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