

Fair Housing: Accomplishing together that which we cannot accomplished alone.



Enhancing the lives of Central Texans is what the CTCOG is all about!

Central Texas Council of Governments, proudly serves over 385,000 residents in the Central Texas area. For more information about CTCOG or how to take advantage of our services, please call, email or send us a message.

The CTCOG offers a variety of services for all counties and cities, in the region. Whether reaching out to elders in need of at-home or nursing home assistance, helping a family find a safe and affordable home, providing essential transportation planning, or keeping you safe through emergency and security programs, we serve with compassion, dedication and professionalism.

A Glimpse of our Housing Services:

- Low income housing programs
- Low interest home rates
- Various types of housing option
- Fair Housing Laws
- Healthcare information

For More Information:

Representatives from CTCOG will be available to discuss your rights in regard to Fair Housing.
Call (254) 770-2200

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The Fair Housing Act

“On April 11, 1968, one week after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., President Johnson signed the Fair Housing Act. This landmark legislation finally ended the explicit racial discrimination in housing policy which segregated African Americans out of neighborhoods previously reserved for white households. The Act afforded African Americans equal opportunity to rent or purchase homes in well-resourced neighborhoods previously barricaded behind discriminatory policies and covenants, as well as access to nondiscriminatory financing and homeowners insurance” (Prosperity Now).

The Fair Housing Act, protects people from discrimination when they are renting or buying a home, getting a mortgage, seeking housing assistance, or engaging in other house related activities. The act prohibits the discrimination of housing because of:

- Race
- Color
- National Origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial Status
- Disability



The Fair Housing Amendments Act, protects the rights of parents to buy, rent, and live in the home of their choice. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) wants to tell parents five things they should know about their housing rights.

1. You Cannot Be Denied Housing Because You Have a Child.
2. You Cannot Be Evicted Housing Because You Have a Child.
3. Families Cannot Be Restricted to One Area of a Building or Complex.
4. Rules Cannot Unfairly Target Children.
5. Advertisements Cannot State That Children Are Not Wanted.



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Available Resources

The **US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**, [Click Here!](#) more Fair Housing resources.

- Investigating fair housing complaints
- Conducting compliance reviews
- Ensuring civil rights in HUD programs
- Managing fair housing grants

Operating Fund (OPFUND) Shortfall Funding, provides information on Shortfall Funding established under the Federal Financial Year (FFY) 2020 Further Consolidated Appropriations Act. The FFY 2020 Shortfall Funding encompassed a \$25 million set-aside of Public Housing Operating Fund Grants to assist eligible Public Housing Agencies (PHAs). The application process for these funds are streamlined. HUD encourages small and very small PHAs to review the website for information related to their eligibility and review the Shortfall Notice for instructions on how to apply for Shortfall Funding next application cycle, in 2021. [Click Here!](#) To visit the website.

HUD has created maps and data tables that help determine where residents face barriers to housing choice and economic opportunity. The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Data and Mapping Tool (AFFH-T) is publicly available and also for use by program participants to access HUD-provided data to conduct the fair housing analysis required as part of the Assessment of Fair Housing. [Click Here!](#) To access HUD maps and tables.

HUD's Helping Tenants Access Their Economic Impact Payments presentation can be found by [Clicking Here!](#)

Central Texas Council of Governments, prepared a document to help residents interpret the HUD data and maps. [Click Here!](#) To view the documents.



Social Equity: The Benefits of Walking

Low-income families are more reliant on walking for essential journeys than the middle class, and yet low-cost housing is often located in the most car-dependent places.

Walk Steps Partnership, Creating a pedestrian-friendly community often means tackling the challenges to walking from several different angles at the same time. To address that reality, Sam Schwartz Engineering and America Walks teamed up to create the guide Steps to a Walkable Community. These resources featured tactics and case studies in multiple disciplines and integrated them with other emerging ideas. America Walks is pleased to be able to offer the guides as part of their Learning Center and thanks Sam Schwartz Engineering for its continued support. Please [Click Here!](#) visit, for more information.

The **US Department of Agriculture** provides resources for rural residents, businesses and communities affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. [Click Here!](#) For more information.

Upcoming Events



Capital Fund Management Webinar

September 14-15 9:00am-4pm

Registration Fee: \$550

[Click Here!](#) To register.

[Click Here!](#) For a list of upcoming virtual Fair Housing webinars and events, from around the country.