



## 2021 Qualified Allocation Plan Draft: Public Comment Period

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Georgia Housing and Finance Authority (GHFA) administers Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) housing programs. GHFA has posted a draft of the 2021 Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) for Housing Tax Credits and will receive public comments for an additional 30 days before submitting a final QAP to the GHFA Board for approval.

### Public Hearings Schedule

During this public comment period, GHFA will host two public hearings:

Date	Time
Thursday, October 8, 2020	10:30 am to 11:45 am EST
Wednesday, October 21, 2020	1:30 pm to 2:45 pm EST
Thursday, October 29, 2020	10:30 am to 11:45 am EST

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Georgia Department of Health guidelines dictate that businesses should “hold larger meetings virtually, to the extent possible” ([click here](#)). Further, Governor Kemp’s Executive Order banning gatherings of more than 50 people where social distancing cannot be enforced is still in effect ([click here](#)). To comply with these issuances while allowing for maximum attendance, both public hearings will be held via an online platform that can be accessed both virtually and by telephone. Access information will be posted at least 48 hours prior to the public hearings in an updated version of this document.

### Can’t participate in the above public hearings?

GHFA and DCA are committed to providing equal access to all programs, services, and activities regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability, or age. Further, DCA is committed to helping individuals participate in the public input process regardless of technological constraints. As publicized in the Public Hearing Announcement on September 24, 2020, any individual who needs special assistance to participate in these public hearings should notify GHFA by phone or email no later than October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:00 pm EST:

- Email [hfdround@dca.ga.gov](mailto:hfdround@dca.ga.gov)
- Call 404-801-6000 and leave a message for the Affordable Housing Policy group

### Written input

#### *Electronic submissions*

At any time during the year the public is welcome to provide written input through the [online QAP survey at this link](#). This format allows DCA to receive comments throughout the year. Please note that feedback

and comments received earlier in the year allow more opportunities to research and evaluate potential ramifications.

Submitting written input through the online survey helps DCA staff to efficiently analyze all written input received, and DCA recommends submitting separate survey responses for each topic. However, individuals who prefer to submit a Word or PDF covering many topics in one document may do so by emailing [hfdround@dca.ga.gov](mailto:hfdround@dca.ga.gov) with the subject line “2021 QAP Input.”

#### *Mail submissions*

Individuals who prefer to submit written input by mail may do so using the following recipient address:

Jill Cromartie, Housing Finance and Development Director  
60 Executive Park S NE  
Atlanta, GA 30329

#### *Additional notes*

##### *Accessibility and accommodations*

Individuals precluded from participating in any of the above public input opportunities due to a disability, technology constraint, or other barrier may call the HFDD Affordable Housing Policy team at 404-801-6000 to discuss alternative methods of providing input.

##### *Legal disclaimers*

- Participation in any of the above engagement opportunities will not impact scoring during the 2020 9% Housing Credit Competitive Round.
- Applications submitted under the Round will not be discussed during any meetings described above.

##### *Comments or questions?*

For questions or comments regarding any items described in this document, please email [hfdround@dca.ga.gov](mailto:hfdround@dca.ga.gov).