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HUD Settles Disability Discrimination Case against PA Housing Providers

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has approved a [conciliation agreement](#) resolving allegations that nineteen apartment complexes in and near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, refused to grant reasonable accommodations requested by individuals with disabilities. The agreement is between a fair housing organization, two management companies, twenty-seven apartment complex owners, and an individual with disabilities.

The [Fair Housing Act](#) prohibits housing providers from denying housing to persons with disabilities or subjecting them to discriminatory terms or conditions, including denying reasonable accommodation requests that may be necessary to allow them the opportunity to use and enjoy their home. In addition, [Section 504](#) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by recipients of federal financial assistance.

Under the terms of the settlement, the management companies and owners will pay \$90,000 to the fair housing organization and \$25,000 to the initial complainant, develop and implement nondiscrimination and reasonable accommodation policies, provide training to staff, and grant reasonable accommodations to tenants whose requests were previously denied.



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