

Housing Trust Fund Project

The **Housing Trust Fund Project** is a special initiative of the Center for Community Change (CCC). CCC is a national nonprofit which helps low-income people build powerful, effective organizations through which they can change their communities and public policies for the better.

The Housing Trust Fund Project operates as a clearinghouse of information on housing trust funds and provides technical assistance to organizations and agencies working to create and implement these funds.

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Technical assistance

The Project provides several levels of technical assistance depending on the type of organization.

Community-based Nonprofit

Organizations. CCC gives a priority to working with community-based nonprofits. We offer on-going technical assistance to create housing trust funds that serve the greatest needs in the community.

Other Private Nonprofit Organizations and Coalitions. The Project will provide as much information and technical assistance as possible to coalitions creating housing trust funds.

Public (Government Entities). The Project will provide information and assistance, as requested, on a limited basis.

Housing trust funds are at the forefront of American housing policy. Hundreds of cities, counties, and states have embraced the concept of dedicating public revenue to help address the critical housing needs of this country. Housing needs have soared, particularly for low income families who are paying too much of their income for housing costs. Housing trust funds offer a flexible way to provide a reliable stream of funding to support homes for low income families. Housing trust funds have demonstrated that there is a way to reach the goal of every American having a safe decent affordable place to call home.

Housing trust funds are distinct funds that are established by legislation, ordinance or resolution to receive on-going revenues from dedicated sources of public funding such as taxes, fees or loan repayments. Housing trust funds are designed locally so they take advantage of unique opportunities and address specific needs that exist within a community. Housing trust funds provide a more secure and sensible way to fund needed housing.

Our website has detailed information on the status of housing trust funds throughout the country, information on campaigns, and numerous resources. For more information, go to:
www.housingtrustfundproject.org

Publications

News from the Housing Trust Fund Project. Informative quarterly newsletter on campaigns for new Funds, developments with existing Funds. Updates, tips, advice, ideas, strategies, more! To get on the mailing, go to our website: www.housingtrustfundproject.org

Other Publications:

- **Model Approaches to Providing Homes for Extremely Low Income Households.** A 2011 report, based on the experiences of eight trust funds, outlines model approaches.
- **Homeless Trust Funds.** Three 2011 profiles of trust funds addressing homelessness: Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust; Philadelphia Housing Trust Fund; and Washington Homelessness Housing and Assistance Act.
- **Housing Trust Fund Progress Report 2007.** The report contains information on state, city, and county housing trust funds and describes current trends with housing trust fund development throughout the country.
- **Winning at the Local Level: 5 Housing Trust Fund Campaigns Tell Their Stories.** This report captures stories, lessons, and victories in successful trust fund campaigns.
- **A Workbook for Creating a Housing Trust Fund.** This workbook explains how to assemble a proposal for a new fund and put together a campaign to get it enacted. It contains step by step suggestions and examples to draw from.



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