HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

MISSION

The New York State Housing Finance Agency is a public benefit corporation created in 1960 to finance low- and moderate-income rental housing. The Agency issues taxable and tax-exempt bonds to provide mortgage loans to developers of mixed-income and affordable rental projects.

The Housing Finance Agency also plays a role in administering several housing programs supported by State and Federal appropriations. In 1990, the Agency's mission was expanded to include the issuance of bonds to reimburse the State for appropriated expenditures under the State's housing programs.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

The Housing Finance Agency is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of seven members: the Commissioner of Housing and Community Renewal, the Director of the Budget, the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance and four members nominated by the Governor with the consent of the Senate. The Governor designates a Chairperson.

The Agency is located primarily in New York City and is managed by a President/Chief Executive Officer, who is appointed by the Board of Directors. Staff is organized into five departments: the President's Office, Multi-Family Finance, Debt Issuance, Finance and Operations and Legal Services.

The Housing Finance Agency is operated and administered jointly with the State of New York Mortgage Agency, but the two agencies are governed by separate Boards of Directors.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Agency receives no direct operating support from the State. Its operating budget is funded with fees and revenues the Agency generates through its financing activities.

It is projected that from 1995 through 1999, the Housing Finance Agency will have provided over \$1 billion in loans for multi-family rental housing.

A 2000-01 General Fund Aid to Localities appropriation of \$700,000 supports the Capital Grant/Low Rent Lease Subsidy program, providing rental subsidies for approximately 230 low- to moderate-income individuals.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Since its inception in 1960, the Agency has provided financing of \$3.5 billion for 86,000 units of multi-family housing. Between January 1, 1995 and the close of the Agency's fiscal year on October 31, 1999, the Agency provided \$1.02 billion in mortgage loans that created rental housing for over 6,700 families. During the Agency's 1998-99 fiscal year, almost 2,100 units were financed with mortgage loans totaling over \$355 million.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS

| Category | Available 1999-00 | Appropriations Recommended 2000-01 | Change | Reappropriations Recommended 2000-01 |
|------------------|----------------------|--|-----------|--|
| State Operations | \$760,000 | \$700,000 | -\$60,000 | |
| Capital Projects | | | | |
| Total | \$760,000 | \$700,000 | -\$60,000 | |

AID TO LOCALITIES ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS

| Fund Type | Available 1999-00 | Recommended 2000-01 | Change |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| General Fund | \$760,000 | \$700,000 | -\$60,000 |
| Total | \$760,000 | \$700,000 | -\$60,000 |

AID TO LOCALITIES ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

| Program | Available 1999-00 | Recommended 2000-01 | Change |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Capital Grant/Low Rent Lease General Fund | \$760,000 | \$700,000 | -\$60,000 |
| Total | \$760,000 | \$700,000 | -\$60,000 |