

STAFF REPORT

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Date: May 8, 2012

To: Mayor R. Rex Parris and City Council Members

From: Elizabeth Brubaker, Director Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization

Subject: **Approval of a Sub-Recipient Agreement with the Housing Rights Center for Fair Housing Services**

Recommendation:

Approve the Sub-Recipient Agreement between the City of Lancaster and the Housing Rights Center to provide fair housing services to the residents of Lancaster for the 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year.

Fiscal Impact:

The amount of \$27,428.00 is to be allocated from 2012 CDBG entitlement funds.

Background:

All municipalities receiving CDBG funding are required to maintain fair housing programs in order to affirmatively further fair housing pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations as outlined in § 570.601 Public Law 88–352 and Public Law 90–284; affirmatively furthering fair housing; Executive Order 11063.

The City's existing Sub-Recipient Agreement ("Agreement") with the Housing Rights Center stipulates under Section 9 that the Agreement can be renewed on an annual basis (July 1 through June 30), by the mutual written consent of both parties. As a result, a letter was received from the Executive Director of the Housing Rights Center, dated February 13, 2012, stating their desire to continue to provide fair housing services to the City of Lancaster.

During the 2010 Program Year, the Housing Rights Center provided services to 605 Lancaster clients through a variety of programs. This total included 497 (82%) extremely low-income, 57 (9%) very low income, 39 (7%) low-income, and 12 (2%) moderate-income residents. Client data also depicted that 15% of Lancaster clients stated they had a disability, 13% were female heads of household, 8% were seniors, and 7% received a government-housing subsidy. Of the 605 Lancaster residents assisted by the Housing Rights Center, 62 reported incidents of housing discrimination, of which 45% were allegations of discrimination based on physical disability, 24% on mental disability, 6% on familial status, 5% on race, 2% on gender, and 2% on religion.

Summary:

In compliance with Federal Regulations Title 24, Part 570, Section 570.503, HUD requires that the City of Lancaster (the "Recipient") enter into a written agreement with the Housing Rights Center (the "Sub-Recipient") in order for the City to grant its entitlement funds to the sub-recipient for providing fair housing services.