

**16.9 Nondiscrimination and affirmative action.**

1. Housing financed or otherwise assisted by the authority, directly or indirectly, shall be open to all persons regardless of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, age, physical or mental impairment, or religion except that preference may be given to elderly families, families which include one or more persons with disabilities, lower income families, or very low income families.

2. The authority shall promote marketing plans to make housing available to all persons without discrimination.

3. The authority shall require adoption and submission of an affirmative action program for employment by all contractors and subcontractors of housing financed or otherwise assisted by the authority.

4. The authority shall require all mortgage lenders who participate in programs financed or otherwise assisted by it to agree that they will not designate certain areas as unsuitable for the making of mortgage loans because of the prevailing income, racial, ethnic, or other characteristics of the inhabitants of the area. This subsection is intended to prohibit all mortgage lenders who participate in authority programs from engaging in the practice commonly known as "redlining".

5. The authority may require mortgage lenders who participate in programs financed or otherwise assisted by the authority to take affirmative action to make mortgage loans in areas with a higher than average concentration of lower income families or members of racial or ethnic minorities.

[C77, 79, 81, §220.9]

C93, §16.9

96 Acts, ch 1129, §113