

In addition to these specific programs, the City will continue to work with non-profit housing providers and public housing agencies and participate in appropriate committees and boards, such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board.

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

The City will continue to address the needs and impediments identified in the September 2005 *Analysis of Fair Housing Impediments*. Activities that will be conducted include:

- City staff investigation and conciliation of complaints related to housing discrimination.
- Provide counseling and referrals as necessary.
- Conduct education and outreach to residents, housing providers, lenders, and other community members.
- Disseminate information to the local news media on fair housing and equality issues and activities.
- Participate in training sessions, workshops, and conferences.
- Use visible placement of equal opportunity housing logo on relevant City publications and housing programs that use City, CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding.
- Provide staff support and/or technical assistance to the Equality Coalition for Housing Opportunity, the Council on Disability Issues, Race Relations Center, Disability Resource Center, East Tennessee Coalition for the Homeless, Knoxville Tenants' Council, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Commission.
- Operate and/or fund programs that promote housing opportunities, such as homeownership education and downpayment assistance, housing improvements, and new housing development.

Needs of Public Housing

1. Describe the manner in which the plan of the jurisdiction will help address the needs of public housing and activities it will undertake during the next year to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership.
2. If the public housing agency is designated as "troubled" by HUD or otherwise is performing poorly, the jurisdiction shall describe the manner in which it will provide financial or other assistance in improving its operations to remove such designation during the next year.

Program Year 3 Action Plan Public Housing Strategy response:

Improve Public Housing and Resident Initiatives

City staff reviewed and commented on Knoxville's Community Development Corporation's (KCDC) Five Year and Annual Plans in order to ensure the Plans are consistent with the City's goals and *Consolidated Plan*. The KCDC Plan describes efforts to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership. The City coordinates with KCDC to encourage participation in City-assisted homeownership programs.

KCDC is a high performing agency.