing forum aimed at our contractors and government partners.

## **Enforcement**

Enforcement of Fair Housing law, when there are acts of discrimination, is supported through the litigation and referral work of Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO) and Legal Aid Services of Oregon (LASO). PHB contracts with FHCO and LASO to provide Fair Housing investigation and litigation services to Portland residents. PHB also contracts with the Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT) and 211 Info to educate their clients about Fair Housing rights and to make appropriate Fair Housing referrals. PHB has used these contractual relationships, as an opportunity to build communication and coordination. As a result of increased collaboration, PHB partners report they are making referral decisions to better address all of a client's needs. For example, CAT enhanced its referral relationship with Impact NW to increase referrals for families with severe mold related habitability issues. For fiscal year FY 2014-15 CAT has agreements with LASO and FHCO to assist them with a pilot project to assist families with landlord tenant issues that do not rise to the level of litigation. An example of advocacy would include a reasonable accommodation letter when being denied a companion pet. The Fair Housing Council of Oregon in partnership with the Fair Housing Center of Washington continue to conduct fair housing rental audit tests. The Fair Housing Council of Oregon serves Oregon but has partnered with the Fair Housing Center for third party testing design and evaluation. Periodic analysis by our partners of regional Fair Housing complaint data and testing data, continue to lead toward a better understanding of gaps in the enforcement systems and better litigation responses.

## Partnerships with Landlords

Landlords and developers enhanced their Fair Housing knowledge in FY 2013-14. The landlord organization Multifamily NW enhanced their Fair Housing classes to include recent changes in landlord tenant law including accepting applications from applicants with Section 8vouchersvouchers. The Rental Housing Association of Greater Portland continues to participate in the Fair Housing Advocacy Committee and added Fair Housing content to its website and monthly newsletters. In 2014, Multifamily NW and Oregon Opportunity Network agreed to review, refine, and promote their adopted Fair Housing best practices for rental housing management. In 2014, PHB is working with rental housing associations to publicize the best

practices among their members. For example, Multifamily NW distributed the Fair Housing best practices to every attendee at its annual trade show in September 2013.

## <u>Equity</u>

The Fair Housing Action Plan called for strategies to improve access to resources and to close outcome gaps for people of color. Equity strategies to address these issues are woven throughout PHB's policies, programs, operations and contract management. PHB is committed to increasing access to its programs by people of color and historically underserved communities and to removing any housing choice barriers that may be present in its investments. PHB is addressing gaps in outcomes by gathering access and outcome data, from all sub-recipient contractors and loan recipients and sub-contractors. PHB contract access data is now available by race and ethnicity. PHB is tracking this information to understand the rates of access these programs offer communities of color and whether or not these programs are serving people at rates comparable to the percentage of people in poverty within a group. For example, in FY 2013 data regarding participation in PHB funded homeownership projects showed 69% of households accessing home repair services indicated they were from communities of color and 35% of households purchasing new homes indicated they were from communities of color.

All PHB sub-recipients incorporated strategies into their scopes of services to reach underserved communities and reported the outcomes. Strategies employed included providing information in different languages, meeting with people in their own communities and developing long-term relationships with leaders in historically underserved communities. PHB invested in our Diversity and Civic Leadership partners to gain insight into the diverse housing needs of our immigrant communities and communities of color, to inform our Portland Housing Growth and Opportunity Analysis (PHGOA) and opportunity maps.

The PHB workforce diversity goals for Fiscal Year 2013/14 were 28% minority participation and 11% female participation. This fiscal year, PHB projects achieved 35% minority participation, thereby exceeding the minority goal for the second straight year. Minority workers also worked a higher number of hours this fiscal year when compared to last fiscal year. Of the minorities working on PHB projects, 23% were Hispanic, 7% were African American, 3% were Asian, 1% were Pacific Islander, and less than 1% were worked by Native Americans or Other minorities.

PHB has adopted a 20% MWESB utilization goal on its projects based on the total contract amount. During Fiscal Year 2013/14, 83% of PHB funded projects either met or exceeded the 20% goal for MWESB participation. Overall, thirty percent of total dollars awarded on PHB projects went to state-certified MWESB firms.

## Exhibits A-GG

- A. Fair Housing Advocacy Committee Roster
- B. PHB Guiding Principles of Equity and Social Justice

Draft Fair Housing Update

- C. Fair Housing Best Practices, Multifamily NW
- D. Fair Housing Best Practices, Oregon Opportunity Network
- E. PHB's Bureau-wide Equity Goals Framework
- F. Multnomah County Fair Housing Summary
- G. City of Gresham Fair Housing Summary

Progress Report at a Gla	nce			
Action Plan Step	Program description and	FY 2012-13 Results	FY 2013-14 Results	FY 2013-14
I. End Discrimination In	expected outcomes.			Analysis
Desired Outcome: Bette	r coordinated enforcement will itigated Fair Housing cases referred e end of June 2012. PHB contracts with LASO to enforce Fair Housing complaints. PHB funds FHCO to educate the	FY 2012-13 Results LASO had 12 cases in FY 2012-13 with evidence of discrimination.	FY 2013-14 Results LASO had 16 cases with evidence of discrimination.	FY 2013-14 Analysis Coordination of Enforcement staff has improved
	public about its ability to facilitate the resolution of Fair Housing complaints or make a referral to an enforcement agency. Both PHB and FHCO have been coordinating with enforcement officials. PHB has contracted with FHCO to do Fair Housing audit tests	LASO had 56 Fair Housing complaints in FY 2011-12. FHCO had 873 calls and 355 were Fair Housing related, i.e.	LASO had 66 Fair Housing Complaints. FHCO had 663 calls. 246 calls were Fair Housing related or 37%.	litigation outcomes by getting clients referred to the most appropriate service. LASO had an increase in the number of calls and cases.
	because discrimination data helps inform enforcement strategies.	Enforcement staff convened quarterly.	Enforcement staff convened quarterly. PHB and partners secured general fund	FHCO had a decrease in general calls and a decrease in Fair Housing related calls.
			dollars to support a FY 2014-15 pilot project in one-on-one renter	The Fair Housing Enforcement workgroup meets regularly.

			advocacy.	
<b>Desired Outcome:</b> The increased investment in Fair Housing-specific training to landlords as part of membership in each association will result in a quantifiable increase in training opportunities by the end of the fiscal year.		FY 2012-13 Results	FY 2013-14 Results	FY 2013-14 Analysis
2. Continue and enhance the education of Fair Housing laws.	PHB contracts with the FHCO to educate tenants and landlords about the fair housing law. PHB contracts with CAT to educate renters about their fair housing rights and tenant landlord responsibilities, and CAT refers renters to legal or supportive services, when there are related fair housing, health, and or, habitability issues.	Oregon Opportunity Network (OON) and Multifamily NW adopted nonprofit Fair Housing Best Practices for all of their members. OON held a fair housing class for property and Asset Managers) with about 50 attendees.	OON and Multifamily NW are working to implement best Fair Housing practices. OON had two Fair Housing trainings for their members. LASO participated in eight outreach events.	Fair Housing-specific training to landlords increased, as part of membership in their respective associations.
	PHB requested and funded efforts for Oregon Opportunity Network (OON) to develop Fair Housing best practices and encouraged Multifamily NW to adopt Fair Housing best practices. Members of the groups manage 176,000 apartments. Other partners, including the Community Alliance of Tenants	LASO participated in six outreach events. Multifamily NW held 22 trainings resulting in 704 participants. HCO held 13 trainings, resulting in more than 339 participants.	Multifamily NW held 45 trainings in Oregon resulting in 1100 participants. Multifamily NW Fair Housing Committee met 10 times, worked on the creation of a Fair Housing designation, sponsored several	

(CAT), FHCO and LASO, have		FHCO Fair Housing	
quantified their outreach efforts		events, and the poster	
to communities of color, as	Eight of the workshops	contest.	
outlined in their annual sub-	were held in Spanish		
recipient reports.	and English.	FHCO held 10	
		trainings, resulting in	
	The Bureau of	more than 324	
	Development Services	participants.	
	offers eight landlord		
	trainings every fiscal	CAT reached landlords	
	year. In FY 2012/13 the	through FHAC, and	
	total attendance was	participation in the	
	795.	statewide housing	
		workgroup.	
	Home Forward sent all		
	250 employees to Fair	The City of Portland	
	Housing trainings.	Bureau of	
		Development Services	
		holds eight landlord	
		trainings every fiscal	
		year for a total of 776	
		attendees.	
		Home Forward held a	
		total of six Fair	
		Housing trainings, 192	
		staff members	
		attended in person	
		and 34 via a webinar.	
		Information ranged	
		from basic to advance.	

			Rental Housing Association of Oregon offers Fair Housing support to members; fliers, two fair housing classes by Home Forward, Fair Housing articles in monthly newsletter and landlord 101 training always has a Fair Housing section.	
Housing-specific training quantifiable increase in re complaints and an increas	creased investment in Fair to renters will result in a enters who report Fair Housing se in reporting from groups that ousing choice, but are not	FY 2012-13 Results	FY 2013-14 Results	FY 2013-14 Analysis
3. Continue and enhance the education of Fair Housing laws for renters.	PHB contracts with CAT, FHCO, and LASO, to educate renters about their Fair Housing rights. These partners use tools such as a hotline, websites, and direct legal advocacy, one on one counseling, workshops, and media such as radio, TV and	FHCO educates through its' hotline and trainings. 873 intake calls, 355 calls (41%) were Fair Housing related, 9,414 website visits.	FHCO educated 662 Portland residents through the complaint intake system, 246 calls (37%) were Fair Housing related, 13,556 website visits	FHCO held fewer trainings. Website visits increased. More materials and events were available to non- English speaking households, but

printed information. Our	FHCO held 13 trainings,	FHCO held 9 Fair	FHCO hotline calls
partners are asked to innovate	resulting in more than	Housing trainings,	from non-English
their approach to reach people	339 participants	resulting in more than	speakers decreased
of color and other historically		199 participants.	by 2%.
underserved populations.	CAT held 18 workshops,		
Efforts include making	resulting in more than	CAT Counseled over	More trainings and
interpreters available, translating	198 participants.	2219 renters about	translations were
material and providing		renter rights.	offered to culturally
information in multiple	Eight of the CAT		specific groups in the
languages. Our effectiveness is	workshops were held in	CAT held 8 workshops	language of that
measured by an increase in	Spanish and English.	resulting in more than	group.
members that identify as non-		245 participants and	
English speakers and by matching	LASO participated in six	participated in at least	
the demographic profile of	outreach events.	five outreach events.	
communities in poverty.			
	FHCO had 6% of its	CAT held at least two	
	hotline calls from non-	workshops in Spanish	
	English speaking callers.	and had specific	
		outreach to Native	
		American and African	
		communities and	
		organizations.	
		CAT translated	
		material into Spanish,	
		Vietnamese and	
		Russian. East Portland	
		Workshops had	
		materials translated	
		into Burmese, Karen,	
		Nepalese and	
		Bhutanese.	

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	le and independent information ng violation trends in rental and	FY 2012-13 Results	FY 2013-14 Results	FY 2013-14 Analysis
ownership housing.				
4. Conduct Fair Housing testing.	PHB has invested in Fair Housing Audit Testing as one tool for measuring Fair Housing violations and trends that limit housing choice in rental and ownership housing.	Fair Housing Center of Washington was selected to oversee FHCO in fulfilling Fair Housing testing services for FY 2013-14.	Fair Housing Center of Washington is overseeing FHCO in fulfilling Fair Housing testing services for FY 2013-14.	Oversight of the Fair Housing scope of services, and testing by the City of Portland Attorney's Office and the Washington Center for Fair Housing, provides the desired independent information. The testing process has not yet concluded. With less rental inventory during the testing period it took more time to find units to test. Testing will continue until there are enough tests made but no later than December 2015.
<b>Desired Outcome:</b> A coor from multiple interests.	rdinated policy effort with buy-in	FY 2012-13 Results	FY 2013-14 Results	FY 2013-14 Analysis

5. Modify screening and	PHB has met with contractors to	PHB has contracted	PHB has contracted	The diversity of FHAC
credit criteria that	include equity outcomes in all	OON to facilitate 10	OON to facilitate 10	members' results in
impact protected	contracts.	meetings of the	meetings of the	coordination and
classes.		Resident Services Work	Resident Services	buy-in from multiple
	PHB launched phase two of the	Group (RSWG), to create	Work Group (RSWG),	interests. Our
	Equity Agenda, with inclusion of	best practices in	to create best	nonprofit housing
	property management, asset	resident services.	practices in resident	partners are
	management and resident	RSWG will hold one	services.	providing more
	services. We expect a Fall 2013	conference session and	RSWG will hold one	leadership and
	kickoff to result in conversations	one working group	conference session	support of Fair
	about modification of screening	session a year, focusing	and one working	Housing policies as
	and credit criteria.	on Fair Housing best	group session a year,	evidenced by the
		practices.	focusing on Fair	adopted Fair Housing
		FHCO considered	Housing best	Best Practices.
		leading statewide	practices.	
		conversations about re-		Modification of
		entry issues, which will	Multifamily NW	screening and credit
		include screening	shared some research	criteria has not been
		criteria.	on the level of charges	initiated.
			for various arrests and	
			convictions.	
II. Create A Fair Housing	Advocacy Committee	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14	FY 2013-14 Analysis
		Results	Results	
Desired Outcome: The Ac	tion Plan will have a diverse set of	FY 2012-13 Results	FY 2013-14 Results	FY 2013-14 Analysis
champions to hold the im	plementing agencies accountable			
and to revise the Action P	lan as needed.			
1. Work with partners to	PHB initiated FHAC to hold	The FHAC members	The FHAC members	FHAC remains
create a Fair Housing	partners accountable to the	meet quarterly.	meet quarterly. FHAC	diverse. FHAC meets
Advocacy Committee	Action Plan and to revise the	FHAC members sent a	members educated	regularly to
(FHAC).	Action Plan as needed. See	letter to state legislators	themselves about how	champion
	above.	to support removing	to apply Affirmatively	implementation of

		"source of income" as a basis to deny review of a rental application; Coordinated a Fair Housing public awareness campaign; and kicked off with a meeting with local and federal decision makers.	Furthering Fair Housing standards to local policy decisions. The Portland Housing Bureau made resources available to contractors for translation and other language services.	the Action Plan and to revise it as needed. Most strategies from the Fair Housing Action Plan have been initiated.
III. Strengthen Public Awar	eness Of Fair Housing Laws			
Desired Outcome: Working w continue to develop strategi programs by protected class This will result in quantifiable reported programs.	es to increase utilization of es.	FY 2012-13 Results	FY 2013-14 Results	FY 2013-14 Analysis
1. Ensure frequent and accurate trainings for renters or providers to understand Fair Housing law.	PHB contracts with CAT, FHCO and LASO to educate renters about their Fair Housing rights and resources.	CAT counseled 1,952 renters. FHCO held 13 renter trainings. FHCO trainings reached more than 299 people. CAT held 18 workshops, resulting in more than 198 participants.	CAT counseled 2,219 renters. FHCO educated 662 Portland residents through the complaint intake system. FHCO held 9 Fair Housing trainings, resulting in more than 199 participants.	Utilization of Fair Housing education services have increased. CAT increased utilization of Fair Housing education services by Spanish speaking renters. Utilization of the FHCO hotline has decreased overall

for a public information camp	rs of the public. Support from nd partners, will result in	Eight of the workshops were held in Spanish and English. LASO offered information at six events. FY 2012-13 Results	CAT held 8 workshops resulting in more than 245 participants and participated in at least five outreach events. At least two workshops held in Spanish; specific outreach to Native American and African communities and organizations. FY 2013-14 Results	and the percent of Fair Housing specific complaints has decreased as well. FHCO had an increase in website visits. FY 2013-14 Analysis
2. Secure resources for a public information campaign about Fair Housing rights in Multnomah County.	FHAC will lead the Fair Housing awareness campaigns and seek partners to continue this work.	FHAC raised and deployed \$4,750 in support of a public awareness campaign carried out on TV, radio, print and at a community event. Every dollar was matched one-to-one with additional	FHAC concluded the first phase of the outreach campaign with a template for radio and TV that can be localized and modified for different languages. A radio and TV ad was broadcasted in	The Fair Housing Outreach campaign leveraged local resources and partnerships.

IV. Improve Access To Housi Desired Outcome: Actions will data and jurisdictions will hav reference.	ill be based on best available	advertising. Apartment Finder donated a full- color, inside cover page ad that was circulated citywide. FY 2012-13 Results FY 2012-13 Results	Spanish and English. An interview was conducted for a Spanish language and English language TV talk show. FY 2013-14 Results FY 2013-14 Results	<b>FY 2013-14 Analysis</b> FY 2013-14 Analysis
1. Develop opportunity mapping and planning as the foundation of a housing policy.	PHB initiated a Portland Housing Growth and Opportunity Analysis (PHGOA). The report about this analysis will be a component of our future location policy and investment strategy. The information will help PHB and our partners identify current and historic disparities, and identify the investment, policy and program decisions that mitigate and remove historic disparities.	The opportunity maps and a 90% draft report are complete. The maps and analysis were refined through work sessions with the five Diversity in Civic Leadership organizations.	PHB has adopted the Portland Housing Opportunity Analysis and they are including it as one part of their investment analysis.	The PHGOA process is based on the best available data and has been well vetted with partners and jurisdictions to create the same point of reference for future investment strategies.
in all investment decisions re	become a foundational value sulting in removing disparities Portland Housing Bureau and	FY 2012-13 Results	FY 2013-14 Results	FY 2013-14 Analysis

2. Commit all City resources	PHB launched its Equity	Policy updates to LTE	Policy updates to LTE	PHB has committed
in ways that increase	Agenda for Fair Housing	programs, NOFA and	programs, NOFA and	City resources to
opportunity and equity.	contractors and housing	MWESB procurement	MWESB procurement	implement its Equity
	developers, linking its funding	goals were	goals were	Agenda.
	to access and outcomes for	accomplished.	accomplished.	J. J
	communities of color.			The Equity Agenda
	Implementation includes the	MWESB utilization is	All sub-recipients are	has expanded to
	development of contracting	30%.	obligated to complete	PHB's partners.
	equity goals, Notice of		an organizational	
	Funding Availability (NOFA),	In FY2012-13, six out of	equity assessment and	Utilization of MWESB
	equity goals, MWESB	10 households served by	plan.	firms is inconclusive
	procurement and contracting	PHB were households of		at this time.
	equity goals, a Limited Tax	color.	MWESB utilization is	
	Exemption (LTE) policy	Households residing in	inconclusive at this	Increased Fair
	update, Big Look and policy	PHB affordable rental	date due to projects	Housing outcomes,
	reviews. Each sub-recipient	housing were 14% Black,	still in progress.	from the program
	reports demographic	51% White, 2 % Native	Current information	and policy changes
	information on access and	American, 3% Asian, 0%	shows a 49%	are inconclusive at
	outcomes for comparison	Pacific Islander, and 8%	utilization rate.	this time.
	over time.	Hispanic.		
		People of color served	In FY2013-14, 54% of	In rental housing it
		compared to percent of	the households	appears that there
		populations in poverty	residing in PHB	was a small increase
		are as follows for Fair	affordable rental	in the percentage of
		Housing Contracts:	housing were White,	Black and Hispanic
			16% Black, 2% Native	households served.
		CAT: 44% people of	American, 3%	
		color served	Asian,1% Pacific	There was also a
			Islander and 9%	small increase in
	_	FHCO: 35% people of	Hispanic.	White households.
		color served		

		LASO: 49% people of color served MWESB utilization is 27%.	CAT: 44% people of color served. Of 5 workshops, 95% were people of color. FHCO: 36% people of color served LASO: 49% people of color served.	
V. Expand Fair Housing Test	ing			
<b>Desired Outcome:</b> Acquire re information about possible F rental and ownership housing	air Housing violation trends in	FY 2012-13 Results	FY 2013-14 Results	FY 2013-14 Analysis
1. Acquire reliable and independent information about possible Fair Housing violation trends in rental and ownership housing.	FH contracts are managed through the City of Portland Attorney's office, thus providing the expertise of attorneys to review the audit testing results. See above 1.4	Testing contractor has been selected and testing will be tied to enforcement.	Testing contractor has been selected and testing will be tied to enforcement.	The testing program has not concluded therefore testing data has not been reported.
VI. Expand The Supply Of Ac				
an increased number of fami	housing choices will result in ly-sized units in the City's by fiscal year 2012-13. Data will	FY 2012-13 Results	FY 2013-14 Results	FY 2013-14 Analysis
1. Increase the number of affordable/accessible housing choices for all	This action is being addressed through resource development and our annual NOFA criteria.	PHB funded 11 projects, representing 616 units primarily targeted to 0-	PHB funded four projects, representing 126 units affordable homes targeted	The greatest impact on increasing the number of affordable family

household sizes, especially family-sized housing.		60% MFI households in FY 2012-13. Every dollar invested by PHB is leveraged by 1.6.	primarily to 0-60% MFI households. Every dollar invested by PHB is leveraged by approximately two dollars.	sized housing options has been through PHB's homebuyer assistance and tax exemption programs.
-	he Unintended Consequences	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14	FY 2012-13 Analysis
the end of the fiscal year.	es to increase utilization of es. This will result in tion of reported programs by	Results FY 2012-13 Results	Results FY 2013-14 Results	FY 2013-14 Analysis
1. Mitigate the effects of displacement through all City investments.	PHB contracted to create an Equity Business Plan, an Equity Lens, a Homeownership Agenda and PHGOA. Its purpose is to address investment risks and mitigate for displacement as identified in the Fair Housing Action Plan.	The PHGOA maps, a report and gentrification study were shared with partners for feedback. Six of 10 people served by household stabilization programs were people of color. On average, 42% of our homeownership products reached a person of color.	The PHGOA maps are being used by the Portland Housing Bureau and they are incorporated into Portland Maps. On average, approximately 44% of our homeownership products reached a person of color. On average, approximately 47% of the households served by PHB's Fair Housing	Overall PHB Fair Housing contracts showed an increase in access to PHB programs by people of color. PHGOA will lead to policies that help inform equitable investment actions and mitigation of displacement.

		On average, 26% of the	contracts were people	
		households served by	of color.	
		our Fair Housing		
		contracts were people	Home Forward is using	
		of color.	higher payment	
			standards in certain	
		Home Forward now	areas of the city that	
		uses an Inclusion Lens	show higher	
		to evaluate its work for	opportunity in order to	
		impacts on	increase housing	
		communities of color	choice.	
		and other protected		
		classes.		
2. Encourage the renewal	PHB led the effort to secure	TIF funds deployed in	Development funds	The City of Portland
of the Portland 30% Tax	TIF set aside funding for	the FY 2012-13 NOFA	deployed in the FY	sets aside 30% or
Increment Financing Policy	affordable housing.	helped buy affordability	2013-14 NOFA helped	more of TIF for
affordable housing set-		in Glisan Commons	buy affordability in	housing related
aside.		(Phase I),		-
		Lifeworks and	three multifamily	projects.
		Beech Street	projects.	
		Apartments.		
3. Focus on new resource	Historical sources of funding	The 11x13 Housing	Housing Preservation	PHB has been
development to acquire	for acquisition, development	Preservation campaign	and Rehabilitation is	effective in
and preserve rental	and preservation have been	concluded in FY 12-13	still a priority in the	preserving and
housing.	steadily declining.	with funding	2014 NOFA. The	leveraging funding.
		commitments for all 11	resource development	For every dollar
		projects.	campaign has not yet	spent, we leveraged
			started.	two dollars, an
		The resource	Federal redevelopment	increase over FY
		development campaign	funds created an	2012-13.
		has not yet started.		

		Federal redevelopment funds will create an average of 22 units in every project.	average of 31 units in every project.	Federal Funding has not been increased nor significantly decreased in 2014.
VIII. Increase Funding For Sa Income And Vulnerable Pop	afety-Net Programs For Low- ulations			
Desired Outcome: By increase programs for our most vulner stabilize those households, s prevent some of the housing associated with unstable hou	sing resources for Safety-Net rable populations we will tabilize communities, and management cost issues useholds.	FY 2012-13 Results	FY 2013-14 Results	FY 2013-14 Analysis
1. Increase funding for social services known to assist in stabilizing households.	PHB encouraged City Council to pass budget items that helped stabilize vulnerable populations, including women, families and adults with disabilities. This included the allocation of \$2.0 million in City of Portland General Funds to support permanent housing placement, outreach and retention activities for vulnerable populations experiencing homelessness. Stable rates of retention in housing for households receiving housing assistance are key indicators of stabilization.	In FY 2012-13, with City and other leveraged funds, the programs PHB supported helped 11,687 homeless individuals, including 48% from communities of color — preventing and ending their homelessness, supporting their transition to greater housing stability and enabling them to secure permanent homes. In FY 2012-13, one- time-only general fund conversion to ongoing funding was adopted for the FY2012-13	In FY 2013-14, with City and other leveraged funds, the programs PHB supported helped 12,043 homeless individuals, including 48% from communities of color — preventing and ending their homelessness, supporting their transition to greater housing stability and enabling them to secure permanent homes. In FY 2013-14 Homeless service organizations were eligible to apply for	Increased investment of City funding is resulting in more people assisted, including an overall increase in service to communities of color. The Coordinated Care Model appears to be helping the community leverage and gain more safety-net and housing assistance resources.

		budget. FY 2012-13, \$140,000 was used to assist 46 displaced tenants with relocation; and \$377,551 provided rent assistance to approximately 800 households, among other items.	additional federal coordinated care funding. In FY 2013-14, City Council approved \$2.0 million to fund "Home Start" and "Women into Housing Now (WIHN)" programs, which provided permanent housing placement to women, families, adults over the age of 55 and persons with disabilities. Of the total individuals served by WIHN, 55% were people of color. In the first six months, Home Start programs served 58% households of color.	
2. Continue funding development of subsidized, accessible housing units for individuals and families	PHB and community partners advocated for funding for households experiencing the most extreme poverty, at 0-	In FY 2012-13, PHB funded more than 330 units for 0-30% MFI households.	In FY 2013-14, PHB funded 4 units for 0- 30% MFI households and 121 units between 31% and 60% MFI.	Fewer units were funded for 0-30% MFI households than in previous years. These units

below 30% Median Family	30% MFI, with a "Save the		typically require	ł
Income (MFI).	Safety Net" campaign.		additional subsidy	ł
			such as a project	ł
			based voucher.	ł

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Name	Organization	Appointed by
Vacant Seat	Vacant Seat	City of Portland
Joe VanderVeer	Portland Disability Commission	City of Portland
Deborah Imse	Multifamily NW	City of Portland
John Miller	Oregon Opportunity Network	City of Portland
Elisa Harrigan	Community Alliance of Tenants	City of Portland
Jerad Goughnour	Rental Housing Association Greater Portland	City of Portland
Lynne Walker	Gresham Community Development & Housing Subcommittee	City of Gresham
Marc-Daniel Domond	COLAS Construction	City of Gresham
Mary-Rain O'Meara	Human Solutions	City of Gresham
Betty Dominguez	Home Forward	Home Forward
Maxine Fitzpatrick	Portland Community Reinvestment Initiative	Multnomah County
Rachel Payton	Volunteers of America - Home Free	Multnomah County
Liora Berry	Cascadia Behavioral Health	Multnomah County
Michael Alexander	Urban League of Portland	Multnomah County, Coalition of Communities of Color
Jason Trombley - Chair	Coalition of Communities of Color	Coalition of Communities of Color
Kayse Jama	Center of Intercultural Organizing (CIO)	Immigrant Community
Abby Ahern	Rent Well	At Large

# Exhibit A: Fair Housing Advocacy Committee

## **Exhibit B: PHB Guiding Principles of Equity and Social Justice**

# Equity means that all residents from Portland's diverse and multicultural communities have access to the opportunities and resources they need to attain their full potential.

PHB will work towards eliminating housing barriers of all kinds. We recognize Oregon's history of housing discrimination and social injustice and must address current-day disparities in access to the resources, programs and opportunities experienced by communities of color. In Portland, people of color experience racism and encounter barriers to stable housing and housing resources at much higher rates than their white counterparts. This leads to more people of color experiencing disparate living conditions and having less access to public goods, services and resources.

PHB will ensure equity by applying these Guiding Principles of Equity and Social Justice when developing policies and organizational priorities, and when making operational and financial investment decisions.

PHB will:

- Seek knowledge and learn from the guidance of others in pursuit of our equity goals
- Strengthen and develop community relationships and engagement for shared success
- Honor and encourage relationships of trust and respect among partners who serve communities of color, service providers, housing developers and contractors
- Develop and communicate equity commitments
- Make policy and operational decisions using an equity lens
- Leverage the work and programs of other organizations effectively addressing issues of equity
- Continually incorporate equity achievements and knowledge into decision making and implementation of social justice policies
- Provide leadership and support to stakeholders related to equity
- Define, measure and report equity results

## **Exhibit C: Fair Housing Best Practices, Multifamily NW**

#### Multifamily NW Fair Housing Best Practices Document

The Multifamily NW Board of Directors, staff and members are dedicated to quality rental housing and upholding Fair Housing laws as a legal and moral obligation to offer equal opportunities and consistent policies for everyone. When Fair Housing laws are broken through proven discriminatory actions, violators must be held accountable.

Multifamily NW believes offering frequent Fair Housing training will improve Fair Housing awareness for landlords. The association is committed to developing training partnerships with federal, state, county and city housing agencies who have demonstrated unbiased and fair application of rules. Multifamily NW equally supports expanded Fair Housing non-advocacy, independent audits (or testing)\* that ensure frequent, unbiased feedback on compliance with Fair Housing laws. Multifamily NW will review the recommended 'Best Practices' document annually and update as appropriate.

Multifamily NW recommends the following 'Best Practices' for those operating in the property management industry:

#### Training

- Provide a Fair Housing Policy statement to all employees upon hiring.
- Require newly hired or new employees to receive Fair Housing training within 30 days of hire date and all other employees to have a Fair Housing update annually.
- Include Fair Housing discussions as part of regular staff meetings.
- Include Fair Housing updates in newsletters or other correspondences that go out to employees.
- Encourage all employees to reference the Multifamily NW website.

#### Screening

- > Post rental criteria at property and on website.
- Give rental criteria and application to every prospective resident regardless of whether it is requested.
- Use third party screening\* for all rental applications.
- Formalize and document the appeal process for denials.
- > Develop a formalized wait list policy.

#### Marketing

- > Display Fair Housing Posters in office location and common areas, if applicable.
- > Post Fair Housing information on your website.
- Ensure all advertising is in compliance with Fair Housing regulations.

#### **Reasonable Accommodations**

> Remind employees that every request is considered valid until it has been explored.

Develop a clear, written policy.

A senior individual in the organization (not on-site staff) should review and make determinations on RA requests. An asset manager, or other management staff, should review RA files periodically to ensure consistency and proper documentation.

#### **Testing/Auditing**

Conduct independent third party testing of employees.

Conduct self-testing of employees at periodic intervals.

Document all exchanges with potential or current residents by using a formal written system the equivalent of a guest card/log book.

#### \*Definitions

Independent Audits/Testing – A non-advocacy party that has no financial or philosophical interest in the outcome of the audits or testing.

Third Party Screening – Decision making regarding the application is not done by the on-site individual who is receiving the application.

## Exhibit D: Fair Housing Best Practices, Oregon Opportunity Network (OON)

OON Best Practices - <u>http://oregonon.org/files/2012/04/Fair-Housing-Best-Practices-Adopted-by-Oregon-ON-Board-April-2012.pdf</u>

## Exhibit E: PHB's Bureau-wide Equity Goals Framework

PHB's Equity Agenda is grounded in the vision that all residents from Portland's diverse and multicultural communities have access to the opportunities and resources they need to attain their full potential. To achieve success in implementing our vision, PHB has engaged with our partners to develop ways to operationalize this vision through targeted strategies to reduce disparities.

In FY 2012-13, PHB focused on applying a racial equity lens to our budget, our funding processes and our contracts for services. Attached to all our work is "PHB's Guiding Principles of Equity and Social Justice," which communicates our values and intentions as we approach this work with our partners.

We started with data. We required that all sub-recipient contractors collect and report race and ethnicity information from clients consistently. We have committed to publishing this data on who is served every year.

We followed up with setting goals. We worked with sub-recipient contractors to set equity goals that would help their organizations increase *outcomes* and *access* for communities of color. In doing so, we began a communitywide catalogue of promising practices and successful strategies to help achieve our goals.

PHB's mission drives our strategies and work. We continue to serve vulnerable, low-income people whose needs are not met by the market. In FY 2013-14, we will build on these communitywide equity successes by establishing and clearly communicating bureau-wide goals for *access* and *outcomes* across all PHB programs, for communities of color.

By removing *access* barriers for those most impacted by current and historical discrimination and disparity, we improve *access* to the system for everyone.

We recognize that *access* only gets people through the door, so we will increase our focus on reducing the disparities in *outcomes* experienced by communities of color, as measured by each community's rate of poverty.

Accountability against the goals will occur in two ways:

- 1. Transparency PHB will publish our progress against the goals annually
- 2. Sustained Effort PHB commits to, and will engage our partners' willingness to work to reduce and remove disparities. In this contemplative moment in our community, we are leading our partners to help us meet these goals by engaging proactively in problem

solving, through dialogue with diverse community stakeholders and openness to continuing to work towards reaching our goals.

The following language has been added as a section in all PHB sub-recipient contracts:

## **Commitment to Equity Agenda**

PHB is incorporating equity goals into all subrecipient contracts in alignment with The Portland Plan which establishes that in order to ensure everyone has access to the opportunities necessary to satisfy their essential needs, the City will enforce Title VI<sup>1</sup>, track the information needed to understand disparities, evaluate equity impacts, improve evaluation methods and mitigate for disparities.

City of Portland Equity Framework http://www.portlandonline.com/portlandplan/index.cfm?c=58776&a=420370

Our equity goals are also in alignment with the Strategic Plan of the Portland Housing Bureau which directs PHB to work to ensure equitable access to housing by setting, clear, measurable equity goals for all PHB programs, incorporating equity goals into all funding applications and contracts, monitoring and reporting on whether we reach our goals, and using proven strategies to increase the use of city-supported housing services by communities of color.

PHB Strategic Plan - http://www.portlandoregon.gov/phb/article/427251

PHB will utilize indicators posted on PHB's website, linked below, to evaluate progress towards our goal of reducing and removing disparities in access and outcomes for communities of color.

PHB Equity Webpage - http://www.portlandoregon.gov/phb/60596

## Access

PHB works to ensure equity for communities of color in city-supported housing programs. To evaluate progress PHB will utilize indicators based on the disparity between the rates of poverty for whites and respective communities of color, as measured by ACS data for each community.

In FY 2014-15, PHB desires to reduce disparities in communities' rates of poverty by working with all contractors to increase Access to services by communities of color which experience disproportionate poverty rates. Contractors will be accountable for their efforts to reduce disparities by seeking to provide services to communities of color that contribute to achievement of the overall PHB goals. As described above, PHB will report on and publish our collective progress made in serving communities of color, by program, at least annually.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Title VI, was enacted as part of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. It prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance." 29

## Outcomes

PHB desires to reduce and remove the documented disparities experienced by communities of color in service and housing outcomes by working with partners to measure outcomes and implement strategies for service delivery that contribute to the achievement of program specific and bureau wide goals for communities of color.

In FY 2014-15 all Sub-recipient contractors will report outcome measures by race/ethnicity.

In FY 2014-15 all Sub-recipient contractors will evaluate outcomes by race/ethnicity and if evaluation shows statistically significant disparities in the achievement of outcomes based on race, contractor will work with PHB to determine why such disparate impacts are occurring, and to recommend and implement a remedy to eliminate them.

## **Equity Assessments**

In FY 2014-15 all Sub-recipient contractors will submit an organizational equity assessment by March 31, 2015 using a standardized equity assessment tool. Some exceptions will be made on a case by case basis for organizations that have already completed an organization equity assessment within the last two years using widely accepted tools.

## **Equity Plans**

In FY 2014-15 all Sub-recipient contractors will submit an organizational equity plan by June 30, 2015 using a standardized equity plan template. Some exceptions will be made on a case by case basis for organizations that have already completed an organization and program equity plan within the last two years using widely accepted tools.

## Exhibit F: Excerpt from the Multnomah County Community Assessment Performance Evaluation Report

#### Public Facilities & Improvements

Public Facilities and Improvement projects address the national objective of benefit to low-moderate income persons on an area basis.  $^{1}\!$ 

Multnomah County qualifies as an "exception area" and the cities of Fairview and Wood Village qualify by meeting the "upper quartile percentage" for the County, established at 37.8%.<sup>2</sup> Projects are concentrated in areas of lowest income using available census information.

The **<u>City of Fairview</u>** projects were located in a low-mod area as follows:

Census Tract: 101 Block Group: 1 and 2	Population: 1666	Low/mod Pct: 61.1% and 38.0% respectively
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## Pedestrian Access Development (\$79,743)

The <u>City of Fairview</u> successfully completed its Public Facilities and Improvement project goal. The project provided new sidewalks on the south side of Main Street between Second and

223<sup>rd.</sup> Avenue, and 1<sup>St</sup> Avenue from Main to Cedar, east of Fairview Elementary School. This section provided the only continuous sidewalk for pedestrian travel east-west across the Old Town. The City of Fairview has improved the area with storm water infrastructure improvements and upgrades to the area's Community Center.

## Housing Rehabilitation

Housing rehab projects provided by <u>Unlimited Choices, Inc. (UCI)</u> serves low and low- mod income persons in the east county area: Fairview, Wood Village, Maywood Park, Troutdale, and unincorporated areas within the jurisdiction.

#### Adapt-a-Home (\$68,310) Mend-a-Home (\$79,000)

Unlimited Choices met its housing rehabilitation goals for the Adapt-a-Home and Mend- a-Home projects. <u>Adapt-a-Home</u> served eighteen (18) low-income people with physical disabilities. The Adapt-a Home program offers clients information and assistance, on- site assessments to prioritize needs, a detailed request for bids, oversight and troubleshooting during construction, final project inspection, signed property owner release form and satisfaction questionnaires. Homes were retrofitted with shower/tub grab bars, raised toilets, ramp/walker steps, repaired gutters, handrails, deck repairs and doorway expansions.

The <u>Mend-a-Home</u> program provides critical home repair to certain elements of a housing unit that are in urgent need, but where the whole house is not rehabilitated. In FY 2013-14, Mend-a-Home served twenty-one (21) households with rehabilitation services. Critical home repairs included roofs, gutters, plumbing, electrical, structural or those things deemed essential to the health and safety of the homeowners, such as, black mold, broken doors and/or windows, door locks and floor damage.

## Public Services

Multnomah County provided public service funding to four agencies that serve low and low-mod income persons in the east county area.<sup>2</sup>

## Fair Housing Council of Oregon (\$1,000)

The Fair Housing Council of Oregon celebrated "Fair Housing Month" by sponsoring an awareness campaign focusing on illegal housing discrimination and fair housing rights to housing consumers, housing providers, and the broader community. Collaborating with Multnomah County, City of Portland, Department of Housing and Community Development and other fair housing advocates, the Fair Housing Council of Oregon leveraged funding to launch a series of fair housing activities during April 2014 including, unveiling of FHCO's new logo, hosting special receptions, education forums and classroom events. The annual poster contest for school children and the popular bus tour-"Fasten Your Seat Belts...It's Been a Bumpy Ride" furthered the causes of awareness, equity and justice as they relate to housing in Oregon. With the CDBG funds, the Fair Housing Council leveraged additional funds to create a fair housing Public Service Announcement (PSA) that was shown before a movie audience in Multnomah County movie theaters. Spanish and English PSA's were shown during the month of April 2014.

## Community Alliance of Tenants (\$5,000)

Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT) focused its outreach on English, Spanish, Russian and Vietnamese communities in East Multnomah County with a series of three Tenant

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> An activity must meet the identified needs of L/M income persons residing in an area where at least 51% of the residents (or less if the "upper quartile" applies to the grantee, as described below) are L/M income persons. Upper Quartile Percent refers to a provision by statute that has been made for communities to use a percentage other than 51% to qualify an area benefit activity based on serving an area that contains a percent of L/M income persons that is not lower than that contained in the grantee's (Multnomah Co.) upper one-fourth of all areas within its jurisdiction in terms of degree of concentration of L/M income population.

Education events; two Renter's Rights workshops and a Tenant Resource Fair. CAT staff and volunteers conducted its outreach efforts using targeted phone calling, business social media and door knocking to encourage residents in attending education events. Event flyers were distributed to low- moderate income residents in Wood Village, Fairview and Troutdale. CAT partnered with Rockwood CDC, Reynolds High School, Fair Housing Council of Oregon, Multnomah County, Catholic Charities El Programa Hispano, Mt. Hood Early Childhood, Metro, Community Energy Project 211 info and Russian Oregon Social Services. For Hotline callers, fifty-one individuals were provided renter rights counseling and education and ninety-two individuals attended Renter's Rights Workshops held at Reynolds High School, Rockwood Library and Reynolds Middle School. Education materials were made available in Vietnamese, Spanish and Russian languages.

## Human Solutions, Inc. (\$24,220)

Human Solutions provided safe, stable, long term transitional housing and intensive services to forty-seven (47) extremely low-income homeless individuals facing significant barriers to housing stability and income self-sufficiency. In addition, anti- poverty educational classes cover topics relevant to these vulnerable families. Education topics include housing readiness, money management, and basic computer skills, English as a second language, job readiness and workplace professionalism skills. Classes run for approximately two hours and free childcare is provided to participants.

## Community Energy Projects, Inc. (\$5,726)

The Community Energy Projects, Inc. provided energy education and training in low- cost, small measure weatherization techniques for twenty-eight (28) households totaling 121 individuals. The project includes free weatherization materials to qualified low-income participants who install the materials in their own homes, or in the homes of low-income family members. This training method has been successful in helping reduce or contain energy costs and improve home comfort; increasing the likelihood of retaining health, housing and employment.

## Catholic Charities/El Programa Hispano (\$7,500)

Catholic Charities/El Programa Hispano provides year-round information and referral, emergency services and advocacy to the low-income, Latino population living in Troutdale, Wood Village and Fairview (and other areas of unincorporated Multnomah County). Clients receiving emergency services undergo a comprehensive assessment that enables them to access additional services and move from vulnerability to self-sufficiency. Service options include: energy and rental assistance, education and leadership classes and workshops, counseling, health services, legal guidance and notary services, translation services, and tax preparation assistance. Catholic Charities/El Programa Hispano served nine hundred and seven (907) residents in east Multnomah County.

#### Portland Housing Bureau-Consolidated Plan Administration (\$3,400)

The Portland Housing Bureau continues to take the lead for the Consortium and the Federal Funding Oversight Committee (FFOC). Staffing includes coordination and various committee work plans, and lead responsibility for coordination and completion of the Consolidated Plan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, Citizen Participation One-Year Action Plans and performance reports requested by Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Multnomah County partners with the City of Portland and works collaboratively sharing cost and staffing support for the continued development of the 5-year consolidated plan. County staff provides support to the Policy Advisory Board (PAB) of Multnomah County; that is made up of representatives from each of the four participating cities of Fairview, Troutdale, Wood Village, Lake Oswego and a County Commissioner Policy Advisor. The PAB establishes the criteria for competitive RFP processes and recommends projects to be funded with federal housing and community development funds in Multnomah County.

Footnotes

## Exhibit G: City of Gresham FY 2013-2014

#### **Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing**

The City of Gresham actively works to affirmatively further fair housing through its Rental Inspection Program. The City inspects all multifamily units throughout the City on both a mandatory and complaint basis. The complaint-driven component provides protections for those reporting the violations to the greatest extent possible. Inspections focus on a broad range of habitability standards, and while the primary focus is on fire, life and safety issues, and the inspections will also cover less critical but important habitability issues. The program has proven to improve living conditions for all Gresham residents and has elicited positive feedback.

In 2013, Rental Housing staff conducted 135 complaint inspections and 1,684 mandatory inspections for a total of 1,819 inspections.

Three Gresham Representatives participate in the Consortium-wide Fair Housing Advocacy Committee (FHAC) along with representatives from Portland and Multnomah County. The FHAC focuses on three areas: education and outreach, policy and advocacy and enforcement.

Gresham adopted amendments to the City's Housing Policy on November 19, 2013 which became effective Dec. 19, 2013. The Housing Policy project provided housing data and information on housing trends that were used to develop housing goals, policies and action measures for Gresham as a whole, the Downtown, Civic Neighborhood and Central Rockwood.

The City also partnered with the Camassia Community Planning, Portland State University's, Master of Urban and Regional Planning Workshop group to develop a framework for understanding the distribution of "opportunity" among neighborhoods and populations in Gresham. Camassia partnered with six community groups, conducted 33 interviews, hosted five listening circles and discussion groups that engaged 69 people, conducted a questionnaire that received 236 responses, and worked with six technical advisors. The "opportunity map" project resulted in recommendations to City Council including:

Construct additional housing units, prioritizing units that are affordable to households making less than 30% AMFI and between 50%-80% AMFI; use the opportunity analysis to help guide the location of residential development. Increase HOME funds for rental housing rehabilitation and redevelopment that property owners can utilize, targeting outreach to properties that have the most complaints through the Rental Housing Inspection Program.

Increase awareness of and resources to existing renter assistance programming, tenant education, and landlord training.