

Recommendations for the New York State 2025 Consolidated Plan:

- Add Criminal Conviction and Limited English Proficiency as protected classes
- Pass Co-op transparency law requiring a written explanation of a denial
- Join Nation Fair Housing Alliance as a Supporting member
- Join National Community Reinvestment Coalition as a member. Use the information to deposit state funds in high Community Reinvestment rated banks.
- Require subgrantee Towns and Villages include in Rental Permit Inspections checking whether Landlords are displaying NYS DHR required Notice of Reasonable Accommodation/Reasonable Modification rights in their rental offices.
- Require subgrantee Towns and Villages to be designated a ProHousing Community by New York State
- Encourage subgrantee Towns and Villages include in Rental Permit requirements that Landlords adopt a Fair Housing Policy
- Require subgrantee Towns and Villages remove from their Rental Permit requirements that tenants are a family or functional equivalent.
- Require subgrantee Towns and Villages to disprove an assumption that a Local Preference or Local Residential Requirement for Affordable Housing has a Disparate Impact
- Require investment in High Opportunity Areas show that they have their fair share of affordable housing
- Require subgrantee Towns and Villages to report their segregation level, such as a dissimilarity index for their neighborhoods
- Require subgrantee Towns to join the NYS Plus One ADU Program
- Encourage subgrantee Towns and Villages to change zoning to support the building of ADUs and Tiny Homes
- Require subgrantee Towns and Villages to adopt a visitability standard for their building code.
- Require that all State accessibility requirements include needs of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities such as providing Wayfinding, Visual cues, and Quiet spaces.
- Require all State supported or approved housing developments have websites that meet needs of Persons with Limited English Proficiency