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Dear Colleague:

April 11, 2018, is the golden anniversary (50 years) of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (the Act), commonly called the Federal Fair Housing Law. The Act charges the Secretary of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with the responsibility for its administration (42 U.S. Code Section 3608). Wisconsin passed its Open Housing Law three years before the Federal law was passed. The Wisconsin Fair Housing Network (WFHN) is a group of state agencies, local governments, real estate organizations, lenders, individuals, fair housing organizations and non-profit groups dedicated to fair housing education, annually celebrates passage of these historic legislations by recognizing individuals and groups that have made substantial contributions in furthering fair housing and to eliminate housing discrimination in Wisconsin. The Milwaukee HUD Office is a proud participant in WFHN.

WFHN will be presenting two fair housing awards at that "Housing for Everyone" conference which will be held on July 17-18, 2018, at the Hyatt Regency Convention in Green Bay, WI. The Wisconsin Collaborative for Affordable Housing is sponsoring this conference.

You are invited to nominate individuals, and organizations that have made significant contributions in furthering fair housing. Fair housing occurs when people have a like range of housing choices consistent with their income and needs, regardless of their race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, lawful source of income, disability, familial status (families with children under age 18) or status as a victim of domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking. Furthering fair housing is taking action to reverse the harmful effects discrimination and segregation has had over time. You may nominate yourself or any organization or individual. You also may make more than one nomination.

The nomination categories are:

1. Individual Fair Housing Award
2. Organizations Fair Housing Award

Enclosed is the award nomination packet. Feel free to share this information with your staff, board members, or other organizations and individuals. Nominations are to be submitted to Sonya Medina at the HUD Milwaukee Field Office, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 950, Milwaukee, WI 53203 **by May 22, 2018**. If you have questions or would like an electronic version of the nomination packet, please contact Ms. Medina by telephone at 414-935-6604, or by E-mail at Sonya.L.Medina@hud.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale A. Darrow", written over a horizontal line.

Dale A. Darrow, Director
Milwaukee Field Office
U.S. Department of Housing
And Urban Development

Enclosures

2018

Wisconsin Fair Housing Network Awards

"Laws only declare rights. They do not deliver them." – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



The Wisconsin Open Housing Law was passed in 1965. The Federal Fair Housing Act was passed in 1968, shortly after the assassination of Dr. King. These are powerful and important laws; however, without the dedication of ordinary citizens, professionals, organizations, elected officials and other entities, its progress would be limited.

Please consider nominating your colleague, alderperson, volunteer, newspaper reporter, housing counseling agency, senator, etc. Nominate anyone including yourself working to ensure equal housing opportunities, to reverse harmful impacts of segregation, and/or to provide inclusive housing for everyone.

Wisconsin Fair Housing Network Award Nomination Cover Sheet

Complete Nomination Cover Sheet for each nominee and type of nomination.

Attach narrative and separate documentation.

Nominations can be made by mail, fax or electronically to the individual noted
in the cover letter.

Nominations with the all supporting documentation are due May 22, 2018

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effects discrimination and segregation has had over time.**

Check appropriate box

- Organizations Fair Housing Award (Note: If the nomination is a partnership of two or more groups attach additional sheets to cover all partners.

- Individual Fair Housing Award

Nominated by:

Address:

Telephone (s):

E-mail (s):

Nominee (s) name (s):

Address (es):

Telephone #(s):

E-mail (s):

ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO THE NARRATIVE

Organizations Award

Purpose

To recognize organizations that have made conspicuous and effective progress in working towards furthering fair housing and/or eliminating barriers to fair housing in their communities within the last year on their own or in partnership with other groups.

Eligible Nominees

Eligible nominees include organizations on their own or in partnership with other entities that have, through direct actions, contributed to affirmatively furthering fair housing and/or eliminating barriers to fair housing in their communities within the last year.

Nominees could include but are not limited to for-profit entities, non-profit entities, governmental units, media, or combinations of entities working together to make fair housing a reality. They could include real estate agencies, governmental units, fair housing groups, housing counseling, or other groups.

A past example that an organization took to address an identified fair housing barrier is a real estate/housing counseling organization held multilingual homebuyers programs and translated printed materials in other languages to increase non-English speaking persons' homeownership that due to language barriers are underrepresented as homeowners.

Nomination Narrative Requirements

1. Describe how the nominee(s) have been engaged in contributing towards the furthering of fair housing and/or eliminating barriers to fair housing within the last year and describe how the actions of the nominee(s) have addressed the analysis of impediments to fair housing (AI) of their community, region or state. Provide numerical results where available. For partnerships, each partner must be named and the role they played in that partnership explained. Identify the fair housing barrier(s) nominee(s) addressed. Identify source(s) of the barrier(s). Identify protected classes assisted by nominee(s)' activities.
2. State the results/impact of the nominee(s)' fair housing activities. Include/describe estimated dollar impact where known and the impact of activities on the nominee (s)' local community/state or nation.
3. If funds were expended to support the activities, indicate the source and the amount of the funding.
4. Attach copies of any articles, photographs, or other printed materials and award certificates/notifications that support the nomination.

Note: Every community in Wisconsin is covered by an AI – local level (city/county) for the larger communities and by the State for all the other communities.

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Individual Award

Purpose

To recognize exemplary performance in fair housing by a volunteer, an elected official, a researcher or a professional who has made an outstanding contribution toward furthering fair housing objectives and/or eliminating barriers to fair housing choice in Wisconsin.

Eligible Nominees

Eligible nominees are volunteers, researchers, elected officials or professionals who have conspicuously and effectively furthered the objective of the fair housing laws to provide fair housing and eliminate housing discrimination throughout their community.

Some past examples: An Individual participates in tests that uncover discriminatory housing practices which results in the housing provider eliminating those practices or led the effort to expand coverage of a local fair housing law.

Nomination Narrative Requirements

1. Describe specifically how the nominee has been engaged in contributing toward the furthering of fair housing and/or eliminating barriers to fair housing in his/her community during the past year and how the actions of the nominee have addressed the analysis of impediments to fair housing (AI) of his/her community, region or state.
2. State the results/impact of the nominee's fair housing activities. Identify fair housing barrier(s) nominee addressed. Identify source(s) of the barrier(s). Identify protected classes assisted by nominee's activities.
3. Describe any leadership role exhibited by the nominee and the results of that leadership to further fair housing and eliminate housing discrimination.
4. If funds were expended to support the activities, indicate the source and the amount of the funding.
5. Attach copies of any articles, photographs, or other printed materials and award certificates/notifications that support the nomination.
6. Describe the nominee's activities or projects in which the nominee was involved which extend beyond assigned duties or funded activities as applicable.

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