

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
CIVIL RIGHTS EVALUATION TOOL

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SECTION 1: INSTRUCTIONS

Recipients (as defined in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 and including recipients acting as pass-through entities) of Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or one of its awarding component agencies must complete this tool. This tool clarifies the civil rights obligations and related reporting requirements contained in the [DHS Standard Terms and Conditions](#).

Initial Submissions: Recipients must complete this tool within sixty (60) days of receipt of the Notice of Award for the first award under which this term applies. Recipients of multiple awards of DHS financial assistance should only submit one completed tool for their organization, not per award.

Recipients should complete and submit the tool, including supporting materials, via the DHS Civil Rights Evaluation Tool (CRET) Portal. For further instructions and to access the DHS CRET Portal, please visit <https://www.dhs.gov/civil-rights-resources-recipients-dhs-financial-assistance>.

2-Year Update Submissions: After the initial submission, recipients are required to submit an update to the tool via the DHS CRET Portal once every two (2) years if they have an active award(s), not every time an award is made. Recipients should not re-submit information previously submitted unless there have been changes to the materials previously provided. If there are no changes since the previous submission, the recipient can indicate “no change” for each item as applicable to satisfy the biyearly requirement. The due date for submitting updates is calculated from two (2) years from the date the recipient last submitted the tool to DHS. DHS will send an email reminder to the contact person identified in Section 2 (or updated point of contact) prior to the due date for the biyearly update.

Subrecipients: Subrecipients are not required to complete and submit this tool to DHS. However, subrecipients have the same obligations as pass-through entities and recipients to comply with applicable civil rights requirements and should follow their pass-through entities’ instructions for submitting civil rights information to those entities.

Extensions: The DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties will consider, in its discretion, granting an extension if the recipient identifies steps and a deadline for completing the tool. Recipients should request extensions by emailing the request to CivilRightsEvaluation@hq.dhs.gov prior to expiration of the 60-day deadline.

SECTION 2: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organization Name		Unique Entity Identifier	
Address			
City		State	Zip Code
Contact Person/Title			
Email		Telephone	

SECTION 3: CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS

As a condition of receipt of Federal financial assistance, the recipient is required to comply with applicable provisions of laws and policies prohibiting discrimination, including but not limited to:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin (including limited English proficiency).
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination based on disability.
- Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, which prohibits discrimination based on sex in education programs or

activities.

- Age Discrimination Act of 1975, which prohibits discrimination based on age.
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security regulation 6 C.F.R. Part 19, which prohibits discrimination based on religion in social service programs.

SECTION 4: REQUIRED INFORMATION

1. Provide the total number of complaints or lawsuits against the recipient during the past three (3) years alleging discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin (including limited English proficiency), sex, age, disability, religion, or alleging retaliation. For each complaint or lawsuit, state the following:
 - a. Employment or non-employment related;
 - b. Basis (race; color; national origin, including limited English proficiency; sex; age; disability; religion); or alleging retaliation; and
 - c. Status (pending, closed with findings, closed with no findings).

Additionally, if a court or administrative agency made a finding of discrimination in a non-employment complaint for the above three (3) years, forward a copy of the complaint and findings to DHS.

Responses should not include personally identifiable information (PII) that is outside of public record. PII is any information that permits the identity of an individual to be directly or indirectly inferred, including any information which is linked or linkable to an individual.

2. Provide a brief description of any civil rights compliance reviews regarding the recipient conducted during the two (2) year period before this award of DHS Federal financial assistance.
3. Provide a statement affirming that staff has been designated to coordinate and carry out the responsibilities for compliance with civil rights laws, and a description of the responsibilities of any such staff.
4. Provide a copy of the recipient's nondiscrimination policy statement referencing the laws and regulations in Section 3.
5. Provide a copy of the recipient's discrimination complaints process.
6. Provide a copy of the recipient's plan to ensure compliance in subrecipient programs (only applies to state administering agencies and other recipients that provide assistance to subrecipients). The plan should describe the process for conducting reviews of subrecipients.
7. Provide copies of the recipient's policy and procedures used to ensure nondiscrimination and equal opportunity for persons with disabilities to participate in and benefit from the recipient's programs and services.
8. Provide copies of the recipient's policy and procedures regarding the requirement to provide meaningful access to programs and services to individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP).

SECTION 5: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Resources for recipients related to the above requirements: <https://www.dhs.gov/civil-rights-resources-recipients-dhs-financial-assistance>.

For questions or to schedule a technical assistance call, please contact the DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties by email at CivilRightsEvaluation@hq.dhs.gov.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

The public reporting burden to complete this information collection is estimated at 3 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and the completing and reviewing the collected information. The collection of information is mandatory. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number and expiration date. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to:

ATTN: PRA OMB Control No. 1601-0024.
Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Mail Stop #0190
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528