

2009 Policy Agenda:

Strategic Investments in Supportive and Affordable Housing



Housing is the Most Basic Form of Infrastructure...

at The Lyceum

Help protect our most vulnerable residents.

- Move forward on **funding for 150 units of supportive housing** (Next Steps/Round III) as was approved in the biennial budget for FY08/09, which will create housing for veterans, families with children and people with disabilities who are homeless.
- Protect funds in DSS, DMHAS and DCF that **support services and operating subsidies** for over 3,800 households in **permanent supportive housing** located in 85 towns.

Create housing opportunities to retain and attract a workforce that strengthens the fabric of our communities.

- Provide *incentive payments* to the dozens of municipalities that seek to create **mixed-income housing using the HOMEConnecticut program's Incentive Housing Zones**. Nearly fifty towns have received or are applying for planning grants to locate and plan for new housing using Incentive Housing Zones—employing responsible growth principles.
- Assure that CHFA's precious resources are used for **critical housing needs**—single family home ownership, preservation of rental affordable housing and development of new affordable and supportive housing—and not for filling the state budget gap.

Stimulate job creation by rehabilitating and constructing housing.

- Obtain bond commission approval of this year's allocation of **\$30 million in State Housing Trust Fund for the creation and preservation of hundreds of units of affordable housing**. This money can be used in conjunction with federal sources.
- **Preserve Community Investment Act funds**—recording fees collected by towns are used to create, protect and preserve affordable housing, open space, farmland and historic sites. CHFA's use of CIA has financed new workforce housing and funded technical assistance to local communities creating affordable housing.
- Prioritize any new **federal resources for creating and rehabilitating very low income housing** to be used in 2009-10 – requiring an expedited process – in conjunction with existing programs at CHFA and DECD for “greening” housing. **Preserving state public housing and other assisted housing, and creating additional supportive and affordable housing, provides vital infrastructure for our communities.**

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