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LOCAL FAIR HOUSING CENTER AWARDED \$425,000 FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center (MVFHC) are pleased to announce that HUD has awarded the Fair Housing Center two grants under the department's Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP), which is the only federal funding source specifically for education, outreach, and enforcement activities by private, non-profit fair housing organizations.

The grants awarded to the MVFHC include:

FHIP – Education & Outreach Initiative—General Component (EOI): \$125,000.00 for a twelve (12) month project wherein MVFHC will conduct educational and outreach programs through forums including government centers, schools, churches, and professional organizations such as the Greater Dayton Apartment Association and the Dayton REALTORS®.

FHIP – Private Enforcement Initiative—Multi-Year Component (PEI-MYC): The enforcement grant awarded to the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center (MVFHC) is one of twenty-four awarded to FHIP agencies that are high performers and will receive multi-year funding. Multi-year funding allows groups that maintain excellent performance ratings to continue their activities without interruption. The grant to MVFHC is for \$300,000 per year for three years, for a total of \$900,000 and will enable the Center to implement comprehensive enforcement services, including complaint intake, investigation, and referral for alleged victims of discrimination.

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Additionally MVFHC will conduct investigations in the rental, sales and lending markets, for evidence of systemic discrimination and will conduct investigations of newly developed multifamily housing developments for compliance with the accessibility design and construction requirements of the Fair Housing Act.

“These grants represent an enormous opportunity for the Fair Housing Center and to ensure stability for the vital programs we operate in the community. We are very pleased that HUD found are applications to be competitive and worthy of funding,” said Ronald Jackson, Chair, of the Board of Directors of the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center.

The grant to the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center is part of \$14 million in Private Enforcement Initiative grants (PEI) awarded by HUD to help groups investigate alleged housing discrimination, and enforce the Fair Housing Act and state and local laws that are substantially equivalent to the Act.

The Fair Housing Center celebrated its 25th anniversary last year; and is widely recognized as one of the most effective private fair housing organizations in the United States. The Center has brought both administrative and court cases against housing providers on behalf of individual victims and as an agency, when it can document that the Center has diverted funding to investigate discrimination and/or that the identified discrimination frustrates the Fair Housing Center’s mission to the community.

“Last year was a difficult year when we did not receive any federal funding,” said Jim McCarthy, President/CEO of the Fair Housing Center. “However, the local community stepped up and provided the Center with enormous support and with the help of Montgomery County, the City of Dayton, a grant from the Harry A. Toulmin, Jr., and Virginia B. Toulmin Fund of The Dayton Foundation, The Virginia W. Kettering Foundation, we not only survived but thrived,” McCarthy continued. “We are eager to partner with HUD again and make good use of the federal dollars we have been awarded,” McCarthy concluded.

The Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) began as a pilot program under President Ronald Reagan, and was made permanent by the George H.W. Bush Administration. The Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at HUD manages the FHIP program and provides funding to fair housing organizations and other non-profits who assist people who believe they have been victims of housing discrimination. The FHIP program is the only Federal grant program whose purpose is to support private partnerships in preventing and overcoming housing discrimination.