## **FOR CONSIDERATION**

December 17, 2025

**TO:** The Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Carrie Meek Gallagher

SUBJECT: Authorization to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the New York

Housing Trust Fund Corporation to Provide Funding for the Low-Income Multi-

Family Residential Weatherization and Heat Pump Installations

### **Requested Action**

The Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Long Island Power Authority ("LIPA") is requested to authorize the Chief Executive Officer or her designee to execute a memorandum of understanding ("MOU") with the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation ("NYSHTF") to fund the incremental cost of building weatherization and electrification of low-income multi-family buildings being renovated as part of Homes and Community Renewal ("HCR") program.

# **Background**

New York State, through the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act of 2019 and further executive action by the Governor, includes specific goals around building electrification and home weatherization – all to support a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in the State. The CLCPA also directs that at least 35% of overall benefits from investments in energy efficiency should be directed to historically disadvantaged communities. LIPA continues to operate incentive programs targeted at these goals and has identified a partnership opportunity with HCR to advance these goals through existing programs that will allow LIPA funding to support weatherization and electrification efforts at low-income multi-family renovation projects in LIPA's service territory.

#### **Discussion**

The New York State Homes and Community Renewal Agency (HCR) is the State's affordable housing agency, with a mission to build, preserve, and protect affordable housing and increase homeownership throughout New York State. Their work includes financing the preservation and renovation of affordable multi-family rental housing using tax-exempt and taxable bonds, State and Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits, and loan programs that support New York's housing priorities. HCR is actively working with multi-family developments in LIPA's service territory.

LIPA staff determined that directing program dollars into HCR's existing programs could accelerate LIPA's efforts to engage existing multi-family buildings with building electrification and weatherization programs. This money would be used by HCR to offset the costs of heat pump and weatherization upgrades in projects that they would otherwise be supporting in other ways.

LIPA anticipates that this approach will yield results at a lower programmatic cost than current program efforts.

LIPA staff proposes to allocate \$2.7 million in program budget to HCR for the 2026 calendar year for this purpose. That money would be spent primarily on direct incentives to projects, with a small amount of money for quality assurance and checks on completed projects and administrative costs incurred by HCR. During the 2026 program year, LIPA staff will evaluate the experience with HCR and benchmark its performance against the performance of the existing programs.

## Recommendation

Based on the foregoing, I recommend that the Trustees authorize the Chief Executive Officer or her designee to take all actions, including, without limitation, executing the MOU with NYSHTF as described above.

## **Attachment**

Exhibit "A" Resolution

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") WITH NEW YORK STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND CORPORATION (NYSHTF) FOR FUNDING FOR THE HOMES AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, LIPA and NYSHTF are in the process of negotiating the MOU relating to funding for NYSHTF's Homes and Community Renewal program; and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost of the contribution by LIPA is calculated to be up to \$2.7 million in calendar year 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chief Executive Officer or her designee be and hereby is authorized to execute and effect an MOU with NYSHTF consistent with the terms of the accompanying memorandum, and to perform such other acts and deeds as may be necessary, convenient or appropriate, in the judgment of the Chief Executive Officer or her designee, to implement LIPA's participation in the Program.

Dated: December 17, 2025