



## Housing LOUISIANA

### **Houma & Thibodaux Region Housing Priorities 2018**

- **Create designated revenue streams for local and statewide Housing Trust Funds to increase affordable housing production.**
- Increasing housing opportunities for special needs populations including mentally ill, young adults who have aged out of the foster care system, and the homeless with wrap around services (i.e. Transitional Housing or Permanent Supportive Housing)
- Develop robust continuum of care that addresses the needs of homeless families and individuals across the region and at all times.
- Increasing the number of deeply affordable housing units for people who struggle to support their households on SSI or minimum wage
- Addressing coastal resiliency (preventing and slowing erosion, the impact of rising water levels)
- Increasing the number of Section 8 vouchers available by either increasing the HUD allocation or improving market conditions so current allocation helps more people.
- Improving access to emergency housing options for all, including increasing the number of no barrier shelters.
- Increasing homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income renters.
- Addressing insurance, including lowering cost of insurance and increasing access to affordable insurance.
- Increasing the capacity of nonprofits and other developers to create housing that fits the community (single family, infill)
- Improving homebuyer and financial literacy programs
- Invest in sustainable development (energy efficiency, weatherization, long-term floodwater management planning, etc.) for the creation of quality neighborhoods throughout the region.
- Improving disaster funding coordination
- Developing alternatives to tax sales for getting blighted and vacant land back into use

*HousingLOUISIANA is network of regional housing alliances across the entire state. Our membership hopes you'll support policy and legislation that secures funding for housing for those impacted by disaster, special needs populations and for families and individuals who face housing insecurity. For more information, please visit our website [www.puthousingfirst.org](http://www.puthousingfirst.org).*