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# Housing Opportunities

A safe, affordable home is one of the basic requisites of life—a key to individual health and wellbeing, and the foundation for sustainable, economically vibrant and diverse neighborhoods.

Housing has benefits that extend beyond the walls of a home to the community at large. It boosts spending and employment in the surrounding economy, brings revenue into local governments and reduces the likelihood of foreclosure.

LISC invests to develop and preserve housing and support local organizations that make homes accessible to low-income Americans across the country.



Since 1980

Nationally, LISC financed  
348,000 affordable homes —  
over 20,000 last year alone.

The cornerstone of LISC's mission is making quality housing available for low-income and vulnerable residents in underserved places. These include neighborhoods where soaring prices in hot real estate markets edge out longtime residents, as well as "legacy" markets, where the flight of industry and jobs has left a vacuum of disinvestment and poverty. In these places, affordable housing can improve lives and stimulate economic growth.

### What We Do

LISC invests in all kinds of housing. We help develop new multi-family rentals, and preserve existing ones that could be lost to market forces or deterioration; we finance sustainable, "green" construction and rehabilitation, which makes for lower operating costs and healthier neighborhoods; we manage foreclosure interventions; our Bring Them Homes program helps create housing for homeless and other at-risk veterans; and we back the development and maintenance of homes for vulnerable groups such as the elderly, those without permanent housing and people with special needs.

### Funding

To make this all happen, LISC provides grants, loans and equity for nearly every aspect of construction and renovation. Through our affiliate, National Equity Fund, we syndicate federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits, helping build more than 140,000 homes over the last three decades. LISC Lending offers a wide range of loans, from pre-development to permanent financing. We also support home ownership for low-income residents by partnering with public housing agencies and developers.

### Expertise

In addition to our financial products, we offer technical assistance, data and mapping tools to community-based organizations working to improve the supply and condition of affordable housing in their neighborhoods, so that they can achieve their goals more effectively.

### Policy

LISC Housing works closely with our Washington, D.C.-based policy team to shape better government policies for the creation and preservation of affordable housing, and to safeguard those policies already in place. We also interpret new housing policy and help local LISC offices to integrate new government programs into their work at the community level.



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Affordable housing project located in Woonsocket, RI.

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