

The Illinois Department of Human Rights in partnership with the
Diversity, Inc. presents:

***FURTHERING OPPORTUNITY: HOW AFFIRMATIVELY
FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING REQUIREMENTS AFFECT YOUR
COMMUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE FAIR HOUSING
ACT***

August 20th 8:45am-4:00pm Normal, IL

Join us to learn more about:

- ❖ The historical context for AFFH legislation
- ❖ Fostering citizen participation in the AFFH planning process
- ❖ Best practices for addressing identified fair housing impediments
- ❖ AFFH for persons with disabilities

The workshop is **FREE** and directed towards anyone receiving CDGB, HOME, HOPWA, or ESG funding and community organizations. Local government and Public Housing Authority participation is strongly encouraged. The workshop will be held in the Old Room at the Bone Student Center, ISU Campus, 100 N University St., Normal, IL 61761. Space is limited. For questions and to **RSVP** please contact Amber Madden at amber.madden@illinois.gov or 312-814-2463. Please make any requests for accommodation or alternate format materials to IDHR as soon as possible but no later than August 11th.

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AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING (AFFH) WORKSHOP
AUGUST 20th AGENDA

8:45-9:15 Registration

9:15-9:45 Welcome and Introduction - *Joe Martin, Executive Director, Diversity Inc.*

9:45-10:00 7 days video

10:00-10:30 Historical context for AFFH requirements- *Eugene Dumas, Executive Director, Center for Multicultural Communities*

Representatives from the Center for Multicultural Communities provide the historical context for the affirmative nature of the AFFH requirements by examining the ways federal and state housing policy, as well as actions of lending institutions, private individuals and organizations, helped perpetuate and grow stark patterns of segregation and unequal access in neighborhoods across the country.

10:30-11:15 Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing overview – *Amber Madden, Project Coordinator, IDHR*

A brief Fair Housing overview and explanation of the AFFH rule and requirements attached to federal dollars from HUD, such as CDBG funds, will be provided.

11:15-11:30 BREAK

11:30-12:00 Fair Housing for persons with disabilities – *Adam Ballard, Housing Policy and Organizer, Access Living*

This session will provide an overview of the independent living movement and fair housing for persons with disabilities, including reasonable accommodations and modifications.



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12:00-12:45 LUNCH/NETWORKING

12:45-1:45 Group discussion on local housing issues – *Ben Fenton, Project Assistant, Diversity, Inc.*

In this session, Ben Fenton will facilitate a discussion on local housing issues and barriers to fair housing in participants' communities. This session aims to assist participants in applying what they learned in the morning sessions to their specific communities.

1:45-3:00 Best practices panel discussion–

- Melanie Cannon, *Staff Attorney, Prairie State Legal Services*
- Adam Ballard, *Housing policy and organizer, Access Living*
- Nick Hayward, *Regional Planning Commission*
- Joe Martin, *Executive Director, Diversity Inc.*

The panel will discuss “best practices” for local governments and community organizations in addressing fair housing concerns in their communities.

3:00-3:45 Breakout session-Application of best practices in your community/reflection -*Ben Fenton, Project Assistant, Diversity, Inc.*

3:45-4:00 Wrap-up/questions/evaluation –*Amber Madden and Ben Fenton*

