

## **New Hampshire Council on Housing Stability**

### **Update on Immediate Actions – January 27, 2021**

- Review and support LSR 0511, which combines HB 1269 and 1632 from the last legislative session focused on local control, improve the zoning process predictability, and accelerate investment in housing by expanding the use of Tax Increment Finance Districts and Community Revitalization Tax Relief Programs to create more workforce housing across the state.

*Status:* In process – will be discussed in meeting.

*Council Action:* Discuss with elected officials.

- Support the DHHS prioritized needs for services supporting individuals experiencing homelessness in the State budget.

*Status:* The Governor will be presenting the Governor's Budget in mid- February.

*Council Action:* Learning about the State Budgeting process, <https://nhfpi.org/resource/new-hampshires-state-budget-what-you-need-to-know-for-2021/>

- Support an additional State investment of \$5M a year/ \$10M over the biennium into the Affordable Housing Trust Fund in addition to the current funding to fund additional housing development.

*Status:* \$10M investment in Affordable Housing Trust added to omnibus appropriations bill in the Senate (original bill sponsored by Senator Bradley).

- A subset of the Council will meet with the Governor's Office to determine the feasibility of the following tenant protection measures:

- Extension of the Federal eviction moratorium,
- Extend the time that a tenant has to "cure" her nonpayment and/or
- Mandate a "discretionary stay" in all nonpayment cases for 30 days after the end of the COVID-19 emergency.

*Status:* Due to the extension on the federal moratorium and the new dollars coming to NH through the CARES Act, this will be pushed out to a later date.

- Begin to compile economic/employment data to identify and project the impact of COVID-19 on structural employment and income shifts, to include housing metrics (e.g., changes in vacancies, rent levels, housing instability); and the cliff effect to better inform planning.

*Status:* Data Analytics and Integration Workgroup is advance and will present initial work at 1/27 Council meeting.

- Fund permanent supportive housing units with coordinated services, at least 40 units across the State.

*Status:* [NH Housing Finance Authority](#) and NH Community Development Finance Authority in coordination DHHS plan to issue Notification of Funding

Availability (NOFA) by mid-February to accept applications to support the development of housing units.

*Council Action:* Promote funding opportunity in your networks.

- The Council on Housing Stability will create a website with available community-level data to inform housing and services investment.

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*Action:* The public can remain apprised of the Council's progress via its website: [www.nhchs.org](http://www.nhchs.org)

- Establish Workgroups to address priority areas established by the Council to inform and develop an update to the statewide Homelessness Plan to be developed by June 1, 2021.

*Status:* Work groups have been established and will be giving an update at the meeting. Consultants will assist with the development of the updated plan.

The Endowment for Health and New Hampshire Charitable Foundation are working with the Council leadership to support a consultant to help us with our work. We hope to enter into a contract by early February and will have an update when this has been established.

**Additional Resources:**

[Sentinel Editorial: The bus to nowhere; The state works to alleviate homelessness, as locals fight proposals | Editorial | sentinelsource.com](#)

[Portsmouth affordable housing units on track to open in 2022](#), January 16, 2021

NHPR, [Northern Forest Center Receives Federal Grant For Workforce Housing Initiatives](#)

Concord Monitor, [Key issues driving the N.H. legislative session](#), January 16, 2021

NH Business Review, [Affordable housing muscles in as a key topic in NH's new legislative session](#), January 6

Next City, [Fresno Aims to End Veteran Homelessness Through Prevention](#), January 5

**Events**

WEBINAR: Manufactured Housing: A Solution to the Affordable Housing Crisis, on the Seacoast Wednesday, January 27th 8:30 am – 9:30 am **Register at** [www.seacoastwhc.org/happenings](http://www.seacoastwhc.org/happenings)

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