HRC launches mobile app for civil rights discrimination complaints

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Dayton residents are now able to report civil rights-related discrimination complaints through a mobile app operated by the Dayton Human Relations Council (HRC).

HRC received CARES Act funding from the U.S. Department of Urban Development to support development of a mobile application to report complaints of unlawful discrimination in housing, employment, credit transactions, and public accommodations.

If a resident feels they have experienced discrimination by a person or organization in one of these areas based on membership in one or more protected classes, they may be eligible to file a complaint.

The protected classes include: race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, ancestry, place of birth, age, marital status, familial status or disability. There is no cost to file a complaint on the app and no attorney is needed for the complaint to be investigated.

The app can be downloaded and installed on an iPhone or Android by searching for "Dayton Human Relations Council" in the chosen app store.

"We realized that during the pandemic, with limited or no access to the internet, our marginalized and vulnerable residents experienced barriers that prohibited them from filing complaints. The mobile app allows them to do so from their phone," said HRC Executive Director Erica Fields.

For more information, call the Human Relations Council at 937-333-1437.

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Established in 1962 by the Dayton City Commission, the Dayton Human Relations Council works to influence and ensure a culture of fair treatment, inclusion, and equal access to opportunities for all who live, work, play, and gather in the City of Dayton. The Council provides civil rights enforcement; builds the capacity of minority-owned, woman-owned and small disadvantaged businesses; and administers community relations initiatives.

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