

Defense Housing Gets Approval Of House Committee

Approval of a \$150,000,000 defense housing program for home units of army and navy personnel and defense workers was given today by the house public buildings committee in Washington, raising hopes of Eighth Division officers that a low-cost housing program would be started in Columbia.

Through the Columbia Housing authority, the Eighth Division has requested funds for the building of 200-housing units here. This request is now in Washington and passage of the new allocation for defense housing seems to assure local officers that such housing will be built.

This amount of money approved by the house committee would provide for more than 50,000 housing units.

Charleston was recently lent U. S. Housing authority funds totaling \$1,416,000 for 400 dwellings near the navy yard.

One hundred units in the Gonzales Gardens have been reserved for non-commissioned officers and their families, but with the 30th guard division being mobilized here this month, the housing need will be increased.