Make Affordable Housing a Reality for All Ohioans

Housing is by far the most expensive item in the family budget and is simply out of reach for many Ohioans. Nearly one in three Ohio households are “housing cost burdened”, overcrowded, or living in functionally substandard housing. The Ohio Housing Trust Fund helps make home a reality for hundreds of thousands of Ohioans who need it most by supporting services for the homeless, affordable housing development, home repair, and accessibility modifications. At the same time, the Trust Fund boosts the economy and helps revitalize local communities.

Ohio Housing Trust Fund

During its 25-year history, the Ohio Housing Trust Fund (OHTF) has provided nearly $800 million for local programs that serve people struggling with homelessness and housing instability. OHTF’s total $770 million investment has drawn down nearly $3.8 billion for Ohio’s economy, as it leverages federal and private resources, rehabilitates vacant and abandoned properties, and improves communities. The Fund has remained flat-funded for the past 13 years and often falls short of the original $50 million per year goal because revenue decreases when the housing market slumps and the need for assistance increases. To learn more, visit www.cohhio.org.

Build a stronger home base for homeless veterans, women at risk of infant mortality, Ohioans with disabilities, seniors with fixed incomes and the many working families struggling to make ends met.

- Revenue flowing into the Ohio Housing Trust Fund has dropped from nearly $75 million per year before the recession to less than $44 million.
- Given the proven success of the Ohio Housing Trust Fund over the past quarter century, the Ohio House’s increased investment will help meet not only Ohio’s housing needs, but also address other problems in the state, including health, education, child welfare, and the economy.

Now is the time to build on the Ohio Housing Trust Fund’s Success.

Advocates for Ohio’s Future is a nonpartisan coalition of over 490 local and statewide organizations that promotes health and human service budget and policy solutions so that all Ohioans live better lives.