

NAHMA's Top Legislative Priorities For 117th Congress

1. Providing continued pandemic relief through emergency rental assistance programs and operational assistance to individuals, families, and housing providers:
 - a. Advocating for increased operating reserves to cover the the extraordinary costs associated with responding to the pandemic;
 - b. Support relief measures to resolve the skyrocketing increases in certain industries, such as increased costs for insurance for multifamily properties and for construction lumber;
 - c. Advocating for increased ease of access methods towards obtaining emergency rental assistance payments, implementing rent repayment arrangements, waiving fees and connecting renters with social service resources;
2. Ensuring robust funding for Federal multifamily housing programs in FY21 and FY22:
 - a. Advocating for full funding for project-based Section 8, tenant-based Section 8, Section 202 and 811 PRACs, HOME, Housing Trust Fund, and Rural Rental Assistance contracts;
 - b. Supporting sufficient funding for new construction and rehabilitation programs;
 - c. Advocating for preservation of PRAC properties under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD).
3. Protecting and enhancing the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) in tax reform efforts by:
 - a. Advocating for the LIHTC program under any infrastructure legislation; and
 - b. Supporting expansion and reform legislation to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the program.
4. Ensuring the preservation of the USDA-RHS affordable rental housing portfolio
 - a. Advocating for solutions to address the maturing mortgage crisis and funding to meet housing needs in rural communities;
 - b. Advocating for funding to address the capital needs of the RD portfolio.