



November 14, 2016

Mr. Keith Cunningham
Interim Executive Director
Louisiana Housing Corporation
2415 Quail Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

Louisiana USDA Rural Development (RD) would like to take this opportunity to present an item for consideration for development of the 2017 Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP).

In Louisiana, USDA RD has an outstanding affordable housing portfolio of approximately 380 multi-family housing properties consisting of over 12,000 units. This represents an investment by the federal government of nearly \$340 million in rural affordable housing for the state of Louisiana.

RD is committed to working with Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) in an effort to achieve the goal of both agencies; that of providing affording housing which is decent, safe and sanitary to those residents of our state.

Therefore, we are requesting consideration of the following:

A statewide RD pool specifically for rehabilitation of existing RD financed properties. LHC has been critical to the mission of our program through the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program. Funding opportunities with LHC have enabled developers to successfully leverage LHC funds with RD funds or other third party funding to complete necessary rehabilitation.

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RD is committed to working with LHC in an effort to achieve the goals of both agencies; that of providing affordable housing which decent, safe and sanitary to the residents of our state. We appreciate the opportunity to share our comments on the development of the 2017 QAP.

Sincerely,



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State Director

cc: Brenda Evans
Lloyd "Buddy" Spillers, Chairman of the Board