



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Jeanne Shaheen, Governor*

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 97-3

an order establishing a Housing and Community Development Planning Council

WHEREAS, there is an urgent and compelling need to ensure that our citizens have safe and affordable housing and that our communities will continue to develop toward their economic and residential goals; and

WHEREAS, various federal programs, administered by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, McKinney Act and other programs are important tools by which the state and local governments act to address the housing and community development needs of low income individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, the HUD regulations developed pursuant to the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, require the submission of a Consolidated Plan the objectives of which are to provide and preserve decent, affordable housing, provide a suitable living environment, expand economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire must prepare a Consolidated Plan to comply with federal legislation and to continue to access vital federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the Plan must provide an assessment of housing and community development needs and conditions throughout the state, with special attention to the needs of very low income and low income households and must include specific initiatives targeted to housing, community development and homeless prevention and assistance;

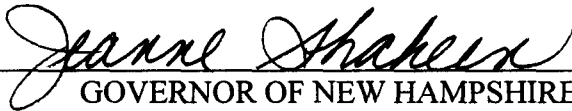
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEANNE SHAHEEN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, by the authority vested in me pursuant to Part II, Article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby establish a Housing and Community Development Planning Council and name the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA) as the lead agency.

The Council shall be comprised of a Steering Committee, consisting of representatives of the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority, Office of State Planning, Department of Health and Human Services Office of Community Services and Long Term Care, and the Office of the Governor; and a General Membership consisting of representatives from state agencies representing the housing needs of specific populations (including children,

elderly persons, disabled persons, and persons with HIV/AIDS), and economic and community development related issues; local housing authorities; community development agencies; nonprofit housing, economic and community development organizations; local governments; regional planning agencies; nonprofit and for-profit lenders to housing, economic and community development projects; homeless and social service providers for specific populations; and/or other groups as determined necessary by a consensus of membership to ensure adequate representation of very low income and low income households and other housing and community development interests. Initial general membership shall be appointed by the Governor and members may be added by a consensus of the general membership. Replacements shall be appointed by the Steering Committee. NHHFA, as lead agency, shall chair the Council and coordinate and facilitate various aspects of the development of the Plan and related performance reports.

Further, it is ordered that the Council shall prepare a Plan annually or as otherwise required by federal regulations and the Steering Committee shall present it to the Governor for approval and transmittal to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Council Chambers in Concord this 22nd day of May, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and ninety seven.


GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE