

HOUSING RIGHTS, FAIR HOUSING ADVOCATES, LEGAL ASSISTANCE, AND OTHER RESOURCES

| PROGRAM NAME | ELIGIBLE MONTANANS | SERVICES | SPECIAL NOTES / REQUIREMENTS/ | PROGRAM CONTACT |
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| Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Montana Human Rights Bureau | All Montanans | The Montana Human Rights Bureau receives and investigates allegations of illegal discrimination based on race, sex, creed, color, religion, age, physical or mental disability, marital status and familial status (children under 18 in housing). | | Please visit the Web site for information, then telephone if more assistance is needed. Web site: http://erd.dli.mt.gov/humanright/hrhome.asp or Montanadiscrimination.com Phone: 406.444.2884 or 1.800.542.0807 Address: 1625 11 th Ave., PO Box 1728, Helena MT 59624-1728 |
| U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) | All Montanans | If you feel your housing rights have been violated, contact them. You may telephone or write HUD a letter, or download, complete, and return a complaint form to Denver. | You have one year after an alleged housing violation to file a complaint with HUD, but you should file it as soon as possible. | First visit the Web site for more detailed information. You can also write or telephone them for more assistance or to file a complaint. Web site: http://www.hud.gov/complaints/housediscrim.cfm Phone: 303.672.5437 or 800.877-7353 TTY: 303.672.5248 Address: Denver Regional Office of FHEO-HUD 1670 Broadway, Denver, CO 80202-4801 |
| Bazon Center for Mental Health Law | Montanans with mental and physical disabilities | Fair housing information | | Web site: www.bazon.org/issues/housing/index.htm E-mail: michaela@bazon.org to contact Dir. of Housing Prog. Address: 1101 15 th St. NW, Suite 1212, Washington, DC 20005 |
| Billings Community Housing Resource Board (CHRB) | Billings residents | A nonprofit organization promoting fair and affordable housing in Billings. They provide trainers, speakers, brochures, and a Web site. | | Visit their Web site or contact them for more information on their resources and services for Billings residents. Web site: http://billingscommunityhousing.com/ E-mail: chrbr@mcn.net Phone: 406.256.9355 Address: PO Box 20126, Billings, MT 59104 |
| City of Great Falls Fair Housing | Great Falls residents only | Promotes fair housing by providing Fair Housing and landlord and tenant information. Available for workshops and presentations. | Office hours: 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM | Contact: Terry Youngworth, City of Great Falls Fair Housing Specialist E-mail: tyoungworth@greatfallsmt.net Phone: 406.455.8418 FAX: 406.454.3181 TDD: 406.454.0495 Address: Civic Center; Community Development Dept; P.O. Box 5021; Great Falls, MT 59403 |

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| Disability Rights Montana (formerly Montana Advocacy Program) | Montanans with mental and physical disabilities | They advocate for the human, legal, and civil rights of mentally and physically disabled Montanans. They operate several protection and advocacy programs, provide information and referral services, and will answer questions. | Must telephone between 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM on weekdays. | Visit the Web site for more detailed information. You can also e-mail, fax or telephone them if more assistance is needed. Web site: http://www.disabilityrightsmt.org E-mail: advocate@disabilityrightsmt.org Phone: Voice/TDD 406.449.2344 or 1.800.245.4743 Phone weekdays between 9:00AM and 12:30PM FAX: 406.449.2418 Address: 1022 Chestnut Street, Helena MT 59601 |
| Montana Fair Housing | Montana Consumers and Providers | Private, nonprofit provides fair housing information and support, responds to inquiries and discriminatory housing complaints, and investigates allegations of housing discrimination across Montana. | | First visit the Web site for information. If more assistance is needed, phone or e-mail them. Web site: www.montanafairhousing.org/ E-mail: inquiry@montanafairhousing.org Phone: 406.782.2573 or 800.929.2611 Address: 519 E. Front Street, Butte, MT 59701 |
| Montana Home Choice Coalition | Montanans with disabilities including seniors | A coalition of Montana citizens, advocates, providers, federal, state, tribal, and local agencies, housing finance community, realtors, and home building industry working to create better housing choices for all people with disabilities. | Affordable, quality housing choices for seniors, adults, children and families with disabilities | You can visit the Web site for more detailed information. You can also e-mail or telephone them if more assistance is needed. Web site: www.montanahomechoice.org/ E-mail: montanahomechoice@aware-inc.org Phone: 406.449.3120 Address: 616 Helena Ave., Suite 305, Helena, MT 59601 |
| Montana Landlords Association (MLA) | Montana landlords and tenants | Nonprofit trade association provides a variety of services to improve and support the residential landlord/tenant industry. Provides tenants with information and resources that assist them in understanding rental agreements and the laws governing the landlord/tenant relationship | | First visit the Web site for information. If more assistance is needed, phone or e-mail them. Web site: http://www.mlaonline.org/ State President: Gene Thompson Eastern Vice President: Darwin Zellmer Western Vice President: Ron Tippet E-mail: ContactUs@mlaonline.org Phone: 406.449.1121 |
| Montana Legal Services Association | Low-income Montanans | Provides free legal assistance in civil cases to low-income Montanans. However, their Web site has helpful free legal information available to all low- and moderate-income Montanans. | Eligibility requirements must be met for certain services and assistance. The toll-free telephone numbers have designations for those residents in eastern or western Montana. | First visit the Web site for more detailed information, then telephone their toll-free hotline if more assistance is needed. Web site: http://www.mtlsa.org/ In <u>Western</u> Montana: Phone: 800.926.3144 or 800.666.6899 In <u>Eastern</u> Montana: Phone: 800.999.4941 |

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| Montana People's Action (MPA) | Low-income Montanans | They provide informational and referral services in housing matters. Members can accompany you to meetings with landlords or provide other assistance in locating and attaining housing. | MPA has offices in both Missoula and Billings, but they have a statewide network of members | Visit the Web site or contact them for more information on their resources and services. Web site: http://fulfillingthedreamfund.org/grantees/montana-peoples-action E-mail: mpa@mtpaction.org Missoula Office: 208 E. Main, Missoula, MT 59802 Phone: 406.728.5297 FAX: 406.728.4095 Billings Office: 822 Third Ave. N., Suite 210, Billings, MT 59101 Phone: 406.245.6106 FAX: 406.248.3400 |
| Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG) Tenant/Landlord Hotline | Montana tenants and landlords | Rights and responsibilities of Montana renters and landlords. Information on rental agreements, security deposits, responsibilities, etc., and other available resources. | Staffed only during the university school year. However, Web site information can be accessed and printed out year around. | First visit the Web site for information (available year around). If more assistance is needed, phone or e-mail the hotline (see note). Web site: http://www.montpirg.org/ E-mail: mthotline@pirg.org Phone: 888.345.7474 (if outside Missoula) 406.243.2907 (in Missoula area) |
| Montana's Residential Landlord and Tenant Act | Montana residents | MCA 70-24 & -25 and Illegal Housing Discrimination: MCA 49-2 & -4 | | Web site: http://housing.mt.gov/Includes/S8/03lltact.pdf |
| MontanaLawHelp | Montana residents | Legal Information services for those who are low-to-moderate income Montanans | The website resource information is free and available for anyone. | Web site: www.montanalawhelp.org/MT/index.cfm |
| Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Housing | Disabled Montanans | Montana government Web site – Dept. of Labor & Industry | | Web site: http://www.erd.dli.mt.gov/humanright/housediscrimdisability.asp |

State and Federal fair housing laws prohibit discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, familial status, age, or marital status.

This is a snapshot of existing housing programs. Please see the **MONTANA HOUSING RESOURCE DIRECTORY** for more specific program information or contact the person listed. The MONTANA HOUSING RESOURCE DIRECTORY may be obtained from:

Montana Department of Commerce
Housing Division
PO Box 200545
Helena, MT 59620
406.841.2820

or on the Web site at:

http://housing.mt.gov/Hous_CP_HsgResDir.asp

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