

2019
NACCED HOUSING COMMITTEE
WORK PLAN

Chair: Crystal LaTier, El Paso County, CO

Vice Chair: Marcos Ysmael, Pima County, AZ

Timeline: Core Committee Calls – February, June, September
Committee Meetings – March, July, October
Monitoring Activity – Ongoing
Influencing Activity (Convene Working Group, Draft Sign-on Letter(s), meet with Key Staff - when appropriate)

GOAL: LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY ADVOCACY

Task 1 –

Monitor the following legislation and mobilize NACCED members to take action when needed.

- Preserving and increasing the tax exemption for single-family and multifamily housing bonds (private activity bonds), and the preservation and enhancement of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)
- National Housing Trust Fund (HTF)
- FY 2019 & 2020 HUD Appropriations for Housing Programs
- Housing Choice Voucher Reform
- Support legislation that provides for meaningful federal government role in the housing finance system that utilizes the resources and expertise of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac
- Changes to the Community Reinvestment Act
- Continuum of Care
- Increasing level of resources available to local governments to deliver fair housing programs, including for planning and compliance
- Raising the profile of housing as infrastructure and including housing activities in any infrastructure package

Expected Outcome: To report on the status of legislation at committee meetings and be prepared to provide feedback and mobilize the membership when needed. To influence policy through NACo resolutions and be seen as a technical assistance resource by NACo members.

Task 2 -

Monitor the following regulatory/programmatic issues and mobilize members to take action when needed.

- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Final Rule, including the Assessment of Fair Housing Tool
- Support efforts to eliminate the 24-Month Commitment Requirement for HOME CHDO projects and the 15 percent CHDO set-aside
- Support changes in federal policy to facilitate the financing of manufactured housing by the Government-Sponsored Enterprises
- Continue to coordinate, and build on, the relationship with NACo

Expected Outcome: To keep members informed about key regulations that may impact urban counties by reporting at committee meetings and being prepared to provide feedback and mobilize the membership to advocate when needed. To be seen as a technical assistance resource by NACo members.

GOAL: EDUCATIONAL & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Task 1 –

Work with the Economic Development and Community Development Committees to support member technical assistance needs in sustainable housing, including workforce housing and transit-oriented development. In addition, serve as a delivery agent and trusted resource for these matters.

Expected Outcome: To continue the discussion of how NACCED can be a resource to members in the area of sustainable housing. To make the connection within NACo between housing and economic development.

Task 2 –

Identify a presentation on a housing topic to be presented at various NACCED events including an AFFH discussion during a future Housing Committee meeting.

Expected Outcome: To inform members about the variety of ways housing programs are used to improve communities.

Task 3 –

Utilize the Committee's page on the NACCED website for as much of its work as possible, including development of a Technical Assistance section.

Expected Outcome: Greater collaboration and ease of communication among committee members.

Task 4 –

Create a HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) work group to identify regulatory changes needed to the HOME program to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the funding.

Expected Outcome: To use the data gathered in the work group to develop a report that will be shared with HUD, Members of Congress, the Administration and other decision makers who can use the information to improve the HOME program.

SUMMARY: Two primary goals with six tasks.