

City of Long Beach Assessment of Fair Housing



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The Fair Housing Act

The Fair Housing Act, part of the Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and in other real estate-related transactions because **of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, and familial status (federal protected Classes)**.

Local governments that receive federal funding must be involved in fair housing planning to affirmatively further the policies of the Fair Housing Act. Policies include ensuring persons are not denied equal opportunities in connection with housing because of their protected class.

HUD's New Rule: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)

- Under the new rule, the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) have been replaced by an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH).
- The new rule provided a framework and more explicit direction for grantees to assess **HUD-identified fair housing issues** (Assessment Tools).
- HUD provided each grantee robust data to assess fair housing issues in its community and standards to comply with the regulation.
- The rule also provided guidelines for incorporating and implementing the assessment into subsequent community and housing planning documents.

HUD-Identified Fair Housing Issues that May Restrict Fair Housing Choice or Access to Opportunity

1. Segregation/Integration
2. Racially or Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (R/ECAPs)
3. Disparities in Access to Opportunity
4. Disproportionate Housing Needs
5. Fair housing issues related to publicly supported housing; disability and access; and fair housing services.

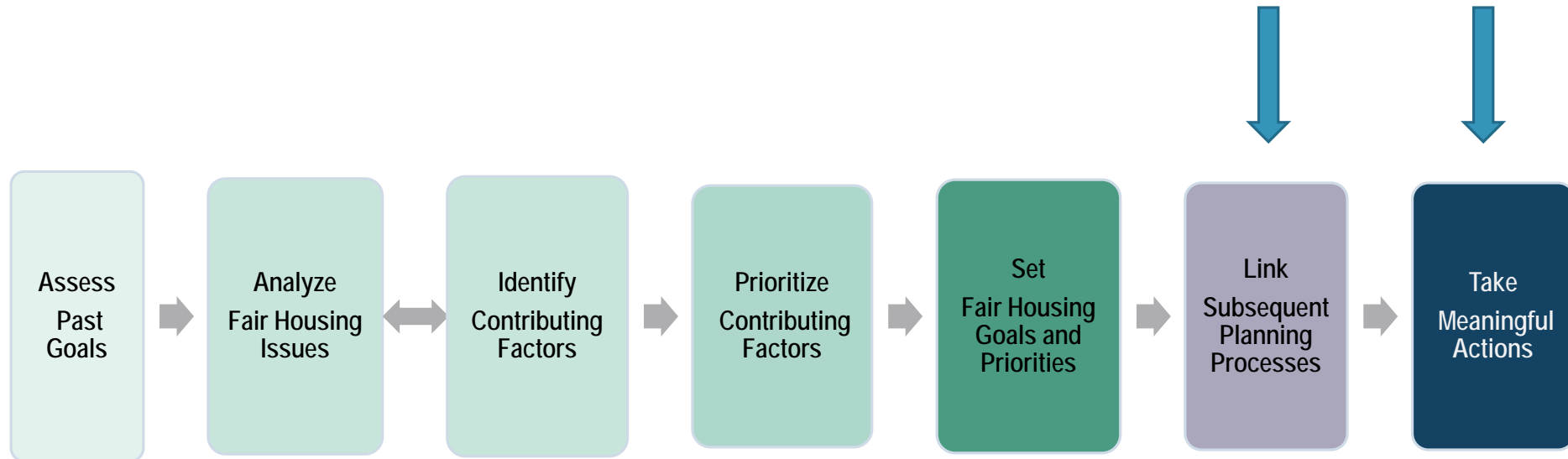
Fair Housing Planning Process



Fair Housing Goals and Priorities

1. Preserve affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods and expand general and affordable housing supply citywide.
2. Improve fair housing education and outreach activities by implementing innovative strategies to investigate complaints and implement enforcement procedures
3. Provide for additional accessible multifamily and single family units for individuals with disabilities through a comprehensive strategy.
4. Reduce disparities in access to opportunity through a comprehensive, holistic, place-based, community-led, data-driven, strategy.
5. Improve financial literacy and access of financing for homeownership and improvement.
6. Improve mobility and opportunities for Housing Choice Voucher participants, Project-Based Voucher participants, and publicly supported housing residents.

From Assessment to Implementation



- Consolidated Plan
- Annual Action Plans
- Public Housing Agency Plans