

LWV-VA Affordable Housing Study: Outline and Timeline

Sept 2019 - Jan 2020	<p>PHASE I – Research and Define the Issue</p> <p>The Study will focus on household who are very low income, 50% of Area Median Income and below, who are primarily renters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Review LWV housing reports from other states. B. Review Virginia data and reports from national groups on current situation, trends, needs and resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2. National Low Income Housing Coalition: Out of Reach and Gaps Report 3. US Department of Agriculture – Rural Development 4. Other relevant reports C. Review State (government and private) data/reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) 2. Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) 3. Housing Virginia 4. Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) 5. Virginia Poverty Law Center (VPLC) 6. Virginia Organizing 7. Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Eviction Lab D. Review local and regional data and report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local Leagues, local governments and non-profits, congregatiions 2. Regional housing groups such as the Partnership for Housing Affordability (RVA), Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance, Roanoke Housing Network and Hampton Roads Housing Consortium. 3. Survey local Leagues for priority needs. E. Name the problem and identify the scope of study F. Draft Needs/Resources Section of Report.
Feb - April 2020	<p>PHASE II – Identify the State Solutions for League Positions to Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Interview State policy-makers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. VHDA 2. DHCD 3. Housing Virginia B. Interview State advocacy groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Virginia Housing Alliance (VHA) 2. VPLC 3. HOME C. Prioritize and summarize solutions/recommendations.

	D. Prepare remainder of draft report and executive summary.
May - Sept 2020	PHASE III – Conducting Local League Education and Garnering Support A. Send Draft report with executive summary to State and local leagues- request to be included at their annual meeting. B. Obtain local League support: 1. Present Executive Summary at local Leagues – at annual meetings, if possible. 2. Obtain advice and consent. 3. Prepare Final report based on local input. 4. Submit final report to local Leagues for approval. C. Local Leagues vote on report and position at one of their meetings. D. Submit and present final report to LWV-VA for approval in September.
Oct 2020 - Jan 2021	PHASE IV –Public Education and Awareness Campaign A. Working with local Leagues, plan and conduct 3 to 4 regional forums on specific housing topics related to recommendations, such as Reducing Evictions and Best Practices to Housing Low Income Seniors. B. Working with local Leagues, plan and conduct Video Project: Interview women on the street to hear their thoughts on affordable housing. (Janet Gorn’s idea)
Feb - June 2021	PHASE V – State approval at 2021 Convention A. LWV-VA includes report and position in Convention package to be approved at Convention in May. B. Present report and State Leagues’ positions at Convention for approval in May. C. Participate in planning Convention Agenda in order to include Housing topics for education purposes.