

Title VI Complaint Procedures

As a recipient of federal dollars, Shasta Senior Nutrition Program is required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and ensure that services and benefits are provided on a non-discriminatory basis. **Shasta Senior Nutrition Program** has in place a Title VI Complaint Procedure, which outlines a process for local disposition of Title VI complaints and is consistent with guidelines found in the Federal Transit Administration Circular 4702.1B, dated October 1, 2012.

Any person who believes she or he has been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, or national origin by Shasta Senior Nutrition Program may file a Title VI complaint by completing and submitting the agency's Title VI Complaint Form. Shasta Senior Nutrition Program investigates complaints received no more than 180 days after the alleged incident. Shasta Senior Nutrition Program will only process complaints that are complete.

Within 10 business days of receiving the complaint, Shasta Senior Nutrition Program will review it to determine if our office has jurisdiction. The complainant will receive an acknowledgement letter informing her/him whether the complaint will be investigated by our office. Shasta Senior Nutrition Program has 30 days to investigate the complaint. The complainant will be notified in writing of the cause to any planned extension to the 30-day rule.

If more information is needed to resolve the case, Shasta Senior Nutrition Program may contact the complainant. The complainant has 10 business days from the date of the letter to send requested information to the investigator assigned to the case. If the investigator is not contacted by the complainant or does not receive the additional information within 10 business days Shasta Senior Nutrition Program can administratively close the case.

A case can be administratively closed also if the complainant no longer wishes to pursue their case. After the investigator reviews the complaint, she/he will issue one of two letters to the Complainant: a closure letter or a letter of finding (LOF). A closure letter summarizes the Allegations and states that there was not a Title VI violation and that the case will be closed. An LOF summarizes the allegations and the interviews regarding the alleged incident, and explains whether any disciplinary action, additional training of the staff member, or other action will occur. If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision, she/he has 10 business days after the date of the letter or the LOF to do so.

A person may also file a complaint directly with the Federal Transit Administration, at FTA Office of Civil Rights, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

Shasta Senior Nutrition Program Title VI Complaint Form

COMPLAINT FORM

Section I: Please write legibly		
1. Name:		
2. Address:		
3. Telephone:	3.a. Secondary Phone (Optional):	
4. Email Address:		
5. Accessible Format Requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/> Large Print	<input type="checkbox"/> Audio Tape
	<input type="checkbox"/> TDD	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Section II:		
6. Are you filing this complaint on your own behalf?	YES*	NO
*If you answered "yes" to #6, go to Section III.		
7. If you answered "no" to #6, what is the name of the person for whom you are filing this complaint? Name:		
8. What is your relationship with this individual:		
9. Please explain why you have filed for a third party:		
10. Please confirm that you have obtained permission of the aggrieved party to file on their behalf.	YES	NO
Section III:		
11. I believe the discrimination I experienced was based on (check all that apply):		
<input type="checkbox"/> Race Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Color	<input type="checkbox"/> National
12. Date of alleged discrimination: (mm/dd/yyyy)		
13. Explain as clearly as possible what happened and why you believe you were discriminated against. Describe all persons who were involved. Include the name and contact information of the person(s) who discriminated against you (if known), as well as names and contact information of any witnesses. If more space is needed, please attach additional sheets of paper.		