

**Nebraska Affordable Housing Act
Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP)
2018**

Amendment

Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund:

During the 2018 program year, the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund (NAHTF) proposed allocation included \$10,700,000 for distribution within the annual cycle, HOME match activity and discretionary funds. The Department awarded \$7,865,950 in the annual cycle and \$870,420 is allocated to HOME match projects. This results in \$1,963,630, in unallocated annual cycle funds and discretionary funds.

The Department is amending the QAP to include an additional funding cycle, making up to \$1,963,630 available for the NAHTF Innovative Housing Demonstration Program. This special cycle seeks new, creative and innovative projects and uses of Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund resources. Projects that provide innovative solutions to address critical local housing needs, attract new residents and that may be replicable in other communities will have an opportunity to submit proposals under the program.

Addressing a statewide housing shortage is of critical importance for the continued economic development of the State. This Demonstration Program will provide innovative and creative solutions to the housing shortage and is necessary for communities to grow, businesses to fill existing open positions or expand their workforce, and grow the tax base of the state.

The NAHTF Innovative Housing Demonstration Program will begin with a Request For Proposals (RFP) process. Proposals will be reviewed, ranked, and successful applicants will be invited to make in person presentations to the Department review team. Those Proposals selected for award will then submit a full application and be provided technical assistance throughout the project.

Timeline:

October 26, 2018 - QAP Amendment Posted
November 9, 2018 - 14 day Public Comment period ends
November 14, 2018 - 90 day Request for Proposals period begins
February 13, 2019 - Proposals Due by 5:00 p.m.
February 14-22, 2019 - Proposal Review
TBD - Presentations
March 29, 2019 - Announce Awards