

CHAPA Fair Housing Month 2024 Round Up

Fair Housing Champion Awardees

Moddie Turray- President and CEO of [Massachusetts Housing Investments Corporation](#)

Deborah Crossley- Former [Newton City Counselor](#)

Affordable Inclusive Milton ([AIM](#))- a former MEI Community Coalition championing grassroots organizing around housing issues in Milton, MA

Dr. Tiffany Manuel- Founder and CEO of [The Case Made](#)

People's Choice Award- We want to hear who you would like to see receive an award at next year's Fair Housing Symposium. Submit your nomination [here](#).

2024 Fair Housing Symposium

In case you missed it, you can view the full recording of the 2024 Fair Housing Symposium [here](#).

Organization and Coalition Spotlights

Equitable Arlington- a local housing group affirmatively furthering fair housing in Arlington, MA. Learn more at [equitable-arlington.org](#)

Voices Of Liberation- a small black-led organization, whose mission is to uplift the community. [VOL's](#) File A Complaint Day initiative educates community members on tenant rights, eviction protections, and state assistance programs.

Needham Housing Coalition- informal coalition of Needham residents and other stakeholders who are interested in advocating for more attainable housing choices in Needham. Find out more [here](#).

Fair Housing Alliance of Massachusetts ([FHAM](#))- a consortium of four non-profit organizations working to end voucher-based and other forms of housing discrimination through legal services and education. The consortium offers a variety of Fair Housing-related resources, one of which is their Voucher Discrimination Program

Articles and Research Reports

Advancing Fair Housing in Greater Boston, Massachusetts: Voices from the Field- Check out the full report here: <https://www.chapa.org/sites/default/files/advancing-fair-housing-in-greater-boston-2024.pdf>

Bias in inclusionary housing in Cambridge- A survey of Cambridge, Massachusetts, residents found that residents of affordable units in inclusionary housing properties reported frequently experiencing bias, especially from management. Here's how we can change that. Read the story at [shelterforce.com](#)

HOMES Act- Both the House and Senate in MA have worked to push the HOMES Act (H.4356) through committees. This act is designed to be a tool for sealing wrongful eviction records. The MA legislature sustains that this Act will not only Affirmatively Further Fair Housing but also provide the necessary redress to push equity into this space.

Podcasts and Videos

Fair Housing Intersectionality: Race, Geography and Opportunity- In [this episode](#) of FHEO's Table Talks Series FHEO Director of Policy, Tiffany Johnson moderates a conversation with Georgetown Law Professor, Sheryll Cashin. This conversation walks through an analysis of what Chasin identifies as a "system of residential caste."

2023 Fair Housing Planning Monthly Office Hours - Working with Community Partners- There are many resources regarding Fair Housing advocacy and education. HUD Exchange hosts Monthly Office Hour Sessions, which are available on YouTube. This session details how one can work with community partners, organize and structure meetings, and engage with community members. Sign up for future sessions at hudexchange.info

[The Opportunity Starts at Home- Featuring Dr. Justin Steil](#), a professor of Law and Urban Planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Steil discusses the origins of his interdisciplinary approach to housing policy, the historical context of the Fair Housing Act, decades of failed implementation related to the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) mandate, the progress made under the AFFH rule established during the Obama administration, and the rule's prospects for revival during the Biden administration.

'Roxbury'- a collaborative documentary effort between Suffolk University School of Law and David C. Weidknecht. The new documentary, Roxbury, is an intimate exploration of the displacement of Roxbury natives and community resilience. Watch the full film at suffolk.edu/about/roxbury.