

RIEMA Complaint Procedure

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 establishes the requirements for the RIEMA's Nondiscrimination Program. Title VI prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance.

What Does This Mean?

RIEMA cannot, on the basis of race, color, or national origin either directly or through contractual means, take any of these actions:

- Deny program services, aids or benefits
- Provide a different service, aid or benefit, or provide them in a manner different from what is provided to others
- Segregate or separately treat individuals in any matter related to the receipt of any service, aid or benefit
- Deny an opportunity to participate as a member of a planning, advisory or similar body that is an integral part of the program

Any federal financial aid sub-recipient is required to administer its program and activities without regard to race, color, or national origin. RIEMA will not tolerate intimidation, threats, coercion, or discrimination against any individual or group, either:

- For the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege guaranteed under law or regulations, or
- Because the individual has filed a complaint or has testified, assisted or participated in any way in an investigation, proceeding or hearing or has opposed any RIEMA action or decision.

Filing a Complaint or Charge

Complaints may be filed by any person who believes she or he has been excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any RIEMA service, program or activity, and believes the discrimination is based upon race, color, or national origin. Complaints may be filed with:

The Rhode Island Commission on Human Rights
180 Westminster Street, 3rd Floor,
Providence RI 02903,
Phone 401-222-2661
FAX 401-222-2616
TTY (Relay RI) 401-2223-2664
www.richr.ri.gov.

Instructions for filing a complaint are at <http://www.richr.ri.gov/filecharge/index.php>.

The Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights website can be translated to Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, and many other languages.