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The Housing Trust Fund Project is a special project 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 throughout the country 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

As part of CCC, we give a priority to working with community-based nonprofits. We offer on-going technical assistance to these organizations working to create housing trust funds that serve the greatest needs in their community. Technical assistance (e.g. providing information, on-site technical assistance, and on-going advice and help throughout the campaign) is available to the extent staff time exists.

Other Private Nonprofit Organizations and Coalitions

The Project will provide as much information and technical assistance as possible to coalitions creating local housing trust funds.

Public (Government Entities)

The Project will provide information and assistance, as requested, on a limited basis, but expects these entities to secure the necessary information through the publications available from CCC. Any on-site assistance requires that all travel costs and expenses be paid. The Project will assist public entities in contacting other existing housing trust funds for assistance or securing the services of a consultant.

A safe, affordable home is the American dream. For close to half of American families, however, it continues to be a dream.

Housing Trust Fund Project

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 revenue 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 public revenues, which can only be spent on housing. The key characteristic of a housing trust fund is that it receives **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.

News from the Housing Trust Fund Project Informative quarterly report on campaigns for new Funds, developments involving existing Funds. Updates, tips, advice, ideas, strategies, more!

Winning at the Local Level: 5 Housing Trust Fund Campaigns Tell Their Stories This report captures some accomplishment in housing trust funds through personal interviews with dozens of players in select cities. The stories provide lessons, experiences and victories that literally change the complexion of affordable housing in these cities.

Housing Trust Fund Progress Report 2002: Local Responses to America's Housing Needs This report provides the only comprehensive up-to-date description of the more than 275 existing (in 2002) housing trust funds in the US. The report contains information on state, city, county, and multi-jurisdictional housing trust funds and provides numerous examples of accomplishments and reasons for their success.

Home Sweet Home: Why America Needs a Housing Trust Fund, 2002 This report outlines benefits that could be realized from the creation of a national housing trust fund. The report details the need and quantifies social and economic benefits that could result from creating needed housing. Detailed information is provided for 20 states.

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.



Affordable housing in Washington County, OR.

More than 350 housing trust funds exist in U.S. states, counties and cities.

Project Publications

Please contact for copies.