



MAINE AFFORDABLE
HOUSING COALITION

2018-19 STATE POLICY PRIORITIES

- ***Support Strategic State Bonding to Address Maine's Affordable Housing Challenges*** by advocating for bonding resources to meet the housing needs of low and moderate income people.
- ***Keep the HOME Fund at its statutory funding level*** and advocate for the protection, growth and effective use of other important state housing resources.
- ***Improve the Quality of Maine's Housing Stock*** by advocating for policies and interventions that support key connections between housing and health, including protecting children from lead poisoning and pursuing innovative approaches to improving health outcomes for all.
- ***Support Programs and Services That Promote Housing Stability*** by supporting improvements to and continued funding for essential state programs such as foreclosure prevention, General Assistance, mental health services, Bridging Rental Assistance Program (BRAP) and other residential assistance programs supported by MaineCare and the Department of Health and Human Services.
- ***Actively Collaborate with Maine Housing and other state agencies*** to create efficiencies, promote flexibility and transparency, and enhance partnerships, including timely, effective use of the HOME Fund and the National Housing Trust Fund, development of an effective preservation policy, and improving the housing development process, including the state Qualified Allocation Plan.
- ***Advance and Protect Tax Policies that Support Affordable Housing*** such as a state low income housing tax credit and the historic rehabilitation tax credit. Respond to proposals affecting tax increment financing and the taxation of non-profit organizations.