

Ohio Housing Trust Fund
“A permanent, dedicated funding source for affordable housing”
* Endorsement Form *

After the voters approved a Constitutional Amendment to make housing a public purpose in 1990, the Ohio General Assembly created the Housing Trust Fund in 1991. Two committees, one created by the General Assembly and one created by Governor Voinovich, recommended a funding level of \$50 million a year from various sources including an increase in the recordation fees. While this funding level has yet to be achieved, the General Assembly has appropriated a total of nearly \$160 million since 1991 and the Housing Trust Fund has achieved a solid record of success.

The Housing Trust Fund has proven to be a practical, cost effective and flexible way to help meet Ohioans’ affordable housing needs. The Ohio Department of Development has distributed the funds to:

- help families with a down payment to buy their first home;
- build and rehabilitate homes and apartment units for working families;
- modify homes for accessibility for handicapped or elderly Ohioans;
- prevent homelessness through short-term rent and mortgage assistance; and
- provide housing counseling and/or other housing related supportive services to help Ohioans maintain housing or achieve home ownership.

Non-profit organizations, private developers, lenders, and local governments are eligible to participate in Housing Trust Fund programs. The Housing Trust Fund is unique in that funds are targeted to assist Ohio’s neediest households – those with incomes at or below 50 percent of the median income, with a preference for projects that serve households with incomes at or below 35 percent of the median income.

The undersigned organization hereby endorses full funding for the Ohio Housing Trust Fund, from a permanent and dedicated source of revenue such as increased recordation fees. I hereby give my permission to use my name and/or organization as an endorser of the Ohio Housing Trust Fund Campaign to obtain permanent, dedicated revenue in the next state budget.

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