



# GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

## INVESTING IN AFFORDABLE, ATTAINABLE, SUSTAINABLE HOUSING

Governor Whitmer is making critical investments so every Michigander has a safe, affordable place to call home.

### Investing in attainable, affordable housing

- Released [Michigan's first Statewide Housing Plan](#), outlining goals and strategies to tackle the state's affordable and attainable housing crisis. [Met ambitious state goal](#) to build 75,000 units of housing and [upped](#) the affordable housing goal to 115,000 units.
- [Announced](#) the largest investment to build housing in state history [two years in a row](#), totaling almost \$2 billion to build or fix nearly 11,000 homes.
- [Secured](#) a sustainable funding source for the Housing and Community Development Fund and Revitalization and Placemaking Grants, to meet affordable, attainable housing needs for working-class families and make communities better places to live.
- Made [historic investments](#) in the Building Michigan Together Plan to build and refurbish affordable housing units for working class families.
- Provided hundreds of millions in investment to the [Multi-Family Direct Lending Program](#), the [Low-Income Housing Tax Credit](#), and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to support the development of over 3,500 new housing units across Michigan.
- [Expanded](#) the number of communities that can establish land bank fast track authorities, powerful economic development tools.
- Signed [bipartisan bills](#) to alleviate the affordable housing shortage.
- Signed [Transformational Brownfield legislation](#) to power economic development and finance affordable housing in communities across Michigan.
- Signed an [executive order](#) to streamline housing funding, promote housing innovation, and help get dollars out the door faster.
- [Delivered](#) \$15 million to address workforce housing needs for the food and agriculture industries and \$10 million to support the acquisition, renovation, and resale of properties, while creating good-paying jobs and supporting apprentices.
- [Signed a budget](#) investing over \$100 million to build more affordable housing, provide grants to local communities to cover housing costs.
- [Signed](#) an executive directive to review ways state government can speed up permitting on community revitalization, housing, manufacturing, clean energy, and water protection.
- [Signed an executive directive](#) expanding access to affordable housing for younger Michiganders, putting money back in their pockets.
- [Reduced costs](#) every month for first-time homebuyers with a new Rate Relief Mortgage program lowering interest rates by one full percentage point.

### Helping families stay in their homes

- Signed the '[First-Time Home Buyer Savings](#)' bill to help families buy their first home.
- Helped thousands of families buy homes and stay in their homes through the [Down Payment Assistance Program](#), [MI Home Loan Mortgage Programs](#), [Michigan Homeowners Assistance Fund](#), [MI Mortgage Relief Partnership](#) and [Emergency Rental Assistance](#) program.
- Signed '[Pay as you stay](#).' to help Detroit homeowners struggling to pay property taxes.
- Signed [a bill](#) helping low-income homeowners get a 3-year property tax exemption.
- [Prevented landlords](#) with five or more rental units from denying a tenant housing based on their source of income, ensuring potentially 34,000 families can better afford housing.
- Distributed over \$16 million [Emergency Solutions Grants](#) to nonprofits across the state to help individuals experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness.



**Making housing more comfortable and sustainable**

- Secured [\\$212 million](#) for home energy rebates and [\\$5.5 million](#) for clean energy improvements for homes and businesses, lowering costs.
- [Invested](#) in [Michigan's green bank](#) and [residential clean energy improvements](#) to make homes more sustainable and lower family utility bills.
- Awarded [Neighborhood Enhancement Program grants](#) to strengthen neighborhoods, provide amenities, and repair housing.
- Incentivized [low-income housing](#) developers to meet sustainability and energy efficiency commitments and shift construction of new units near essential amenities.