Homelessness

LocalHousingSolutions.org includes a range of resources that can help cities, towns, and counties prevent and reduce homelessness and help meet the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

**Brief: Reducing homelessness and meeting the emergency needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness**

For many cities, towns, and counties, preventing and ending homelessness is a compelling objective. This brief describes how policies in the Housing Policy Library can be used, in conjunction with other tools, to end the homelessness experienced by particular families and individuals and reduce the numbers of people who experience homelessness. High-cost cities, towns, and counties, in particular, have high levels of homelessness and will need to think broadly about providing affordable housing to help people out of homelessness and easing overall shortages of housing and high costs. Read the brief

**Selected local housing policies**

Capital subsidies for affordable housing developments  
Operating subsidies for affordable housing developments  
Project-basing of Housing Choice Vouchers  
Housing Choice Vouchers  
HOME tenant-based rental assistance  
State- or local-funded tenant-based rental assistance  
Security deposit/first month’s rent assistance  
Eviction prevention programs  
Legal assistance for at-risk renters

**Related content**

Video: What is affordable housing and who needs it?  
Video: How do you fill the gap in funding for affordable housing?  
Housing Policy Library section: Generating revenue for affordable housing  
Housing Policy Library section: Enhancing renters’ housing stability  
Resources on building public support for affordable housing  
Explore external resources for homelessness