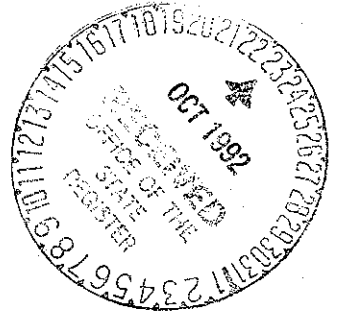


STATE OF LOUISIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
BATON ROUGE



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EWE 92 - 82

WHEREAS: the Congress of the United States affirmed the national goal that every American family be able to afford a decent home in a suitable environment pursuant to the Cranston-Gonzales National Housing Act of 1990 (the "Housing Act"); and

WHEREAS: the Housing Act provides that the objective of national housing policy shall be to affirm the long-established commitment of decent, safe and sanitary housing for every American by strengthening a nationwide partnership of public and private institutions able:

- (1) to ensure that every resident of the United States has access to decent shelter or assistance in avoiding homelessness;
- (2) to increase the nation's supply of decent housing that is affordable to low-income and moderate-income families and accessible to job opportunities;
- (3) to improve housing opportunities for all residents of the United States, particularly members of disadvantaged minorities, on a nondiscriminatory basis;
- (4) to help make neighborhoods safe and livable;
- (5) to expand opportunities for homeownership;
- (6) to provide every American community with a reliable, readily available supply of mortgage finance at the lowest possible interest rates; and
- (7) to encourage tenant empowerment and reduce generational poverty in federally assisted and public housing by improving the means of which self-sufficiency may be achieved; and

WHEREAS: the purposes of the Housing Act are:

- (1) to help families not owning a home to save for a down payment for the purchase of a home;
- (2) to retain wherever feasible as housing affordable to low-income families those dwelling units produced for such purpose with federal assistance;

- (3) to extend and strengthen partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and non-profit organizations, in the production and operation of housing affordable to low-income and moderate-income families; and
- (4) to expand and improve federal rental assistance for very low-income families; and
- (5) to increase the supply of supportive housing, which combines structural features and services needed to enable persons with special needs to live with dignity and independence; and

WHEREAS:

the Louisiana Housing Finance Act contained in Chapter 3-A of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, created the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency (the "Agency") and further provided that the Louisiana Legislature found and declared that the limited resources available directly to the State of Louisiana (the "State") or its agencies may be more effectively and efficiently utilized if a single agency such as the Agency is authorized and directed to coordinate housing programs administered by the State or its agencies and instrumentalities; and

WHEREAS:

the Agency is authorized to promulgate rules, regulations or such other procedures for the coordination of all State administered housing programs; and

WHEREAS:

the Agency is further authorized to accept federal, state or private financial or technical assistance and comply with any conditions for such assistance;

NOW THEREFORE I, EDWIN W. EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1:

The Agency is hereby ordered and directed to act on behalf of the State in applying for, implementing, allocating or administering programs, grants and/or resources made available pursuant to the Housing Act.

SECTION 2:

The Agency is hereby directed to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary or convenient to allocate resources to improve housing conditions in the State on a basis consistent with the State's Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (the CHAS).

SECTION 3:

The Agency is hereby ordered and directed to update, amend and/or supplement the CHAS as required or allowed by the Housing Act.

SECTION 4: The President of the Agency, to the extent permitted by the Housing Act, is authorized to execute the CHAS and any amendments or supplements thereto on behalf of the Governor.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 8th day of October, 1992.

Edwin Edwards
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**

Joseph S. Keith
SECRETARY OF STATE