

VCDP REQUIRED FAIR HOUSING TRAININGS

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As part of its commitment to affirmatively further fair housing, the Vermont Community Development Program requires municipal grantees of CDBG funds to attend VCDP-approved Fair Housing Trainings as a condition of VCDP funding.

The trainings provide background on the nondiscrimination requirements of the Fair Housing Act and explore actions that can be taken at a municipal level to affirmatively further fair housing.

WHY IS THIS REQUIRED? The Fair Housing Act and HUD regulations require that states and CDBG grantees take actions that affirmatively further fair housing.

WHO MUST ATTEND? A member of the legislative body, municipal CEO, municipal manager/administrator or a municipal designee responsible for housing issues within a municipality such as members of planning commissions, zoning boards of appeal, development review boards or local housing committees as approved by the legislative body. The goal is to ensure the appropriate people are attending the trainings and sharing the information they receive with their municipal colleagues.

WHEN? Training must be completed within one year of the award date of a VCDP grant. If the training that a municipality attends is not provided or sponsored by VCDP, the municipality must certify to VCDP that training has been completed. If the training is provided or sponsored by VCDP, VCDP will maintain a record of attendance and no further certification from municipalities is required.

HOW OFTEN? Training certification is valid for three years and must be renewed if a new grant is awarded after that three-year period.

WHAT ARE VCDP-APPROVED TRAININGS? Municipal grantees can attend Fair Housing Trainings provided by VCDP, the Vermont Human Rights Commission (VHRC), or HUD. Please obtain prior approval from VCDP if the Fair Housing Training will be provided by an organization other than VCDP, VHRC, or HUD.

CURRENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

To be announced, please check the VCDP website:

<http://accd.vermont.gov/housing/events>