Southeastern Regional Council of the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials



2022 LEGISLATIVE POSITION PAPER

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Mission

SERC-NAHRO's mission is to facilitate the development of new affordable housing and support the preservation of existing housing. We will combine our voices to advocate for the interests of those we serve and petition federal, state, and local governments for assistance. We will further our mission through the training and education of our membership.

The Southeastern Regional Council of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (SERC-NAHRO) is an association of knowledgeable and dedicated housing and community development professionals. SERC-NAHRO's mission is to facilitate the development of new affordable housing and support the preservation of existing housing. Organized over 80 years ago, SERC-NAHRO consists of more than 700 agency members that serves over two (2) million low-income households in ten (10) southeastern states (Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee). See attached Federal Rental Assistance Fact Sheet. Through this Open Letter, SERC-NAHRO seeks continuing support and a commitment from Congress to sufficiently fund HUD programs and amend rules and regulations in need of reform.

We are in a nationwide affordable housing crisis that will have a tremendous negative impact on communities. Cost-burdened renters are spending over half of their income on housing, and the lack of adequate affordable housing places greater stress relating to mental health, food security, childhood education, health care, retirement, transportation, and the overall social stability. SERC-NAHRO members are unified in their efforts to house America's economically disadvantaged and we urge Congress to support Community Development and Affordable Housing initiatives.

Supporting Community Development and Affordable Housing initiatives has immense economic benefits, including but not limited to greater tax generation, creation of jobs, opportunities for economic development, increased job retention and productivity, and the ability to address the inequality of access to affordable housing.

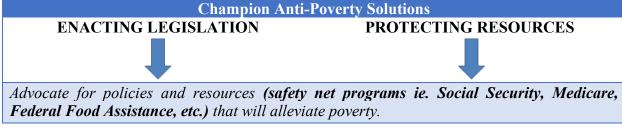
Moreover, **SERC-NAHRO's 2022 – 2023 Legislative Goals** are listed below:

Increase Resources for Affordable Housing PRESERVATION NEW CONSTRUCTION

Fully fund appropriations for existing HUD housing programs. (Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, Project Based Rental Assistance, Project Based Vouchers, Community Development Block Grant, HOME, etc.)

Increase appropriations to better meet current housing demands. (Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, Project Based Rental Assistance, Project Based Vouchers, Community Development Block Grant, HOME, etc.)

Promote Equitable Access to Affordable Housing **ECONOMIC & EDUCATIONAL** AFFORDABLE HOUSING **OPPORTUNITIES** Self Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, Advocate for resources (Family **Opportunities** Disparate Impact, and Equal Access for LGBT Sufficiency, Resident & Supportive Services, etc.) to ensure access to People. economic and educational opportunities.



Fact Sheet Federal Rental Assistance Southeastern Region

| State | Households Receiving Housing Choice Vouchers | Households Receiving Public Housing Assistance | | Households Receiving Project Based Section 8 | Assisted Households: Seniors | Assisted Households: Persons with Disabilities | Assisted Households: Families with Children | Total Assisted Persons | Working Households (by %) | Funding in Billions |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------|---|------------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Alabama | 32,000 | 31,400 | | 17,500 | 24,200 (12%) | 34,800 (18%) | 136,100 (69%) | 196,100 | 57% | \$0.614 |
| Florida | 109,900 | 29,900 | | 40,800 | 81,100 (18%) | 104,600 (23%) | 286,700 (64%) | 451,000 | 59% | \$1.800 |
| Georgia | 56,600 | 30,200 | | 31,200 | 37,400 (12%) | 53,200 (18) | 213,100 (71%) | 301,800 | 60% | \$1.000 |
| Kentucky | 31,600 | 20,800 | | 21,400 | 25,000 (15%) | 39,500 (24%) | 105,200 (63%) | 166,100 | 52% | \$0.521 |
| Mississippi | 25,400 | 8,600 | | 17,400 | 15,900 (12%) | 21,000 (15%) | 97,700 (72%) | 135,400 | 53% | \$0.412 |
| North Carolina | 61,600 | 24,400 | | 25,400 | 35,100 (13%) | 53,900 (20%) | 181,100 (69%) | 263,000 | 57% | \$0.874 |
| South Carolina | 26,100 | 12,500 | | 17,800 | 17,800 (12%) | 23,300 (16%) | 103,100 (72%) | 143,200 | 56% | \$0.455 |
| Tennessee | 36,300 | 24,300 | | 33,700 | 32,200 (15%) | 44,700 (20%) | 142,500 (65%) | 218,700 | 52% | \$0.672 |
| Virginia | 47,100 | 15,000 | | 29,400 | 30,600 (14%) | 44,300 (20%) | 147,400 (68%) | 217,800 | 61% | \$0.872 |
| West Virginia | 14,300 | 6,000 | | 10,500 | 12,100 (18%) | 16,300 (25%) | 37,100 (56%) | 66,300 | 50% | \$0.223 |
| Totals - | 440,900 | 203 | ,100 | 245,100 | 311,400 | 435,600 | 1,450,000 | 2,159,400 | 56% (Avg.) | \$7.443 |
| Total Alabama Households 80,900 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Florida Households 180,600 | | |) | | | | | | | |
| Total Georgia Households 118,000 | | |) | | | | | | | |
| Total Kentucky Households 73,800 | | | 73,800 | | | | | | | |
| Total Mississippi Households 51,40 | | | 51,400 | | | | | | | |
| Total North Carolina Households 111,4 | | | |) | | | | | | |
| Total Sou | th Carolina House | holds | 56,400 | | | | | | | |

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Total Tennessee Households

Total Virginia Households Total West Virginia Households

Grand Total of all Households

^{*}Note – All statistics are from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Some statistics may include persons that fit into multiple categories. For example, an assisted senior may be raising their grandchildren, therefore, they would be included in the statistics for Assisted Seniors and Assisted Persons in Families with Children. Some statistics have been rounded to the nearest 100 for convenience.