



# HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL WORKGROUP

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021



# MEETING OVERVIEW & OBJECTIVES

## TODAY'S AGENDA

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1. Welcome from co-chairs and roll call
2. Meeting overview & objectives | 2020 recap of workgroup activities
3. Updates: Local, state, and federal landscape
4. 2020 annual workgroup recommendations: Discussion among workgroup members
5. Next steps & wrap-up
6. Adjourn

# MEETING PURPOSE

**By the end of this meeting, we will have...**

- A shared understanding of the key changes at the local, state, and federal levels since December 2020
- Agreement on the recommendations (as proposed or with changes) to include in the workgroup's annual report
- A list of areas for further consideration to include in the workgroup's annual report

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# **Q&A FOR GENERAL PUBLIC**

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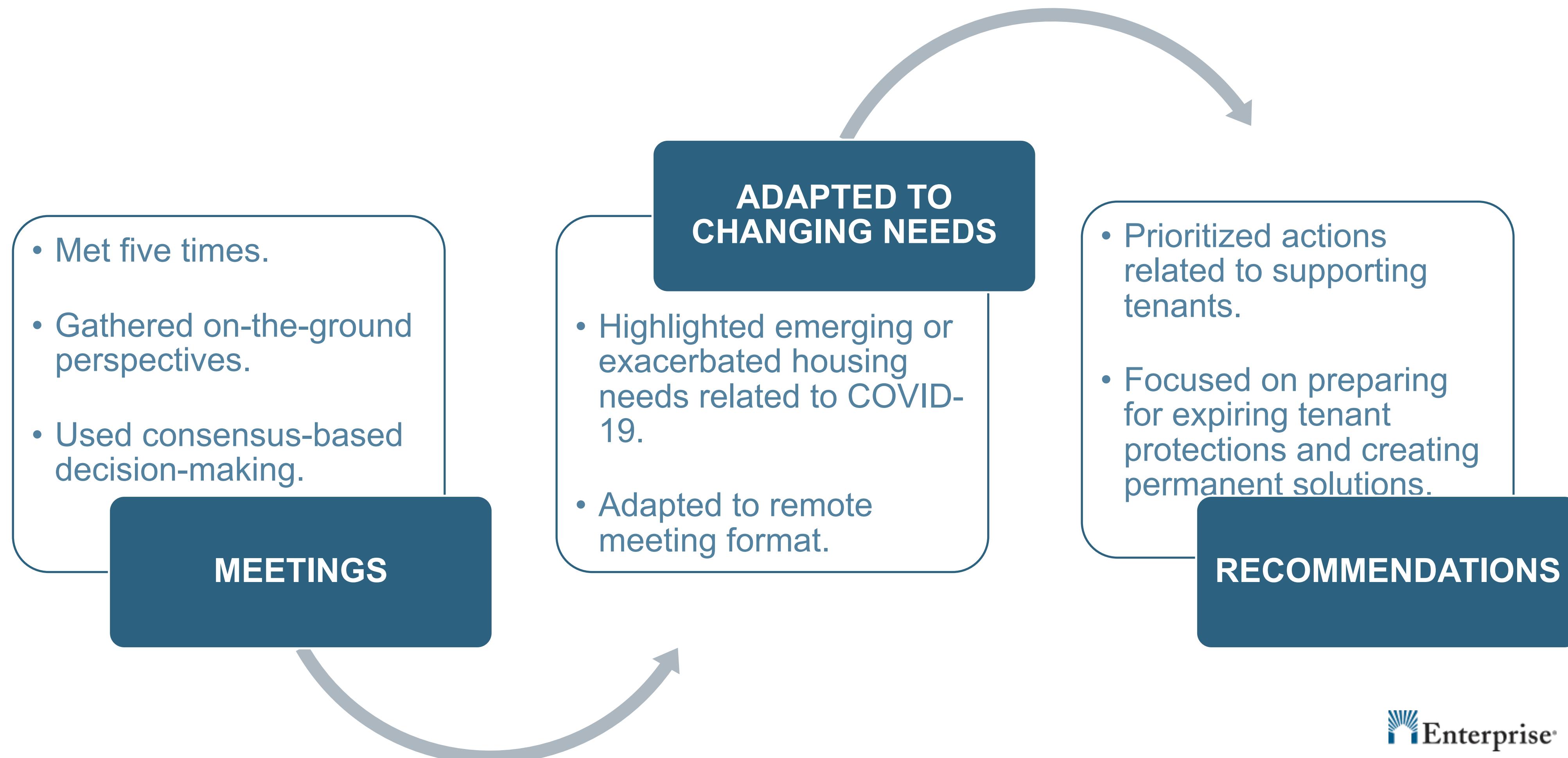
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# WORKGROUP ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER 2020-JANUARY 2021



# PRIORITY ACTION AREAS

PRIORITY ACTION	PRIORITY ACTION AREA
Emergency policies to prevent evictions	Tenant protections
Legal representation in eviction court	Tenant protections
Centralized tenant office	Tenant protections Information & outreach
Tenants' rights	Information & outreach
Available assistance	Information & outreach
Resources	Financial assistance

# COMMON THEMES ACROSS ACTION AREAS

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE GUIDED  
BY THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:**

- **FLEXIBILITY**, by lowering barriers to access and use, with attention to providing resources to people regardless of immigration status or existing arrears
- **STRONG OUTREACH**, with special attention to language access and literacy; accessibility; and messaging through appropriate mediums (e.g., culturally specific media outlets; culturally and linguistically responsive formats; and multimodal formats).
- **MORE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY**, including creating deep housing subsidies; increasing availability of vouchers and other forms of local and state rental assistance; and pursuing innovative models of housing such as community land trusts

# RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIONSHIP TO CHS

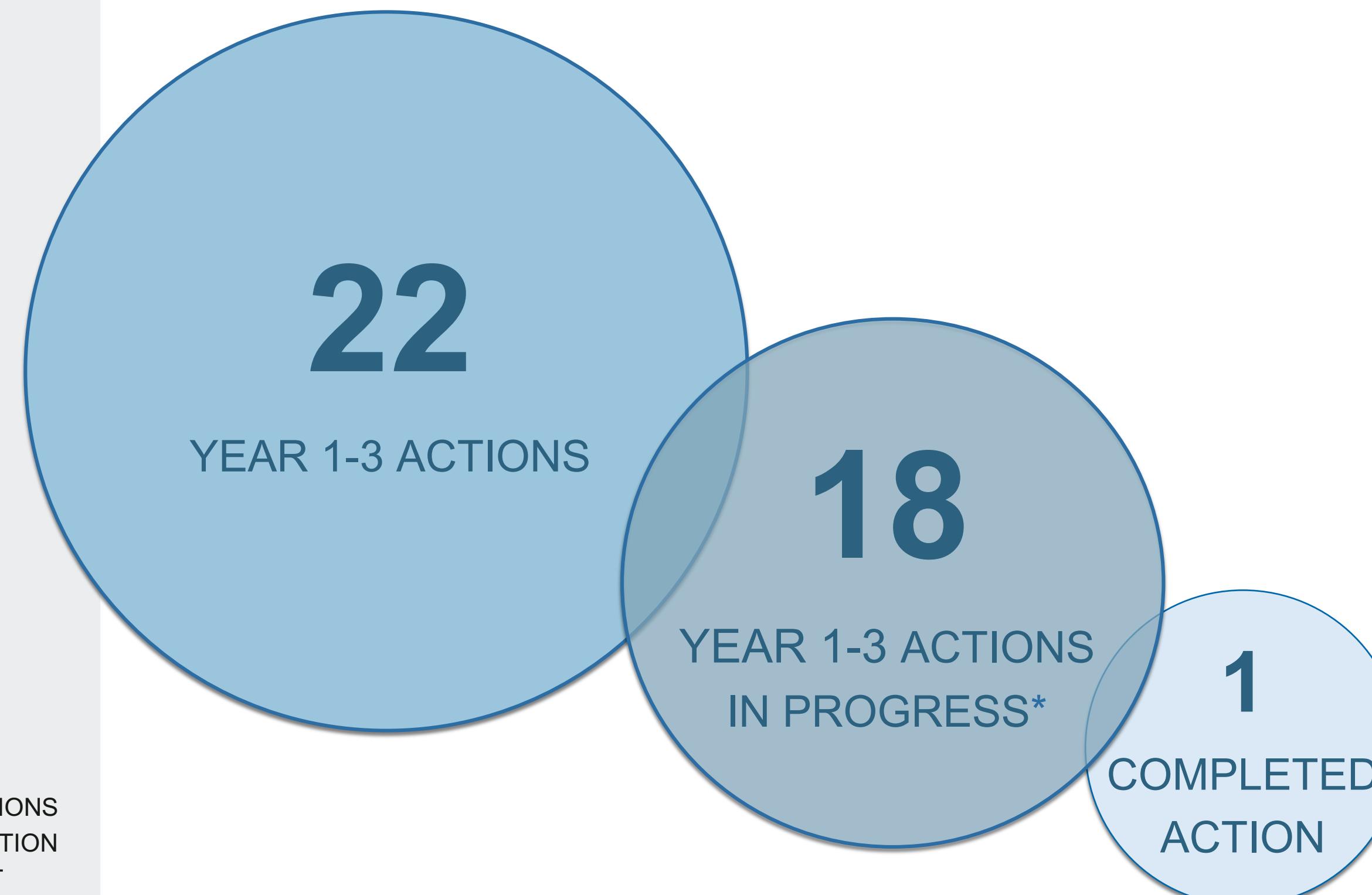
THE RECOMMENDATIONS ADVANCE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS  
FROM *HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL*:

- **CROSS-CUTTING ACTION 1.4**  
Strengthen rights and responsibilities of tenants and landlords.
- **CROSS-CUTTING ACTION 2.9**  
Build a fully culturally competent staff to serve the County's changing demographics.
- **TARGETED ACTION 2.4**  
Create a range of resources for households experiencing a housing crisis.

# IMPLEMENTATION HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

## IMPLEMENTATION OF HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

INCREASED BETWEEN 2019 AND 2020 WITH 23 OF 48 TOTAL ACTIONS UNDERWAY.



### OUTCOMES

BEING ACHIEVED THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION:

- Strengthening internal capacity and coordination
- Increasing and diversifying financing for housing
- Leveraging available land for housing development
- Expanding supports for vulnerable residents
- Creating new supports for existing residents
- Revitalizing neighborhoods
- Ensuring transparency and accountability

# **UPDATES LOCAL, STATE & FEDERAL LANDSCAPE**

# FEDERAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS ADOPTED BY PRESIDENT BIDEN

## EXTENDED EVICTION & FORECLOSURE MORATORIUMS

- Asks the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to consider immediately extending the federal eviction moratorium until at least March 31, 2021, while calling on Congress to provide much needed rental assistance and extend it further.

## EXTENDED FORECLOSURE MORATORIUM & CONTINUED FORBEARANCE

- Asks the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Agriculture, and Housing and Urban Development to consider extending foreclosure moratoriums for federally guaranteed mortgages and continuing applications for forbearance for federally guaranteed mortgages until at least March 31, 2021.
- Requests the Federal Housing Finance Agency to extend the foreclosure moratorium and continue forbearance applications for all loans guaranteed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

## RACIAL EQUITY

- Begins the work of embedding equity across federal policymaking and rooting out systemic racism and other barriers to opportunity from federal programs and institutions.

# MARYLAND STATE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

## PROPOSED BUDGET MAINTAINS HOUSING PROGRAM FUNDING AT 2020 LEVELS.

- Governor Hogan's proposed \$49 billion state budget is 2 percent smaller than the state's 2020 proposed budget. It holds most housing program funding flat from 2020 approved levels.

## INCREASES FOR FAMILIES RECEIVING TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)

- Would provide \$100 payment increase until June 2021 for those who receive TANF.

## STIMULUS PAYMENTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS ELIGIBLE FOR THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (EITC)

- Would provide a \$450-\$750 stimulus payment to households that qualify for EITC (adjusted for household income and family size)

## TAX WAIVER ON UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

- Waives state and local taxes on unemployment benefits, giving more than 700,000 people who are out of work to a substantial tax refund.

# 2020 RECOMMENDATIONS DISCUSSION AMONG WORKGROUP MEMBERS

# DISCUSSION OVERVIEW

## PURPOSE

Identify main points of agreement & disagreement (if any) in the draft recommendations.



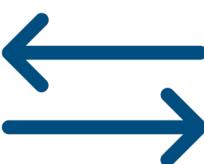
### CLARIFY RECOMMENDATIONS.

Ask and answer any outstanding questions about the recommendations so we start the discussion with the same understanding.



### DISCUSS RECOMMENDATIONS.

Vet each recommendation for overall agreement and any key changes to finalize.  
Discuss one recommendation at a time.



### REVIEW KEY CHANGES TO RECOMMENDATIONS.

Vet key changes to finalize.  
Discuss one recommendation at a time.



### CHECK FOR AGREEMENT.

Confirm if there is consensus before concluding our discussion.

# DISCUSSION PROMPTS

**FOR EACH RECOMMENDATION, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:**

- Are there any aspects of the recommendations that you can't support?
- What changes would you propose to address this concern?

# NEXT STEPS & WRAP-UP

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# NEXT WORKGROUP MEETING

## DATE & TIME

Friday, February 26, 2021 | 10.30 AM to 12.30 PM

## FEBRUARY MEETING PURPOSE

- TBD (based on outcome of today's meeting)

NEXT STEPS & WRAP-UP

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