

E. FAIR HOUSING POLICY 24CFR 982.54(d)(6)

It is the policy of the Somerville Housing Authority to comply fully with all Federal, State, and local nondiscrimination laws; the Americans with Disabilities Act; and the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations governing Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

The SHA shall not deny any family or individual the equal opportunity to apply for or receive assistance under the Section 8 Programs on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, creed, national or ethnic origin, age, familial status, handicap or disability or sexual orientation.

To further its commitment to full compliance with applicable Civil Rights laws, the Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) will provide Federal/State/local information to Voucher holders regarding unlawful discrimination and any recourse available to families who believe they are victims of a discriminatory act. Such information will be made available during the family briefing session, and all applicable Fair Housing Information and Discrimination Complaint Forms will be made part of the voucher holder's briefing packet and also available upon request at the Somerville Housing Authority office. In addition, all appropriate written information and advertisements will contain the appropriate Equal Opportunity language and logo.

The Somerville Housing Authority will attempt to remedy discrimination complaints made against the SHA. The Somerville Housing Authority provide a copy of a discrimination form to the complainant and provide them with information on how to complete and submit the form to HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO).

The Somerville Housing Authority offices are accessible to persons with disabilities. Accessibility for the hearing impaired is provided by the TTD # 617.628.8889.