

FAIR HOUSING

City of Racine Fair Housing March 2020 Activity Report

*TOTAL # OF INTAKES: 1
*CALL-INS / WALK-INS: 18
ASSESSED / REFERRED: 27

Dept. of Ag. Trade & Cons. Prot.	7
Environmental Health Department	0
Building Department	0
Racine Fire Department	0
Clerk of Courts (Small Claims)	0
Housing Authority	0
Legal Action of Wisconsin	3
Tenant Resource Center	0
ELCA Outreach Center	0
WI Bar Association	0
Neighborhood Watch/COP House	0
Housing Resources Inc.	0
HOPES Center	0
St. Vincent De Paul	0
Salvation Army	0
Energy Assistance	0
Safer At Home/Executive Order 15	14
HALO	1
Affordable Housing Resources List	0
AA/HRC Complaint Racine	0
HUD Discrimination Referral	1
HUD Nondiscrimination Referral	0
Discrimination ERD Referral	0
Investigated	0
Survey Test	0
Complaint Driven Test	0
Workforce Development Center	0

*All call-ins / walk-ins in the section assessed and referred may be multiple referrals.

*Intakes are specifically related to filing complaints with HUD/ERD.

OUTSIDE RACINE:

- 6 calls from outside Racine (3 Mt. Pleasant, 1 Union Grove, 2 Kenosha)

MEDIA INTERVIEW:

- None

PRESENTATION/COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- None

Investigations Conducted:

- Complainant is a single, black female. Complainant was homeless and agreed to a sexual relation with her landlord in order to get into the unit. She refused further advances by the landlord and the landlord retaliated.* The landlord raised the rent, cut off the hot water, and entered the unit at will. The police have been called to the unit multiple times and the CP is scared to leave due to COVID19. Staff referred the case to Legal Action Wisconsin and will assist in the Fair Housing aspects of the case.

*Retaliation under the Fair Housing Act is forbidden (Federal, State, and Local).

FILED (Alleged) COMPLAINT (S) w/HUD or ERD:

- See above.

COMPLAINT UPDATE:

- The complainant is a married, Hispanic, male with two minor children. He had changed jobs and was short on rent for the month of December, complainant received help from St. Vincent De Paul and was still a bit short on the rent. The landlord was harassing the tenant, stopping by at midnight, and leaving threatening letters. Staff worked with the CP and St. Vincent De Paul to set up a payment agreement and the CP agreed to pay an extra \$75 per month until the full debt (\$250) was paid to the landlord. The landlord agreed to not come by harassing for rent collection.

COMPLAINTS RESOLVED/CLOSED:

None

Fair Housing Test Conducted:

None

SPECIAL NOTES:

Staff is looking for groups to speak with about Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. Please share potential contacts with staff.