Philadelphia Housing Trust Fund







Expanding Housing OpportunitiesRevitalizing Neighborhoods

Fiscal Years

20182019

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Philadelphia's Housing Trust Fund (HTF) is a dedicated source of local revenue vital to addressing the city's diverse housing needs. The HTF provides funding for new affordable homes, the preservation and repair of existing homes, and homelessness prevention. The housing initiatives supported by the HTF are critical to revitalizing Philadelphia's neighborhoods.

Philadelphia is one of nearly 800 housing trust funds across the country generating over \$1.5 billion annually to support critical housing needs.



When the Philadelphia Housing Trust Fund (HTF) started over ten years ago, we set out to assist those households most in need.

The HTF has been a key funding tool for the development of new affordable housing opportunities, for the preservation of existing homes, and for homelessness prevention. It helps Philadelphians pay their utility bills, live more independently in their homes, and make their homes more energy efficient, cost effective, and healthier. Each year the HTF provides funding to:

- Revitalize communities across the city
- Fuel affordable housing development
- Unlock new homeownership opportunities and build wealth.
- Preserve homes and increase accessibility
- Serve vulnerable populations including seniors, the homeless, veterans, and those with special needs.

Recognizing the success of the Trust Fund, Mayor Kenney, working with City Council, identified an additional \$100 million in HTF resources for the next five years. These new resources will enable the City to have an even greater impact on Philadelphia's housing needs.

Whether it's building and preserving homes, preventing homelessness, increasing mobility, or promoting sustainability, the HTF continues to be a critical resource for Philadelphia's communities and families.

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Growing Impact of HTF: 2006-19





+ an estimated **7,500** jobs in supporting industries



\$6.5 million

IN PROPERTY TAXES GENERATED



2 million sq ft

DEVELOPED



168 units

FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES





75% New Units

25% Preserved Units

At a Glance: 2018-19





toward clearing backlogs in AMP and BSRP



10,000

HOME IMPROVEMENTS



4,500

STABILIZATION SERVICES



300

AFFORDABLE RENTAL UNITS



80

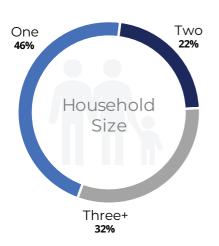
NEW HOME PURCHASES

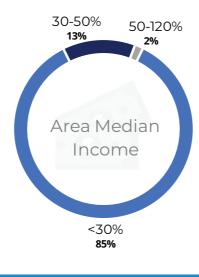


Areas

\$3.5 million
Saved In
Shelter Costs







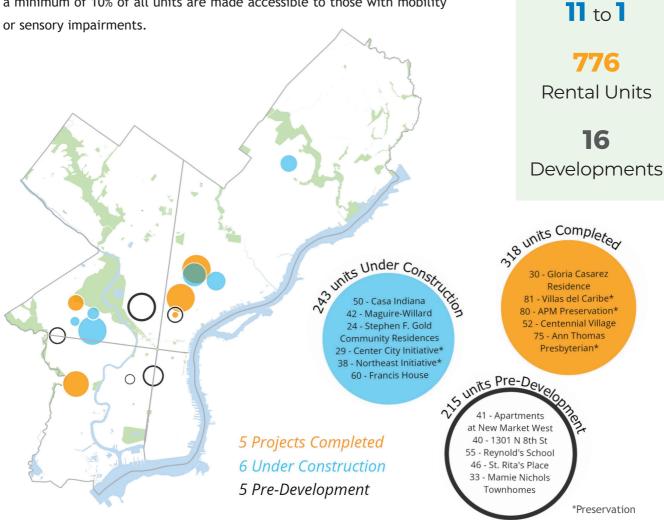
14,500 HOUSEHOLDS

ASSISTED

Fueling Affordable Housing Development

The City leverages HTF dollars with private and other funding to assist nonprofit developers in creating and preserving affordable rental and special needs housing throughout the city.

Units are made affordable to households earning less than 80% of AMI, and a minimum of 10% of all units are made accessible to those with mobility









2018-19

\$17.7 million

HTF supported

Leveraged

Unlocking New Homeownership Opportunities

The HTF helps individuals and families gain access to homeownership, many for the first time.

The Your First Home Program was launched in 2018 to offer settlement cost assistance. JP Morgan Chase provided \$175,000 for the program, which the City matched with \$100,000 HTF dollars. The Philly First Home Program began in late FY 2019. The City anticipates awarding 1,000 grants to eligible homebuyers through this program in FY 2020.

Urban Affairs Coalition's Home Buy Now program partners with local employers to help their employees purchase homes near their work

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2018-19

\$220,000

HTF supported

77

Grants

\$11.2 million

in Home Sales

\$381,500

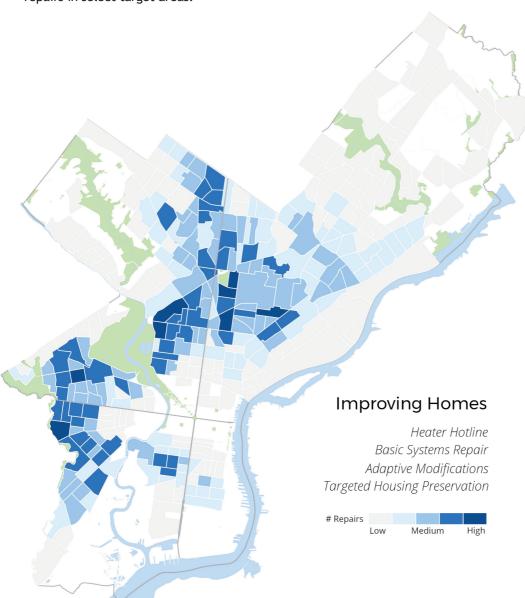
in Transfer Taxes and Recording Fees

Preserving Homes and Increasing Accessibility

The HTF preserves affordable housing by providing critical home repairs, adaptive modifications, and legal services to help families remain in their homes.

Home improvement programs administered by the Energy Coordinating Agency and PHDC offer emergency heater repairs; basic system repairs to plumbing, electrical, roofing, and heating systems; and adaptive modifications for persons with disabilities.

Rebuilding Together Philadelphia and Habitat for Humanity also provide home repairs in select target areas.



2018-19

\$6.9 million

HTF supported

5,590

Heater Repairs

3,917

Basic Systems Repairs

425

Adaptive Modifications

115

Targeted Repairs

Maintaining Housing Stability

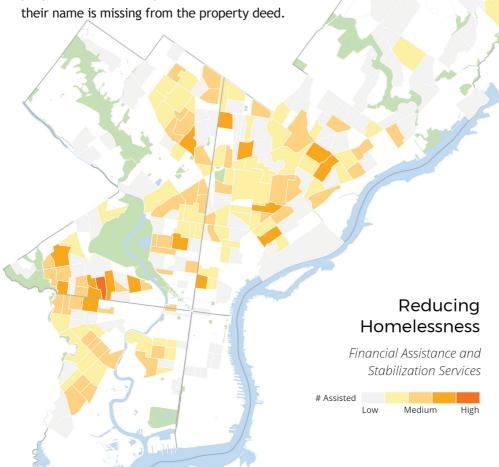
The HTF provides utility grants and homelessness prevention services, including short-term financial assistance, to help people avoid homelessness and remain in their homes.

UESF provides emergency utility assistance to low-income families who have fallen behind on their utility bills and are facing utility shut-offs. UESF also offers comprehensive care management to help families prioritize their housing and financial needs.

The Office of Homeless Services offers a range of homelessness prevention services to help people avoid homelessness and avoid the shelter system, including cash assistance for rent and mortgages, security

Tangled title services provided by Philadelphia VIP help people retain ownership of their homes in cases where their name is missing from the property deed.

deposits, and utility payments.



2018-19

\$3.4 million

HTF supported

3,563

UESF Utility
Grants

839

Homelessness
Prevention
Services

82

Tangled
Title Cases
Resolved

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