



**GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Action Item Worksheet**

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: III. B.
Subject: Resolution 2026-19 Fair Housing Policy
Meeting Date: October 14, 2026
Prepared By: Chris Wolfe, Fire Chief

Background

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is a FEMA-funded program that provides grants to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to develop hazard mitigation plans and fund long-term projects that reduce disaster risks. The District executed a HMGP Agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for a grant to harden the exterior of several fire stations. This grant requires the District to pay 25% of the required cost share.

The Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program is a federal grant program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that provides flexible funding to states, counties, cities, tribes, and other eligible entities to rebuild and recover from declared disasters, especially in low-income areas. In December 2025, the District executed an agreement with the Florida Department of Commerce to access CDBG-DR funds to cover the District's 25% required cost share of the HMGP agreement. Two of the federal requirements related to CDBG-DR funds require the District to adopt a resolution addressing fair housing and equal opportunity.

Chapter 191, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 2014-240, Laws of Florida, as amended ("Charter"), grants the District the authority to provide fire protection and rescue services. Resolution 2026-19 includes the actions required by the CDBG-DR grant program related to fair housing and equal opportunity that the District will perform if such activities are within the authority granted to the District by law.

Funding Source/Financial Impact

Not Applicable

Recommendation

Adoption of Resolution 2026-19 Fair Housing Policy

Potential Motion

I move to approve the adoption of Resolution 2026-19 Fair Housing Policy.

Attachment

1) Resolution 2026-19 Fair Housing Policy

Legal Review

This AIW and its contents have been reviewed by legal counsel for sufficiency.

- ☒ Approved
- ☐ Not Approved
- ☐ Not Applicable



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Comments (if any): The District does not have the authority to implement fair housing policies as the District does not have the authority to provide housing. References to authority under the charter have been included to comply with the requirements of the grant.

Reviewed by: Laura Donaldson

Date: September 29, 2026



RESOLUTION 2026-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT, ADOPTING A FAIR HOUSING POLICY; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the discrimination in the sale, lease, advertisement or financing of housing, or in the provision of real estate brokerage services, because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, handicap (disability), or familial status, is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District finds it is necessary and appropriate to implement programs, as authorized by Chapter 191, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 2014-240, Laws of Florida, as amended ("Charter"), to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, handicap (disability), or familial status.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT that:

Section 1. Fair Housing. Within the available resources and authority of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District, all persons who feel that they have been discriminated against in any housing or real estate purchase, conveyance or transaction because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, handicap (disability), or familial status, will be assisted to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the Atlanta Office of Regional Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Greater Naples Fire Rescue District shall publicize this Resolution on its website and through this publication the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District shall cause owners of real estate, builders, developers, and mortgage lenders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under Federal Fair Housing legislation, and all other applicable state or local laws or ordinances. The appropriate officers of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District are therefore authorized and directed to post this Resolution and other applicable fair housing information on the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's website, to develop and distribute posters, flyers, and any other means which will bring to the attention of those affected the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing, and to affirmatively further fair housing, as long as such activities are pursuant to the district's authority under Chapter 191, Florida Statutes, and the Charter.

The Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Chief of Staff is its Fair Housing Coordinator.

Section 2. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. The District commits to affirmatively further fair housing in our community as authorized and pursuant to the district's authority under Chapter 191, Florida Statutes, and its Charter. During the term of the community development block grant, the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District will review its fair housing commitment annually.

Section 3. Equal Opportunity. The Greater Naples Fire Rescue District is committed to ensuring that all of its programs, services, activities, and facilities are administered in a manner

that promotes equal opportunity and does not discriminate against any person in accordance with the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (as amended), and as authorized by Chapter 191, Florida Statutes, and the Charter.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by at least a majority vote of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners of Collier County, Florida, this 14th day of October, 2026.

APPROVED BY:

By: _____
Mark Cherney, Chairman