



# FAIR HOUSING IN COLORADO SPRINGS

Colorado was the first state to pass fair housing laws. It barred discrimination in housing in 1959, nine years before the signing of the federal Fair Housing Act. Congress passed the Fair Housing Act (FHA) in 1968, expanding the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The Act prohibits discrimination and the intimidation of people in nearly all housing transactions, including the rental, sale, and financing of housing. Fair housing laws apply to housing providers, landlords, real estate brokers, mortgage lenders, homeowner associations, and others.

Discrimination based on protected class is prohibited. In Colorado, it is illegal to discriminate based on:

- Disability
- Race
- Creed
- Color
- Religion
- Sex
- Sexual orientation and gender identity
- Marital status
- Familial status
- National origin
- Ancestry
- Source of income (c. 2021)

The City of Colorado Springs goes beyond mere compliance to further fair housing. We support our residents and partners through education, funding, research, and program design.

## Education

Host quarterly Renter Rights 101 workshops

Share webinar and trainings in weekly newsletter

Maintain consumer support materials on website

Translation of key resources from City and FH partners

## Program Support and Design

Fund housing counseling services

Fund legal services for low-income tenants

Fund accessibility rehabs for homeowners and tenants

Co-created and co-facilitate a peer navigation Housing Ambassador program with The Justice Center

## Compliance

Require fair marketing plan from all affordable housing developers

Require FH policies from all housing provider partners

Provide interpreters and language access for CDD events

## Partnerships

Colorado Legal Services  
Pikes Peak Library District  
The Justice Center

Colorado Housing Connects

Denver Metro Fair Housing Center

The Independence Center

## Research

Track housing trends that disproportionately affect protected classes

Learn about best practices in community development that prevent discrimination and disparities



Photo: Renter Rights 101 workshop at Sand Creek Library (2019)

