



# Long Island Housing Services, Inc.

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Town of Islip Community Development Agency  
15 Shore Lane, P.O. Box 5587  
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Re: Recommendations for the Islip FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Strategy and Plan, the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Plan and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Long Island Housing Services, Inc. (LIHS) would like to express our gratitude to the Town of Islip for its support of our programs through the allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds, as the urgency and level of need is great.

Unfortunately, **HUD has informed LIHS that they are cancelling \$1 Million of grants to provide Fair Housing Services for the next three (3) years.** If this cancellation stands, **LIHS will have to limit the amount of Fair Housing Services provided to Islip residents** because the services currently provided to Islip residents will exceed what our remaining funding will allow. Unfortunately, the remaining funding, including the CDBG funding from Islip will not cover the entire cost of services currently provided. LIHS requests that Islip contact their federal representatives to reverse this decision so LIHS can continue to provide full fair housing services to Islip residents.

We would like to congratulate the Town of Islip on joining the New York State ADU Plus program.

*In preparation for the 2025-2029 Consolidated Strategy and Plan, the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Plan and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, we have provided our Fair Housing concerns for the town and their subgrantee villages:*

1. Join Nation Fair Housing Alliance as a Supporting member
2. Join National Community Reinvestment Coalition as a member in order to deposit town funds in banks that support community reinvestment
3. Require Rental Permit Inspections to check whether Landlords are displaying NYS DHR required Notice of Reasonable Accommodation/Reasonable Modification rights in their rental offices.
4. Become designated as a ProHousing Community by New York State
5. Enact Rental Permit requirements that Landlords adopt a Fair Housing Policy

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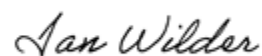
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6. Remove from their Rental Permit requirements that tenants are a family or functional equivalent.
7. Require subgrantee Villages to disprove an assumption that a Local Preference or Local Residential Requirement for Affordable Housing has a Disparate Impact
8. Require investment subgrantee Villages show that if they are in High Opportunity Areas that they have their fair share of affordable housing
9. Require segregation level, such using as a dissimilarity index for their neighborhoods versus surrounding neighborhoods.
10. Adopt a visitability standard for building code.
11. Require that all accessibility requirements include needs of Persons with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities such as providing Wayfinding, Visual cues, and Quiet spaces.
12. **Desegregation** - The placement of all the affordable housing outside of high opportunity areas reinforces that segregation. Priority must be given to seeking out and channeling resources to build affordable housing projects in high opportunity areas.
13. **Subrecipients.** The town has a duty to require that its subrecipient villages are also Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. Since those villages include Islip's high opportunity areas, the funds they receive should be targeted to opening up the opportunity to move to those communities from low opportunity portions of the town, including auditing village zoning laws to ensure that they are inclusive and actively seeking the placement of affordable housing in those communities.
14. **Affiliated Housing Providers.** The town should remind their affiliated housing providers to follow county, state, and federal fair housing law, and provide evidence of auditing their procedures to ensure that those laws are followed.

LIHS' mission is the elimination of housing discrimination and promotion of decent and affordable housing through advocacy and education. Our services and programs driven by that mission. CDBG funds defray the costs of salaries, fringe benefits and other operational costs (including rent, utilities, equipment, and the cost of program audits). Our private enforcement efforts include investigating and prosecuting fair housing cases, advocating for victims and providing representation when evidence gathered is compelling. We collaborate and offer services for government sponsored agencies, non-profit service providers, and housing industry groups by providing fair housing education, outreach, counseling, and advocacy services.

LIHS works with the Town to ensure that alleged Fair Housing law violations are investigated, and appropriate complaints are filed. Our staff will assist the Islip's tenants, landlords and homeowners with maintaining a safe, affordable place to live. We appreciate the support through CDA funds to support our ability to provide these services and resources.

Sincerely,



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