

Regional Assessment of Fair Housing

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requires Federal agencies and their grantees further the purpose of the Fair Housing Act. The Fair Housing Act provides civil rights protections in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings and in other real-estate related transactions based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, or disability.

The City of Tampa, Hillsborough County (including the Cities of Temple Terrace and Plant City) and the Tampa Housing Authority (THA) as recipients of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding, are required to submit to HUD an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) to meet their obligation to affirmatively further fair housing. The AFH is an analysis pursuant to 24 CFR Part 5.154 that includes an analysis of fair housing data, an assessment of fair housing issues and contributing factors, and identification of fair housing priorities and goals. Fair housing issues include segregation, racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty, disparities in access to opportunity for protected classes, and disproportionate housing needs for any protected class within the region.

The City of Tampa, Hillsborough County and the Tampa Housing Authority are collaborating on a regional AFH that will result in coordinated goals and strategies for overcoming identified fair housing issues. The City of Tampa is the lead entity responsible for the submission of the regional AFH on behalf of the collaborating program participants. The Regional AFH is due to HUD by January 4, 2017.

To ensure community participation, below you will find materials related to the development of the AFH. This webpage will be updated, as needed, with the most current information to provide residents, public agencies, and other interested parties with an opportunity to participate in the development of the AFH.

- HUD-provided data tables and maps
HUD has provided maps and data tables that show patterns of segregation and integration, racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty, disparities in access to opportunity, and disproportionate housing needs, among others. These maps and data will be used to examine the fair housing issues in the Tampa/Hillsborough County region.
- Updated Citizen Participation Plan – FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
The City of Tampa and Hillsborough County are required to amend their Citizen Participation Plans to comply with the provisions of the new AFFH Rule. The proposed substantial amendment is being made available for public review and comment. Residents, agencies, and groups, are encouraged to submit comments to the contact persons below.

30- DAY PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

Hillsborough County: September 19 – October 19, 2016

City of Tampa: September 22 – October 22, 2016

Public hearings will be held to adopt the Citizen Participation Plans and provide the public the opportunity to comment on the substantial amendment to the Citizen Participation Plans.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday October 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
(during the regularly scheduled County Commission Meeting)

County Center
601 E. Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33602

CITY OF TAMPA PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday November 3, 2016 starting at 6:00 p.m.
(during the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting)
Tampa City Council Chambers
City Hall
315 East Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33602

- Surveys

The participating entities in the regional AFH are requesting input from residents, realtors, lenders, landlords, housing providers, social service agencies, and other stakeholders on important fair housing issues. The purpose of the survey is to gather information that will facilitate evaluation and assessment of fair housing choice and barriers that restrict access to opportunity in the Tampa/Hillsborough region.

TAKE OUR SURVEY

English survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TampaAFHsurvey>

Resident Survey (Spanish): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TampaAFHresidentssurveySpanish>

- Upcoming AFH Community Meetings

The City and County will hold public meetings to inform residents about the AFH as well as provide an opportunity for all to participate in the fair housing planning process and provide feedback on fair housing issues in the region. Persons living and working in Tampa and Hillsborough County are encouraged to attend and provide input.

Date/Time	City of Tampa	Hillsborough County
Monday September 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.	West Tampa Library 2312 W. Union St. Tampa, FL 33607	Town & Country Regional Public Library 7606 Paula Drive Tampa, FL 33615-4116
Tuesday September 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.	Hyde Park United Methodist Church 500 W. Platt St. Tampa, FL 33606	Bruton Memorial Library 302 W McLendon Street Plant City, FL 33563
Wednesday September 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.	University Area Community Development Corporation 14013 N. 22 nd St. Tampa, FL 33613	
Thursday September 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.	Cyrus Greene Community Center 2101 E. MLK Blvd. Tampa, FL 33601	Hillsborough County SouthShore Community Resource Center 201 14 th Avenue SE Ruskin, FL 33570

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Reasonable accommodations will be made for individuals with disabilities or persons with Limited English Proficiency requiring auxiliary aids or services. Persons needing special accommodations to participate in any proceeding should contact the appropriate program participant (City of Tampa/Hillsborough County/Tampa Housing Authority) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.