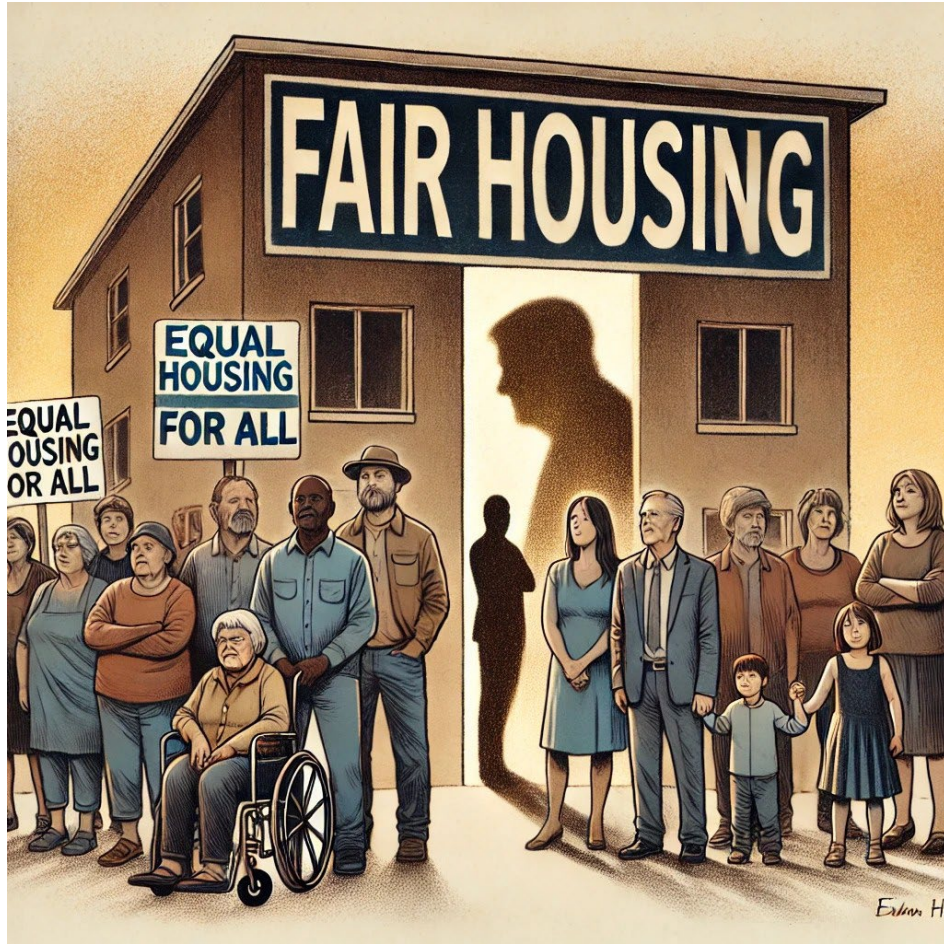


# A Loss for Fair Housing in Montana: LIFTT Stands in Appreciation and Concern



For 37 years, Montana Fair Housing has been a pillar of education, advocacy, and justice, working to ensure that renters, home buyers, landlords, and realtors understand their rights and responsibilities under fair housing laws. Their tireless efforts to combat housing discrimination and promote accessibility have made Montana a more inclusive place for people of all backgrounds — especially those who are disabled, aging, or otherwise vulnerable to housing inequities.

That's why it is with deep regret that we acknowledge the sudden termination of their federal contract with HUD on February 27, 2025 — a decision that was made without warning and with immediate effect.

## **Why This Matters**

Housing is not just about shelter — it is about security, dignity, and independence. Montana Fair Housing has been a lifeline for those facing discrimination, ensuring that the Fair Housing Act is upheld and that every Montanan — regardless of race, disability, age, or economic status — has access to safe and fair housing opportunities.

At LIFTT, we disagree with this decision and fear its impact on the most vulnerable in our communities. Without Montana Fair Housing's full presence, who will step in to protect the rights of renters and home buyers? Who will educate landlords and realtors? Who will fight for those experiencing housing discrimination?

These are not just bureaucratic concerns — they are real issues that affect real people. We cannot afford to take fair and accessible housing for granted.

## **Moving Forward**

As Montana Fair Housing reorganizes its services to continue on a more limited basis, we at LIFTT want to express our deep appreciation for their decades of service. Their work has made a profound difference, and we stand in solidarity with them as they navigate this unexpected and difficult transition.

We also call upon our community, advocates, and policymakers to find solutions to fill this void — because housing justice should never be optional.

To Montana Fair Housing: Thank you for 37 years of unwavering commitment. Your impact will not be forgotten.

For those who need assistance with housing-related advocacy and resources, LIFTT will continue to do everything we can to help. Stay connected with us as we work toward solutions.

