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MISSION

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) enforces federal civil rights laws and other provisions that prohibit discrimination by recipients of federal financial assistance from the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and the Office-of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), and other covered entities.

Our goal is to obtain voluntary compliance through collaborative enforcement approaches that benefit the recipient of U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) funds or covered entity and the beneficiaries of the program or activity.



The laws, regulations, and non-discrimination requirements the OCR enforces are available at www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights-office/statutes-regulations

CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS

Civil rights laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, require recipients of federal financial assistance from DOJ to give assurances that they will comply with those laws.

Taken together, these and other civil rights laws prohibit recipients and other covered entities from discriminating in services and employment because of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, and sex. Recipients are also prohibited from discriminating in services because of age. These laws also prohibit retaliation against any person for prior civil rights activity.

Some grant awards from DOJ have additional obligations to comply with equal-opportunity regulations.

COMPLIANCE

OCR vigorously enforces federal non-discrimination laws, regulations and other non-discrimination requirements that apply to entities receiving federal financial assistance and other covered entities through complaint investigations; proactive compliance reviews; and by providing technical assistance to grantees, subgrantees, and beneficiaries.

RESOURCES FOR RECIPIENTS

OCR provides training, technical assistance, and other resources to assist recipients and subrecipients and other entities comply with civil rights obligations.



For more information about your rights and responsibilities, please review the resources available at www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights-office/outreach



If you would like OCR to assist you in fulfilling your civil rights or non-discrimination responsibilities, please contact us at askOCR@ojp.usdoj.gov