

FAIR HOUSING OF MARIN

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FAIR HOUSING OF MARIN RECEIVES HUD GRANT

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Fair Housing of Marin has been awarded a grant of \$275,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for fair housing enforcement work. "The Fair Housing Initiative Program grant process is highly competitive and the fact that Fair Housing of Marin has received a grant for 2006 is a testament and recognition of the outstanding work that the agency does in fair housing", stated Chuck Hauptman, Director, of Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity, Region IX. "HUD looks forward to working with Fair Housing of Marin in educating the public on their fair housing rights and enforcing fair housing laws."

This grant allows Fair Housing of Marin to handle complaints of discrimination from Marin residents, monitor Internet real estate advertising for discriminatory wording and practices, negotiate Reasonable Accommodation remedies for Marinites with physical or mental disabilities and make predatory lending presentations to vulnerable seniors.

“We are pleased to have our hard work acknowledged and rewarded by HUD,” noted Nancy Kenyon, Executive Director of Fair Housing of Marin. “This grant means that we can help more Marin residents get into the housing of their choice without the experience of discrimination. This is especially important for residents with physical or mental disabilities, whose numbers are increasing as Marin residents age”.

Last year, Fair Housing of Marin was the recipient of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development’s Pioneers of Fair Housing Award for their pioneering work in the area of discrimination in senior housing.

Fair Housing of Marin provides counseling, investigative services, mediation and legal or administrative referrals to persons experiencing housing discrimination. There is no charge for these services; Spanish is spoken. We also offer advice and seminars for the housing industry, to help apartment-owners, managers and real estate professionals fully understand fair housing laws. Individuals and property owners with fair housing questions are encouraged to call Fair Housing of Marin at (415) 457-5025 or visit our website at www.fairhousingmarin.com.

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