Community development

LocalHousingSolutions.org includes guidance on housing policies that can contribute to a comprehensive approach to community development.

**Brief: Strengthening communities through community development activities**

Local jurisdictions that wish to support community development activities in particular neighborhoods will likely want to pursue a comprehensive approach that goes beyond housing to include investments in other areas such as public safety, commercial revitalization, and infrastructure and educational improvements. This brief describes how housing policies on LocalHousingSolutions.org can help support a comprehensive community development strategy.

**Selected local housing policies**

- Housing trust funds
- Tax increment financing
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit
- Community land trusts
- Brownfield remediation and development
- Downpayment and closing cost assistance
- Foreclosure prevention programs
- Code enforcement
- Tax incentives for maintenance and rehabilitation of market affordable rental properties

**Related content**

- Resources on affirmatively furthering fair housing
- Issue brief: Balancing increases in affordable housing in resource-rich areas with investments in low-income neighborhoods
- Issue brief: Strengthening the resources and opportunities in high-poverty neighborhoods
- Issue brief: Preserving market affordable rental housing
- Housing policy library section: Improving quality of both new and existing housing
- Housing policy library section: Ensuring the ongoing viability of market affordable rental properties
- Explore external resources for community development