

Fair Housing Equity Assessment Overview

Purpose

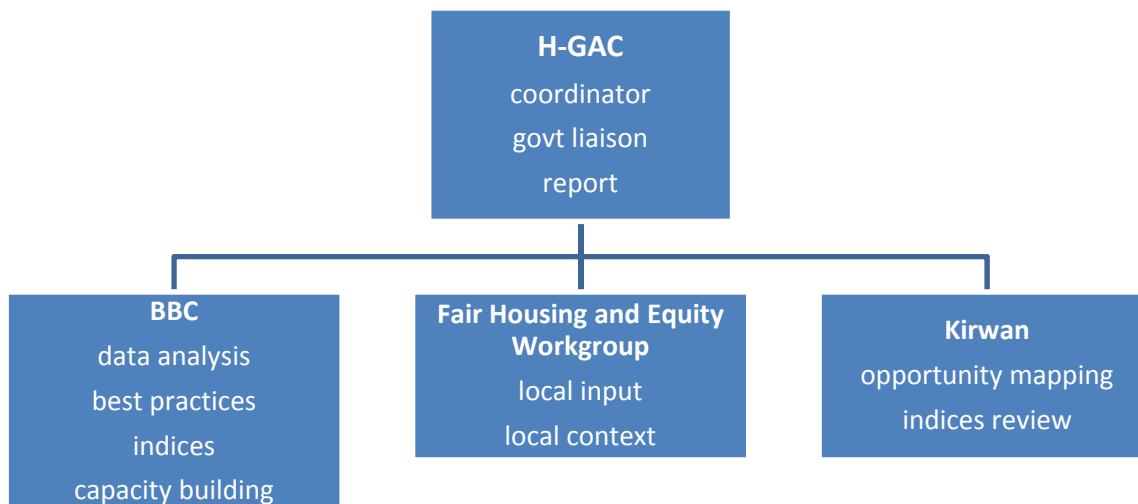
The Fair Housing Equity Assessment (FHEA) is intended to identify baseline conditions for fair housing, social equity and areas of opportunity across the region, inform deliberations of the Coordinating Committee and inform the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development.

Timing

We anticipate completing the FHEA work in Summer 2013.

Roles

H-GAC will lead the FHEA effort, manage third party expertise, draft the final FHEA document, and act as the local government liaison. H-GAC will draw upon the expertise of three groups throughout the FHEA process: BBC Research and Consulting, the local Fair Housing and Equity Workgroup, and the Kirwan Institute. The Fair Housing Equity Workgroup covers the regional transect and includes several local governments with housing programs, non-profits and fair housing and equity advocacy groups.



Components

The FHEA is comprised of 5 basic components. H-GAC will focus on a sample of local governments, representing the urban, suburban, rural and coastal areas of the region:

- Assessment of Primary Demographic Concerns
- Disparities in Access to Opportunity
- Fair Housing Activities
- Fair Housing Infrastructure/Systems
- Physical Infrastructure/Economic Investments

Deliverables

The final product will be a document that identifies potential issues, provides thoughts on overcoming potential issues, and presents best practices that could be useful to communities within the region. H-GAC will present findings in context with geographic settings (i.e., urban, suburban, and rural) and community size

(i.e., town, small city, large city). Best practices and strategies will be based on proven successful efforts in peer areas from within Texas and across the nation.

FHEA Communities - While certain aspects of the FHEA lend themselves to a regional mapping and assessment task, several aspects will need assessment at a more local or subregional level. The following 13 counties and 29 cities representing the regional transect are known as the FHEA Communities.

County	City	County	City
Austin	Bellville	Harris	Baytown
Brazoria	Freeport		Houston
	Pearland		La Porte
Chambers	Anahuac		Pasadena
	Baytown		Tomball
Colorado	Eagle Lake	Liberty	Ames
Fort Bend	Missouri City		Cleveland
	Richmond		Dayton
	Rosenberg		Liberty
	Sugar Land	Bay City	
Galveston	Galveston	Matagorda	Palacios
	League City	Montgomery	Conroe
	Texas City	Walker	Huntsville
		Waller	Katy
	Wharton	El Campo	
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Fair Housing and Equity Workgroup Organizations

BPSOS Houston	Houston-Galveston Area Council
Center for Housing and Urban Development at Texas A&M	League of United Latin American Citizens, Brazosport Council
City of Houston	Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County
City of Huntsville	Montgomery County
Coalition for the Homeless Houston/Harris County	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Missouri City and Vicinity Branch Unit
Fort Bend County	Palacios Housing Authority
Greater Houston Fair Housing Center	Texas Low Income Housing Information Service
Gulf Coast Economic Development District	Texas Organizing Project
Gulf Coast Interfaith	United Way of Greater Houston
Harris County	University of Texas Medical Branch