

**Public Input Requested for the State of Georgia's
Draft National Housing Trust Fund Allocation Plan**

The State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), in compliance with applicable U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, has prepared a draft version of the [National Housing Trust Fund](#) (NHTF) Allocation Plan and its Method of Distribution, which details how the State proposes to use the funds as a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan. The NHTF will provide formula grants to States to increase and preserve the supply of decent and safe affordable housing to extremely low-income households with incomes at or below 30% of area median income (AMI) and very low-income households between 30% and 50% of AMI. The Governor designated the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority to administer the NHTF in Georgia, and Georgia will receive an initial \$3,314,612 in the first year of funding. By state law, DCA administers the programs of the Georgia Housing Finance Authority.

All recipients of NHTF funding must comply with the federal requirements identified at 24 CFR 93. In general, the requirements are very similar to the HOME program (located at 24 CFR 92) with the notable exception that the period of affordability for NHTF funds will be a minimum of 30 years and Davis-Bacon federal labor standards do not apply to NHTF financed developments (however, if another federal source which does require compliance with Davis-Bacon is part of the funding for a development, the labor standards will still apply to the entire transaction).

The announcement of this allocation plan begins a 30-day comment period on June 27, 2016 and all postal mail should be received no later than July 27, 2016. All written comments regarding this plan for review and consideration should be submitted by email to NHTF@DCA.GA.GOV. All postal mail should be sent to:

ATTN: National Housing Trust Fund
60 Executive Park South NE
Atlanta, GA 30329

Public Hearing Webinar

The purpose of the hearing is to solicit input from the public regarding the National Housing Trust Fund Allocation. We will discuss general information concerning the plan, the priorities and the needs in the communities. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/381624368782228994>. Citizens may also attend the public hearing in person at the Georgia Department of Community Affairs located at the address listed above on July 13, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in conference room 302.

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