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 homeless individuals and families.

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

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 become homeless. 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