



**Northwest Louisiana Working Group**  
**Shreveport/Bossier Area**  
**Housing Priorities 2023**

1. Existing homes must be rehabbed to prevent the housing supply from being dissolved.
2. Energy efficiency and weatherization programs to address expensive utility bills.
3. Increase and re-strategize communication with the community to ensure that persons in need are aware of available resources.
4. Increase funding for Louisiana Housing Trust Fund to provide additional resources for affordable housing.
5. Rapid supportive services for residents on the edge of homelessness.
6. Address the rent difference between Bossier and Shreveport.
7. Addressing blight by getting vacant lots and properties back into commerce.
8. Raising the minimum wage to match the housing wage.
9. Address the housing market rate and affordable housing.
10. Educating community leaders and members about affordable housing development to increase engagement and participation in public processes that relate to affordable housing.
11. Increase homeownership opportunities for low-and moderate-income renters (Section 8 homeownership program, mobile homeownership as affordable option, down-payment assistance programs)
12. Title Clearing and succession issues increasing neighborhood degradation and slowing development.
13. Increase homebuyer education and financial literacy opportunities.
14. Neighborhood and community housing plans.
15. Working with housing developers on equitable transit-oriented development to connect residents to transit for better opportunities.
16. Ban the box to prevent background checks on the formally incarcerated from finding housing opportunities.
17. Eviction and renter protections.
18. Adopt and implement the Smart Housing Mix, a mandatory inclusionary zoning policy, that can create hundreds of new affordable housing opportunities in areas with quality access to jobs, education, and other opportunities.
19. Address substandard housing conditions.
20. Increase support for aging-in-place policies that increase accessibility for seniors, as well as addresses affordable rents for fixed incomes.
21. Add discussion and value about building new affordable housing units.
22. Addressing substandard housing conditions.
23. Insurance: (Lowering cost of insurance, increasing access to affordable insurance)
24. Employer Assisted Housing Programs with Workforce Development and Job Training.



25. Stronger Community Reinvestment Act Requirements.
26. Better support for special needs populations.