

# Tennessee Housing Development Agency Sub-recipient/Grantee (of Federal Financial Assistance) Non-Discrimination in Service Self-Assessment/Survey

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 provides that that no qualified individual with a disability should, only by reason of his or her disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. Title VIII (the "Fair Housing Act") of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and amendments, along with the Tennessee Human Rights Act (TCA 4-21-601), prohibit discrimination in housing activities on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, handicap (disability), sex, and familial status.

All THDA contracts with sub-recipients include a non-discrimination assurance that requires the grantee not to exclude persons from participation in, deny benefits to, or otherwise subject any person to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, or any other classification protected by Federal, State or statutory law. THDA requires sub-recipients (grantees) to conduct annual non-discrimination training activities with employees involved in the administration of THDA's programs and provides online non-discrimination training options at <u>www.thda.org</u>.

THDA has developed this Self Survey as a means of gathering information on sub-recipient/grantee compliance with the various non-discrimination laws to assist with Federal reporting and the planning of non-discrimination training and technical assistance. Each sub-recipient must complete a Self-Survey form annually and submit the signed form to THDA <u>no later than July 31</u>. The form should be emailed with electronic signatures to <u>civilrights@thda.org</u> or mailed to, Civil Rights Compliance, THDA, 502 Deaderick St, Nashville, TN 37243. Questions or concerns about this Self Survey, THDA's online training or other civil rights issues may be directed to <u>civilrights@thda.org</u> or 615-815-2127.

# I. Contact Information & Programs Administered

Name & Title of Person Completing Survey

Grantee Name

Address (inc. City, State, Zip & County)

Telephone Number

Federal ID Number

Date

Position	Name	E-Mail Address
Executive Director or		
Local Government Official (circle)		
Fiscal Director/Accountant		
Title VI Coordinator		

List the total grant award for each THDA grant for which you requested funds (full or partial draw) during the current fiscal year (even if the grant was awarded in a prior year); briefly describe how your agency utilizes the grant funding & include the year your agency was awarded the grant. Attach a separate sheet if needed or desired.

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### II. Demographics of Service Area & Program Beneficiaries

1. What is the **percentage** of households by race/ethnicity in the service area (for the most recent period available)? Enter data using decimals (.05 for 5%). See *U.S. Census Quick facts* for race/ethnicity data by geographic area.

Service Area Description		Rac	Ethnicity			
(county, city, statistical area)	White	Black/Af. American	Asian Other		Hispanic	Not Hispanic

2. What is the number of beneficiaries by HOH race/ethnicity in each THDA grant funded program (during the past year)?

Program/Activity Name		Rac	Ethnicity			
	White Black/Af. American		Asian	Other	Hispanic	Not Hispanic

\*Note: "Other" may include beneficiaries who are Am. Indian or Alaska native, native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, two or more races, other races and those who fail to disclose a race.

3. If minority groups (by race or ethnicity) represent a minimum of 5% of the population in the geographic service area of your organization, does your organization engage in affirmative marketing, such as utilizing minority media or conducting outreach to minority service organizations in the community? N/A Yes No If YES, please describe outreach:

# III. Non-Discrimination Policies & Training

1. Does your organization have a written non-discrimination statement regarding the provision of benefits or services to all persons without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion/creed, familial status or disability?

Yes No If NO, please explain why:

- 2. Does your organization have a written discrimination complaint process? Yes No
- 3. Do new employees receive training regarding applicable non-discrimination laws? Yes No If YES, please select training method?

THDA Online Training Classroom Training (Date(s)):

Other Training:

4. Does employee training include information on the following non-discrimination laws or requirements?

Title VI?	Yes	No	
Language Access?	Yes	No	
Section 504?	Yes	No	
Fair Housing?	Yes	No	N/A (do not engage in housing related activities)

5. Is non-discrimination training provided annually to all employees? Yes No

- 6. How many total employees (new or existing) completed non-discrimination training in the past year:
- 7. Do volunteers receive non-discrimination training? Yes No N/A (no volunteers)

# **IV.** Notifications

- 1. Does your organization have a written policy for notifying individuals about their rights under applicable nondiscrimination laws? Yes No
- How are applicants and beneficiaries informed about their rights under applicable non-discrimination laws? Written notice Oral notice Not notified
- 3. How often are beneficiaries of THDA funded programs informed of their rights under applicable non-discrimination laws (check all that apply)? At initial receipt of services Annually Not informed Other (explain):
- 4. Is the HUD Equal Housing poster (form HUD-928.1) displayed in a visible location (office, website, etc.)?

Yes No N/A (organization does not engage in housing related activities)

#### V. Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

- 1. Has your organization conducted an individualized program assessment using a four-factor analysis of the level of language assistance services the organization should provide? Yes No
- Does your organization have written policies and procedures for what language services (oral interpretation or written translation) will be offered to LEP persons and how the services will be delivered? Yes No If NO, please explain:
- 3. Have you provided notice to LEP persons in a language they can understand about the right to free language assistance? Yes No If NO, please explain:
- Does your organization provide free interpretation services (oral) of vital program information to LEP persons?
  Yes No
- 5. Please provide the number of language encounters or requests for language assistance in the reporting period: Attach a separate sheet if needed or desired.

Number of Requests      Language/Language Group (e.g. Spanish)			

#### VI. Discrimination Complaints

1. Has your organization made the public aware of the right to file a discrimination complaint & the process?

Yes No If YES, by what mechanism?

- 2. Number of discrimination complaints (Title VI, Fair Housing, Section 504) filed with your organization during the survey period:
- 3. Number of complaint(s) filed with state or federal jurisdictional agency (TN Human Rights Commission, HUD, HHS, DOE) in the past year alleging discrimination by your organization:
- 4. Number of lawsuit(s) filed alleging discrimination by your organization in the past 3 years: Attach additional pages to explain the nature of any complaint(s) or lawsuit(s); date filed and the outcome.

#### VII. Board of Directors & Advisory Boards

 List the number of Board of Director members who currently serve on the Board by race/ethnicity. <u>Note</u>: For local governments, this does not include the County Commission or City Council. *Check this box if your organization does not have a Board of Directors.*

Board	White	African American	Asian	Other Race	Hispanic	Male	Female	Total Members
Board of Directors								

\*Note: "Other" may include beneficiaries who are Am. Indian, Alaska or Hawaiian Natives, Pacific Islander, two or more races, other races and those who fail to disclose a race.

- 2. What is the term length for Board of Directors membership?
- 3. How are members of the Board of Directors selected?
- 4. List the number of Board members by race/ethnicity who currently serve on an Advisory Board(s) that contributes to decisions on housing related awards funded by THDA.

*Check this box if your organization does not have any Advisory Boards that contribute to decisions on programs funded through THDA.* 

Advisory Board Name	White	African American	Asian	Other Race	Hispanic	Male	Female	Total Members

\*Note: "Other" may include beneficiaries who are Am. Indian, Alaska or Hawaiian Natives, Pacific Islander, two or more races, other races and those who fail to disclose a race.

5. What is the term length for Advisory Board membership?

- 6. How are members of the Advisory Board selected?
- 7. If the composition of the Board of Directors and/or Advisory Board members is not racially and ethnically representative of the service area AND minorities and minority group(s) represent a minimum of 5% of the geographic service area population, what steps will be taken to obtain minority Board representation? N/A (may only be not applicable where minority groups are less than 5% of the service area population)

#### VIII. Declaration of Respondent

I declare that I have completed the information in this Non-Discrimination in Service Self Survey and to the best of my knowledge and belief; it is true, complete and correct.

Signature\*

Print Name

Organization Name

Date

\*Check this box if you are a private entity administering a grant on behalf of the grantee/THDA sub- recipient (or a contract administrator).