



# UPLIFT Listening Session

August 11, 2025



# Agenda

- Welcome
- Overview of UPLIFT
- Summary of Proposed Changes
- Comments & Questions

# UPLIFT Overview

## Primary Goal

- Decrease gaps in household wealth across racial lines by elevating property values in historically redlined neighborhoods.

## Program Parameters

- 25% of units restricted for sale to 80% AMI households
- Subsidy Limit: \$50,000/DU
- Project Sizing: 8-25 units per project, maximum award \$1.25 million

# Proposed Changes - Flood Zones for New Construction

New Language in Section 3.1 Project Location:

*New Construction projects are not to be located in FEMA Flood Zone Areas. Any project located in Zones C or X may submit a waiver request, which must be accompanied by a flood mitigation plan.*

## Proposed Changes - Public Impact Investments in the Built Environment

New Language in Section 4.3.2 Public Impact Investments to extend investments within the built environment and to define the built environment:

*A total of 10 points will be awarded for investments in the approved Project Area's built environment that reduce deterioration, address environmental contaminants, install or upgrade infrastructure, or provide public amenities. The built environment will include infrastructure and amenities within ¼ mile radius of the project area, or investments that lie along a dominant path of travel from the Project Area to recognized transportation, entertainment, employment, or recreation facilities.*

# Proposed Changes - Waiver for Smaller Projects

New Language in Section 8.2.9 Unit Counts:

*Section 5.7.1 states that projects should include at least eight (8) units. Projects with fewer units may submit a waiver for consideration. An applicant should be able to demonstrate how their project will have an influence on the overall trend within the community, despite their smaller unit count.*

# Proposed Changes - Flexibility in Just Community or ENOUGH Census Tracts

New Language in Section 5.7.1 General Terms: Waivers for Projects in Just Communities or ENOUGH Census Tracts

*To elevate the State's commitment to the ENOUGH Initiative and Just Communities, UPLIFT-eligible projects that overlap with ENOUGH or Just Community census tracts may receive increased flexibility.*

# Comments & Questions?

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