

**CALHOUN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
POLICY STATEMENT**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>  <b>FAIR HOUSING POLICY</b>	<b>DATE APPROVED:</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE:</b> <b>Immediately</b>	<b>POLICY NO.</b> <b>407</b>
	<b>11/5/2015</b>	<b>REPLACES:</b> <b>NEW</b>	

This policy applies only to housing, if any, provided by Calhoun County Government. The Calhoun County Board of Commissioners is committed to fair housing and will work aggressively to ensure that Calhoun County Government housing developments, if any, comply fully with all state, federal and fair housing laws. Calhoun County Government has appointed the Calhoun County Treasurer or her designee (for all Treasurer projects) and the County Administrator/Controller or her designee (for all other County government projects) as its fair housing contact person. The appointed person(s) have an understanding of the Fair Housing Laws and will attend applicable training to remain informed.

Calhoun County has established a Fair Housing Log. The Fair Housing Log will be maintained by the designee(s) for the Treasurer and the Administrator/Controller and will disclose information regarding any and all fair housing concerns and their outcomes. Fair housing issues identified in the community, such as in the newspaper, will be recorded in the log. Persons wishing to file a housing related complaint or concern will be referred to the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, HUD, and their local Fair Housing Center. Persons wishing to file a complaint or concern that is employment related will be referred to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. The designee(s) will notify MSHDA if a complaint or concern is filed.

The offices of Calhoun County are accessible and barrier free. Calhoun County government will make every attempt to reasonably accommodate all of its customers.

Calhoun County will include the Fair Housing Logo on all of its housing related documents and advertisements. Calhoun County will post a Fair Housing poster in a place visible to the public. Calhoun County will secure and distribute Fair Housing material provided by MSHDA and various other Fair Housing agencies and organizations. "Fair Housing, It's Your Right" brochures will be distributed to all applicants.

Calhoun County will consider all applicants and contractors based on qualifications. No applicant or contractor will be denied housing or a contract based on their race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, marital status, familial status and handicap. Persons raising concerns regarding discrimination will not be retaliated against. Calhoun County will request that both minority and women apply for assistance through the single-family and emergency assistance programs.

Calhoun County is committed to affirmative marketing and will identify their fair housing needs and barriers. Calhoun County will address these needs and barriers by establishing a plan to resolve and meet fair housing needs.

Calhoun County is committed to providing safe, affordable, decent, and sanitary housing located in areas where people choose to live.