



MAINE AFFORDABLE
HOUSING COALITION

2018-19 FEDERAL POLICY PRIORITIES

- ***Increase Rental Assistance Resources and Protect Low-Income Renters*** by increasing appropriations for rental assistance programs, adequately funding program administration and protecting vulnerable renter households from harmful program changes.
- ***Strengthen and Broaden the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program*** and work with state and national organizations to ensure the stability of the LIHTC market.
- ***Preserve Federally Assisted Housing Stock*** by engaging with members of Congress and federal officials to promote healthy housing and to preserve housing units, including those funded through HUD and USDA Rural Development programs.
- ***Achieve Federal Commitment to Housing Assistance Programs and Housing Finance Systems*** by working through the cross-sector coalition, *Maine Together*.
- ***Establish an Effective Opportunity Zones Program*** by engaging with federal and state officials, and work with Maine-based partners to take full advantage of it.