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HOUSING POLICY is HEALTH POLICY

The state of Georgia
allocates about

\$22 MILLION

in support of affordable
housing each year.

Investments in affordable
housing improve health and
quality of life for many of
Georgia's most vulnerable
residents.

This report identifies
numerous opportunities to
achieve positive outcomes
from this relationship.

Policies that employ a holistic
perspective on the role housing plays in
promoting health can improve well-
being, increase productivity, and reduce
health care costs.

Find the summary brief and
technical report on our website:

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*A Health Impact Assessment of Georgia's
2015 Qualified Allocation Plan for
Low-Income Housing Tax Credits*



200 PEOPLE A YEAR

could be helped to live longer, healthier lives
by implementing modifications to help policy
steer affordable housing development toward
areas with lower health risk.

36 RECOMMENDATIONS

for integrating healthy community design
into housing tax policy are identified. These
adjustments could improve health through
active living, healthy eating, improved air
quality, and reduced injury risk.



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HOUSING POLICY IS HEALTH POLICY

3 OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE HEALTH THROUGH THE QUALIFIED ALLOCATION PLAN (QAP)

1

Changes to scoring could increase incentives for **connections to healthy communities** by using Demographic Cluster data developed by the Georgia Department of Public Health. This provides a more robust characterization of the communities in which Low-Income Housing Tax Credit developments are proposed.

2

Education is a critical health determinant.

Partnering with the Georgia Department of Education to use its new school quality metric, the College and Career Ready Performance Index, will incentivize development in locations that **promote access to educational opportunity**.

3

Within the policy, there are multiple opportunities to **promote healthy design and operation of affordable housing** based on existing best practices. The HIA provides a menu of options for implementing these best practices to improve health.



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