



City of Charlotte Role in Ending and Preventing Homelessness

The City's Housing Policies focus on preserving the existing housing stock, expanding the supply of low and moderate-income housing and supporting family self-sufficiency initiatives.

City's Role: Policy Maker, Funder, and Convener

Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing (Stimulus Funded)

- Program serves households currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
- Intent is to serve persons who can remain housed after temporary assistance ends
- Services delivered through Project Hope: Crisis Assistance Ministry, WISH and Foundation For The Carolinas (FFTC)

Housing Trust Fund

- Established by Council in 2001 to provide gap financing for affordable housing
 - Council requested priority be given to projects serving 30% or less of AMI
- Fund has received \$67.3 million in funding since inception
 - Bonds issued through City's general fund
 - \$15M just approved by voters

Locational Policy

- Policy establishes permissible and priority areas for the development of new multi-family rental housing that receive public funds for households earning 60% or less of AMI

Housing Rehabilitation

- Provides low interest loans and grants to homeowners to assist in the rehabilitation of homes. City also provides inspections, bidding and construction management.
- Serves households earning up to 80% of the area median income.

Housing Support Services

- City contracts with Crisis Assistance Ministry in the amount of \$380,000 annually for homeless prevention programs.

Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance

- Helps prevent evictions and homelessness. Tenants agree to a resolution plan and landlord agrees not to evict the tenant.
- Assists residents with utility assistance to assist them in remaining in their homes.

Relocation

- Program provides housing support (rental and relocation Assistance) for displaced families due to code enforcement or other government action.
 - City contracts with the Charlotte Housing Authority to house persons displaced through code enforcement.

Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS

- Provides housing assistance & supportive services for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS. Funds are used for rental assistance emergency housing and operating support. Program is administered by the Regional HIV/AIDS Consortium. City receives \$714,000 annually from HUD. Program serves Mecklenburg, Anson, Cabarrus, Gaston, Union and York Counties.

Emergency Shelter Grants

- Provides funding for conversion, renovation and rehabilitation of homeless shelters, operating funds for homeless shelters, essential services and homeless prevention. City receives \$206,926 annually from HUD through the ESG program.