FAIR HOUSING FOR ALL Source of Income Discrimination



Do you have a federal, state, local or non-profitadministered housing subsidy?

Do you suspect a housing provider has discriminated against you because of your source of income, disability, or another reason?

Have you ever heard comments like this?

"This property isn't registered for Section 8."

"This unit isn't suited for someone with a disability."

"We don't take third party payments."

"This property isn't safe for young children."

"I won't provide a W9."

"No Section 8."

Housing Discrimination is illegal.

This includes denying or treating people differently because they have rental assistance. Recipients of rental assistance are often also members of other protected classes, and therefore may experience other forms of discrimination, such as based on disability, race, or familial status. The law protects against discrimination on these bases and more.

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Beginning January 2024, for housing subsidies, it's illegal for landlords to:

- Use credit history without offering the applicant the option of providing alternative evidence of ability to pay the portion of the rent to be paid by the tenant.
 - Alternative evidence may include for example: government benefit payments, pay records, and bank statements.
- If the applicant chooses to offer alternative evidence, the housing provider must:
 - > Provide the applicant reasonable time to respond, and
 - > Reasonably consider that alternative evidence instead of credit.
- Landlords may still request information or documentation needed to verify employment, to request landlord references, or to verify the identity of a person.

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