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### Foundation gives \$35K to fight housing prejudice

The Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center has announced it received a \$35,000 grant from the Mississippi Bar Foundation to fund investigations of housing discrimination.

Grants totaling \$3,000,000 have been awarded this year through the Mississippi Interest on Lawyers Trust Account Program.

In 2004 the Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center conducted an audit of rental housing across South Mississippi, reporting black people were subjected to illegal discrimination 70 percent of the time when applying for housing. The current funding will allow GCFHC to see if that level of discrimination is present.

Anyone who feels he or she has been a victim of housing discrimination may call GCFHC at 396-4008. More information is at [makeitfair.com](http://makeitfair.com).

GCFHC is a private, non-profit organization established in 2003 with the help of the National Fair Housing Alliance and is dedicated to eliminating housing discrimination and furthering equal housing opportunities through education, outreach, advocacy and enforcement of fair-housing laws.

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