

# STAFF REPORT

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Date: May 13, 2008

To: Mayor 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**

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**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 2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$24,300 provided through annual federal 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 March 10, 2008, stating their desire to continue to provide fair housing services to the City of Lancaster.

**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. An outline of the fair housing activities and resources to be provided for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, is outlined on Attachment 1 of the Agreement.