Greater Acadiana Housing Alliance





Lafayette Region Housing Priorities 2018

- Create designated revenue streams for local and statewide Housing Trust Funds to increase affordable housing production.
- Aim for "functional zero" with homelessness.
- Establish a mechanism for data collection to be used regionally, and eventually statewide.
- Strengthen code enforcement agencies that inspect the quality of rental properties, including market rate and subsidized housing.
- Establish a centralized system for renter's rights and protections, and landlord enforcement. (rental registry, absentee landlord policy, online community forum)
- Invest in sustainable development for quality neighborhoods (affordable opportunities, long-term floodwater management planning, etc.), as well as weatherization upgrades for older housing stock.
- Improve alignment between all financial counseling services, and create a strong marketing campaign for financial literacy for a broader group of individuals.
- o Increase permanent and emergency housing opportunities for the displaced households in the region.
- Increase homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income renters. (Section 8 homeownership program, mobile homeownership as affordable option, Soft Second Programs)

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