

2009 Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

Entitlement jurisdictions are required to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) a certification of affirmatively furthering fair housing. Among other elements, this certification requires that government entities complete an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

An Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) is an examination of the impediments or barriers to fair housing that affect protected classes within a geographic region. HUD defines impediments to fair housing choice in terms of their applicability to state and federal law.

In Minnesota, this would include:

- Any actions, omissions or decisions taken on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability or handicap, familial status, national origin, creed, sexual or affectional orientation, marital status, and receipt of public assistance which restrict housing choices or the availability of housing choice.
- Any actions, omissions or decisions which have the effect of restricting housing choices or the availability of housing choice on the basis of the protected classes listed previously.

The AI process involves a thorough examination of a variety of sources related to housing, affirmatively furthering fair housing, the fair housing delivery system and housing transactions, which affect people who are protected under fair housing law. AI sources include census data; home mortgage industry data; federal, state and local housing complaint data; surveys of housing industry experts and stakeholders; and other housing information.

The attached links lead to the 2009 AI and a technical appendix to the AI.