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.