

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
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<i>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.)</i>	<i>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.)</i>
Promote Equitable Access to Affordable Housing	
ECONOMIC & EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES	AFFORDABLE HOUSING
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<i>Advocate for resources (Family Self Sufficiency, Resident Opportunities & Supportive Services, etc.) to ensure access to economic and educational opportunities.</i>	<i>Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, Disparate Impact, and Equal Access for LGBT People.</i>
Champion Anti-Poverty Solutions	
ENACTING LEGISLATION	PROTECTING RESOURCES
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<i>Advocate for policies and resources (safety net programs ie. Social Security, Medicare, Federal Food Assistance, etc.) that will alleviate poverty.</i>	

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							
Total Mississippi Households		51,400							
Total North Carolina Households		111,400							
Total South Carolina Households		56,400							
Total Tennessee Households		94,300							
Total Virginia Households		91,500							
Total West Virginia Households		30,800							
Grand Total of all Households		889,100							

***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.