



RESOLUTION #2016- 09__
FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of Rush Township that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status (families with children), or handicap (disability) is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act adds the additional protected classes of age and ancestry. It is the policy of Rush Township to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap (disability), age and ancestry. Therefore, Rush Township does hereby pass the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that within available resources Rush Township will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap (disability), age and ancestry to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the local Fair Housing Officer, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, whichever is chosen by the person filing the complaint.

BE IT RESOLVED that Rush Township shall make publically known this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Act, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and any local laws or ordinances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if you're a person with a disability and require a reasonable accommodation to be able to access any notification, please contact the office of the County of Schuylkill, 401 N. 2nd St. Pottsville PA 17901, 570-628-1222, TTY 7-1-1 (Pennsylvania Relay Center), <http://www.co.schuylkill.pa.us>; if you're Limited English Proficient and require a document translation of any notification, please contact the business offices of office of the County of Schuylkill, 401 N. 2nd St. Pottsville PA 17901, 570-628-1222, TTY 7-1-1 (Pennsylvania Relay Center), <http://www.co.schuylkill.pa.us>.

FURTHER ACTION will at a minimum include, but not to be limited to:

- (1) Publicizing the name and contact information of the local Fair Housing Officer, which will include the process to file a complaint if a person feels they have been discriminated against in housing in any manner and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contracts; and
- (2) Conduct at least one fair housing activity annually to better inform the public of their rights under the Fair Housing Law and Pennsylvania Human Relations Act; and
- (3) Use the fair housing logo on all materials dealing with housing programs such as but not limited to:
 - a. Public advertisements for vacancy or discussing the program
 - b. Applications for assistance
 - c. Contracts
 - d. Municipal letters dealing with the federal programs

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Rush Township this 16 day of June, **2016** in regular session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

Kate Orlick

RUSH TOWNSHIP

By:

[Signature]
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

RUSH TOWNSHIP HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The housing rehabilitation program for the Township of Rush is designed to encourage low/moderate income owner-occupants to restore their homes to a decent, safe and sanitary condition. Eligible homeowners of the Township of Rush will receive financial assistance to help them to restore their homes in conformity with established Minimum Housing Rehabilitation Standards

The housing rehabilitation program assistance will be in the form of grants/non-interest bearing loans that will be of a forgiveness type in which the loan would be forgiven at a rate of 25% per annum over a period of four years. Homeowners can obtain a "Housing Rehabilitation Application" at the Rush Township Municipal Building.

These following HOME income limits represent the income limits for the area as reported by HUD effective June 6, 2016. The Township Supervisors will revise these limits whenever HUD adjusts the Section 8 low/moderate income for Schuylkill County.

SIZE OF FAMILY	GROSS INCOME LIMITS
1 person	\$32,900
2 person	\$37,600
3 person	\$42,300
4 person	\$46,950
5 person	\$50,750
6 person	\$54,500
7 person	\$58,250
8 + person	\$62,000

Gross income limits represent the annual Income of all household members that is anticipated to be received during the coming 12-month period.

The unit to be rehabilitated must have been owned and occupied by the Applicant at least 12 months prior to the date of Application for Rehabilitation Assistance. Additional Requirements for qualification are further addressed in the application and the Housing Rehabilitation Policy.

ATTENTION CONTRACTORS

Rush Township maintains a list of contractors for the Township's Housing Rehabilitation Program funded with the HUD HOME Investment Partnership Program and Act 137. Interested Contractors can obtain eligibility requirements and an application by contacting the Township's Grant Consultant at (570) 875-7320.

Please be advised that minority and women owned businesses will be afforded full opportunity to bid on contract work. Applicants will not be discriminated against, on the basis of race, color religion, handicap or disability, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, or familial status.

Mr. Shawn E. Gilbert, Chairman
Rush Township Board of Supervisors

