



## **Houma/Thibodaux Working Group**

### **2023 Housing Priorities**

1. Create designated revenue streams for local and statewide Housing Trust Funds to increase affordable housing production.
2. Addressing the lack of local control for organizations and programs receiving state funding / no ability for localities to recapture funds from state programs.
3. Increase permanent supportive housing and emergency housing for the region.
4. Increase voucher and housing opportunities for those who don't qualify for permanent supportive housing Find/develop housing options for formerly incarcerated persons and to include registered sex offenders.
5. Address eviction history as a barrier to new housing opportunities.
6. Create a comprehensive housing strategy that addresses title and succession issues to create more affordable housing.
7. Improve alignment between all financial counseling services and create a strong marketing campaign for financial literacy that caters to a broader group of individuals.
8. Identify ways to increase wages to \$17.22/ hour to be able to afford a two-bedroom home.
9. Increase permanent supportive housing and emergency housing for the region.
10. Increase Homebuyer Education & Financial Literacy opportunities.
11. Addressing the vacancy/blight issue and using those buildings for more affordable housing.
12. Procure more funding for Section 8, to open waitlists and invest in more viable housing inventory for Section 8 (HCVP) clients.
13. Increase emergency, transitional, and permanent housing opportunities with wraparound services for special needs populations, including at-risk youth, people who are mentally ill, homeless individuals, people who are formerly incarcerated, and survivors of domestic violence.
14. Expand SRO program (Single room occupancy) and shelter capacity to increase equal access, especially for single women, youth, and families.
15. Develop and launch a public education campaign about affordable housing to change generational attitudes and increase public support for affordable housing development.