

## **Notice of Non-discrimination and Accessibility Requirements**

### **Discrimination is Against the Law**

The Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG), complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. The RGCOG does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

The RGCOG:

- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters
  - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - Qualified interpreters
  - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact Annette Gutierrez, Executive Director, at 915-533-0998, ext. 114. If you believe that The RGCOG has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance with: Annette Gutierrez, Executive Director, at 8037 Lockheed, Suite 100, El Paso, Texas, 79925, 915-533-0998, ext. 114, Fax: 915-532-9385, Email: [annetteg@riocog.org](mailto:annetteg@riocog.org). You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance

please contact Annette Gutierrez at 915-533-0998, ext. 114.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

200 Independence Avenue, SW

Room 509F, HHH Building

Washington, D.C. 20201

1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.