

LOUISIANA HOUSING CORPORATION

Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 Consolidated Annual Action Plan to Incorporate the Fiscal Year 2026 National Housing Trust Fund Allocation

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to substantially amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Consolidated Annual Action Plan to incorporate the State of Louisiana's **National Housing Trust Fund (HTF) allocation in the amount of \$3,311,933.19.**

The proposed amendment will establish the activities, funding priorities, and proposed use of the FY 2026 HTF allocation and will ensure that the State's Annual Action Plan accurately reflects the federal resources available to address the housing needs of extremely low-income households.

II. BACKGROUND

The National Housing Trust Fund is a federal affordable housing production program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The HTF provides resources to states for the production, preservation, rehabilitation, and operation of affordable rental housing for extremely low-income households and other eligible households as provided under federal requirements.

The State of Louisiana, through LHC, has been awarded **\$3,311,933.19 for the FY 2026 HTF allocation from HUD.** Because the HTF allocation was not included in the originally adopted FY 2026 Annual Action Plan, a substantial amendment is necessary to formally incorporate the allocation into the State's consolidated planning documents and establish the framework for its use.

The amendment will be incorporated into HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS).

III. PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

LHC proposes to amend the FY 2026 Annual Action Plan to add the following federal program and funding allocation:

Program	FY 2026 Allocation
National Housing Trust Fund	\$3,311,933.19
Total	\$3,311,933.19

The substantial amendment will add the HTF program to the Annual Action Plan and identify the proposed activities through which the funds will be administered.

The HTF funds will be used for eligible activities that increase and preserve the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable rental housing for eligible extremely low-income households. Activities may include the acquisition, new construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of affordable rental housing, as permitted under applicable federal regulations and the State's approved HTF Allocation Plan.

IV. PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS

The proposed amendment will establish the following general funding framework for the FY 2026 HTF allocation:

National Housing Trust Fund – \$3,311,933.19

The funds will be targeted toward the development, rehabilitation, preservation, or other eligible activities that support affordable rental housing for extremely low-income households. Projects receiving HTF assistance will be required to comply with all applicable federal requirements, including income targeting, rent restrictions, affordability periods, property standards, environmental requirements, labor standards, nondiscrimination and fair housing requirements, and other applicable HUD requirements.

LHC will administer the HTF program in accordance with **24 CFR Part 93**, HUD guidance, the State's approved HTF Allocation Plan, and applicable LHC policies and procedures.

Administrative and planning costs, if applicable, will be limited to the amounts permitted under federal HTF requirements. Any remaining funds will be made available for eligible HTF housing activities in accordance with the State's priorities and approved allocation strategy.

FY 2026 HTF Funding Category Amount

Administration & Planning (10%) **\$331,193.32**

Housing Activities (90%) **\$2,980,739.87**

Total FY 2026 HTF Allocation \$3,311,933.19

V. NATIONAL HOUSING TRUST FUND PRIORITIES

The addition of HTF funding to the FY 2026 Annual Action Plan will support the State's continuing efforts to address the shortage of affordable rental housing available to extremely low-income households.

Priority will be given to activities that:

1. Increase the availability of affordable rental housing for extremely low-income households;
2. Address significant housing needs identified through the State's Consolidated Plan and housing needs assessments;
3. Leverage HTF resources with other public and private funding sources when feasible;
4. Preserve existing affordable housing when preservation is an effective and financially feasible strategy;
5. Promote long-term affordability and the sustainability of assisted housing; and
6. Comply with all applicable federal and State requirements governing the use of HTF funds.

VI. CONSISTENCY WITH THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN

The proposed amendment is consistent with the housing priorities and needs identified in the State of Louisiana's Consolidated Plan. The addition of HTF resources will provide an additional source of funding to address the severe shortage of affordable rental housing available to extremely low-income households.

The amendment will not alter the overall goals and priorities of the State's Consolidated Plan. Rather, it will provide additional federal resources to advance those goals and support the development and preservation of affordable housing for households with the greatest housing needs.

VII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Because the proposed amendment constitutes a substantial amendment to the FY 2026 Annual Action Plan, LHC will provide an opportunity for public review and comment in accordance with the State's Citizen Participation Plan and applicable HUD requirements.

The proposed amendment will be made available for public review for the required comment period. LHC will provide appropriate public notice identifying the proposed amendment, the amount of funding being incorporated into the Annual Action Plan, the proposed use of the funds, and the method for submitting public comments.

LHC will consider all comments received during the public comment period and will maintain documentation of the public participation process as required by HUD.