

Nondiscrimination Agreement Population Under 100,000

Washington State Department of Transportation and City of Fircrest Policy Statement

The City of Fircrest, hereinafter referred to as the "Recipient" assures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (P.L. 100.259) be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity. The Recipient further assures every effort will be made to ensure nondiscrimination in all of its programs and activities, whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, broadened the scope of Title VI coverage by expanding the definition of terms "programs or activities" to include all programs or activities of federal aid recipients, sub-recipients, and contractors/consultants, whether such programs and activities are federally assisted or not (Public Law 100259 [S.557] March 22, 1988).

In the event the Recipient distributes federal aid funds to a sub-recipient, the Recipient will include Title VI language in all written agreements and will monitor for compliance.

The Recipient's City Clerk, Jayne Westman is responsible for initiating and monitoring Title VI activities, preparing reports and other responsibilities as required by 23 Code of Federal Regulation(CFR) 200 and 49 Code of Federal Regulation 21.

Jayne Westman

City Clerk

Title

03/6/2022

Date

Title VI Program

Organization and Staffing

Pursuant to 23 CFR 200, the City of Fircrest has designated a Title VI Coordinator who is responsible for Attachment 1, which describes the hierarchy for the City of Fircrest's Title VI Program, including an organization's chart illustrating the level and placement of Title VI responsibilities.

Assurances

49 CFR Part 21.7

The City of Fircrest hereby gives assurances:

- 1. That no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, and sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity conducted by the recipient regardless of whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not. Activities and programs which the recipient hereby agrees to carry out in compliance with Title VI and related statutes include but are not limited to:
 - List all major Transportation programs and activities of the recipient and Title VI responsibilities for each one of them. Include information as Attachment 2 to this Nondiscrimination Agreement.
- 2. That it will promptly take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement.
- 3. That each Transportation program, activity, and facility (i.e., lands change to roadways, park and ride lots, etc.) as defined at 49 CFR 21.23(b) and (e), and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 will be (with regard to a program or activity) conducted, or will be (with regard to a facility) operated in compliance with the nondiscriminatory requirements imposed by, or pursuant to, this agreement.
- 4. That these assurances are given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all federal grants, loans, contracts, property, discounts or other federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the recipient by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) under the federally funded program and is binding on it, other recipients, subgrantees, contractors, sub-contractors, transferees, successors in interest and other participants. The person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign these assurances on behalf of the Recipient.
- 5. That the Recipient shall insert the following notification in all solicitations for bids for work or material subject to the Regulations and made in connection with all federally-funded programs and, in all proposals for negotiated agreements. The Recipient, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined at 49 CFR Part 26 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award.
- 6. That the Recipient shall insert the clauses of Appendix 1 of this Agreement in every contract subject to the Act and the Regulations.

- 7. That the Recipient shall insert the clauses of Appendix 2 of this Agreement, as a covenant running with the land, in any deed from the United States effecting a transfer of real property, structures, or improvements thereon, or interest therein.
- 8. That the Recipient shall include the appropriate clauses set forth in Appendix 3 of this Agreement, as a covenant running with the land, in any future deeds, leases, permits, licenses, and similar agreements entered into by the Recipient with other parties: (a) for the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under a federal aid program; and (b) for the construction or use of or access to space on, over or under real property acquired, or improved under a federal aid program.
- 9. The Recipient agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the Act, the Regulations, and this agreement.

Implementation Procedures

This agreement shall serve as the recipient's Title VI plan pursuant to 23 CFR 200 and 49 CFR 21. For the purpose of this agreement, "Federal Assistance" shall include:

- 1. Grants and loans of federal funds.
- 2. The grant or donation of federal property and interest in property.
- 3. The detail of federal personnel.
- 4. The sale and lease of, and the permission to use (on other than a casual or transient basis), Federal property or any interest in such property without consideration or at a nominal consideration, or at a consideration which is reduced for the purpose of assisting the recipient, or in recognition of the public interest to be served by such sale or lease to the recipient.
- 5. Any federal agreement, arrangement, or other contract which has as one of its purposes, the provision of assistance.

The recipient shall:

- Issue a policy statement, signed by the head of the recipient, which expresses its commitment to the nondiscrimination provisions of Title VI. The policy statement shall be circulated throughout the recipient's organization and to the general public. Such information shall be published where appropriate in languages other than English.
- 2. Take affirmative action to correct any deficiencies found by WSDOT or the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) within a reasonable time period, not to exceed 90 days, in order to implement Title VI compliance in accordance with this agreement. The head of the recipient shall be held responsible for implementing Title VI requirements.
- 3. Designate a civil rights coordinator who has a responsible position in the organization and easy access to the head of the recipient. The civil rights coordinator shall be responsible for initiating and monitoring Title VI activities and preparing required reports.
- 4. The civil rights coordinator shall adequately implement the civil rights requirements.
- 5. Process complaints of discrimination consistent with the provisions contained in this agreement. Investigations shall be conducted by civil rights personnel trained in discrimination complaint investigation. Identify each complainant by race, color, national origin or sex, the nature of the complaint, the date the complaint was filed, the date the investigation was completed, the

disposition, the date of the disposition, and other pertinent information. A copy of the complaint, together with a copy of the recipient's report of investigation, will be forwarded to WSDOT's Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) within 10 days of the date the complaint was received by the recipient.

- 6. Collect statistical data (race, color, national origin, sex) of participants in, and beneficiaries of the Transportation programs and activities conducted by the recipient.
- Conduct Title VI reviews of the recipient and sub-recipient contractor/consultant program areas and activities. Revise where applicable, policies, procedures and directives to include Title VI requirements.
- 8. Attend training programs on Title VI and related statutes conducted by WSDOT OEO.
- 9. Prepare a yearly report of Title VI accomplishments for the last year and goals for the next year. This report is due one year from the date of approval of the Nondiscrimination Agreement and then annually on the same date.
 - a. Annual Work Plan Outline Title VI monitoring and review activities planned for the coming year; state by which each activity will be accomplished and target date for completion.
 - b. Accomplishment Report List major accomplishments made regarding Title VI activities. Include instances where Title VI issues were identified and discrimination was prevented. Indicate activities and efforts the Title VI Coordinator and program area personnel have undertaken in monitoring Title VI. Include a description of the scope and conclusions of any special reviews (internal or external) conducted by the Title VI Coordinator. List any major problem(s) identified and corrective action taken. Include a summary and status report on any Title VI complaints filed with the recipient.

Discrimination Complaint Procedure

- Any person who believes that he or she, individually, as a member of any specific class, or in connection with any disadvantaged business enterprise, has been subjected to discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, as amended, may file a complaint with the recipient. A complaint may also be filed by a representative on behalf of such a person. All complaints will be referred to the recipient's Title VI Coordinator for review and action.
- 2. In order to have the complaint consideration under this procedure, the complainant must file the complaint no later than 180 days after:
 - a. The date of alleged act of discrimination; or
 - b. Where there has been a continuing course of conduct, the date on which that conduct was discontinued. In either case, the recipient or his/her designee may extend the time for filing or waive the time limit in the interest of justice, specifying in writing the reason for so doing.
- 3. Complaints shall be in writing and shall be signed by the complainant and/or the complainant's representative. Complaints shall set forth as fully as possible the facts and circumstances surrounding the claimed discrimination. In the event that a person makes a verbal complaint of discrimination to an officer or employee of the recipient, the person shall be interviewed by the

Title VI Coordinator. If necessary, the Title VI Coordinator will assist the person in reducing the complaint to writing and submit the written version of the complaint to the person for signature. The complaint shall then be handled according to the recipient's investigative procedures.

- 4. Within 10 days, the Title VI Coordinator will acknowledge receipt of the allegation, inform the complainant of action taken or proposed action to process the allegation, and advise the complainant of other avenues of redress available, such as WSDOT and USDOT.
- 5. The recipient will advise WSDOT within 10 days of receipt of the allegations. Generally, the following information will be included in every notification to WSDOT:
 - a. Name, address, and phone number of the complainant.
 - b. Name(s) and address(es) of alleged discriminating official(s).
 - c. Basis of complaint (i.e., race, color, national origin, or sex)
 - d. Date of alleged discriminatory act(s).
 - e. Date of complaint received by the recipient.
 - f. A statement of the complaint.
 - g. Other agencies (state, local, or federal) where the complaint has been filed.
 - h. An explanation of the actions the recipient has taken or proposed to resolve the issue raised in the complaint.
- 6. Within 60 days, the Title VI Coordinator will conduct an investigation of the allegation and based on the information obtained, will render a recommendation for action in a report of findings to the head of the recipient. The complaint should be resolved by informal means whenever possible. Such informal attempts and their results will be summarized in the report of findings.
- 7. Within 90 days of receipt of the complaint, the head of the recipient will notify the complainant in writing of the final decision reached, including the proposed disposition of the matter. The notification will advise the complainant of his/ her appeal rights with WSDOT, or USDOT, if they are dissatisfied with the final decision rendered by the Recipient. The Title VI Coordinator will also provide WSDOT with a copy of this decision and summary of findings upon completion of the investigation.
- 8. Contacts for the different Title VI administrative jurisdictions are as follows:

Washington State Department of Transportation Office of Equal Opportunity, Title VI Program PO Box 47314 Olympia, WA 98466 360-705-7098

Federal Highway Administration Washington Division Office 711 Capitol Way South, Suite 501 Olympia, WA 98501 360-534-9325

Sanctions

In the event the recipient fails or refuses to comply with the terms of this agreement, WSDOT may take any or all of the following actions:

- 1. Cancel, terminate, or suspend this agreement in whole or in part;
- 2. Refrain from extending any further assistance to the recipient under the program from which the failure or refusal occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from the recipient.
- 3. Take such other action that may be deemed appropriate under the circumstances, until compliance or remedial action has been accomplished by the recipient.
- 4. Refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

Signature Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity Title

Date

CITY OF FIRCREST (RECIPIENT):

Jayne Westman

_____City Clerk_

Title

_____3/6/2022_____ Date