



Houma/Thibodaux Regional Housing Priorities 2020

- **Create designated revenue streams for local and statewide Housing Trust Funds to increase affordable housing production**
- Procure more funding for Section 8, to open waitlists and invest in more viable housing inventory for Section 8 (HCVP) clients.
- Increase permanent supportive housing and emergency housing for the region
- Expand SRO program (Single room occupancy) and shelter capacity to increase equal access, especially for single women, youth and families
- Increase voucher and housing opportunities for those who don't qualify for permanent supportive housing
- Ensure unsheltered and very low income people have an ID or support obtaining one when they are released from jail or hospital. Engage law enforcement officers, hospital administrators and prisons to create a system to ensure reentering citizens can access services like employment training and housing
- Work toward counting everyone in our community for the 2020 Census. Strategize how to help count un-sheltered people in the region.
- Lack of local control for organizations and programs receiving state funding / no ability for localities to recapture funds from state programs
- Create a comprehensive housing strategy that addresses title and succession issues to create more affordable housing
- Increase shelter capacity and housing opportunity for youth under the age of 21.

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- Increase Homebuyer Education & Financial Literacy opportunities
- Improve alignment between all financial counseling services, and create a strong marketing campaign for financial literacy that caters to a broader group of individuals
- Find housing options for registered sex offenders
- Address eviction history as a barrier to new housing opportunity
- Increase permanent and emergency housing opportunities with wraparound services for special needs populations, including at-risk youth, people who are mentally ill, homeless individuals, people who were formerly incarcerated, and survivors of domestic violence.
- Additional funding to support youth aging out of foster care and youth transportation

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