



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 each year.
- Signed the [Housing Opportunity Tax Credit](#), a permanent \$ 42 million annual investment will result in the production or preservation of up to 2,500 affordable housing units each year.
- [Secured](#) a sustainable funding source of \$50M for the Housing and Community Development Fund to build attainable housing for working-class families and revitalize neighborhoods and downtowns.
- [Leveraged billions](#) in state bonding authority, federal tax credits, and federal grant programs to support the development and rehabilitation of housing.
- [Invested](#) millions in one-time resources to build new and rehabilitate existing housing, support workforce housing, and make housing more energy and water efficient.
- [Launched innovative](#) financing programs like the Housing Accelerator Fund.
- Created new local financing options for housing development like Tax Incremental Financing and expanded statewide programs that support community development like the [Transformational Brownfield Program](#) for affordable and workforce housing.
- [Expanded](#) the number of communities that can establish local land bank authorities, supporting housing development and homeownership opportunities.
- Signed an [executive order](#) to streamline housing funding, promote housing innovation, and help get dollars out the door faster.
- [Exempted affordable housing projects from taxes](#) to support new development by establishing programs like Attainable Housing Districts and Neighborhood Enterprise Zones.
- Increased [flexibility in the housing bond market](#) to maximize savings and invest more in housing, bringing Michigan in line with the practices of neighboring states.
- [Signed an executive directive](#) expanding access to affordable housing for younger Michiganders, putting money back in their pockets.

Streamlining processes to encourage housing development

- [Called on the legislature](#) to cut red tape and incentivize more housing by axeing nonsensical construction requirements and streamlining zoning.
- [Signed bills](#) to modernize the building code to allow for more flexibility in housing construction projects saving both time, resources, and money for builders and renters.
- [Published](#) the "Get Housing Ready Guide" that outlined practical solutions for local governments to reduce barriers, streamline processes, and support housing development.
- Invested millions to [support locals with proven efforts](#) to encourage housing development.
- Directed state departments to [review ways to speed up permitting](#) for housing, and more.
- [Incentivized developers to build low-income housing](#) in dense areas near essential amenities and build better housing that meets energy and sustainability benchmarks.

Helping Michiganders buy and stay in their homes

- [Helped](#) a record 6,000+ Michiganders become homeowners in 2025.
- Established '[First-Time Home Buyer Savings](#)' accounts to help families buy a first home.
- [Reduced costs](#) every month for first-time homebuyers with a new Rate Relief Mortgage program lowering interest rates by one full percentage point.
- Secured [nearly \\$30 million](#) to keep Michigan's most vulnerable housed with investments in permanent supportive housing and homelessness prevention efforts. Helped families buy and stay in their homes through [property tax relief](#), [down payment](#) and [rental assistance](#), and [mortgage relief](#) programs.
- Enhanced [protection for renters against discrimination](#) based on their source of income.
- Invested millions to [help individuals experiencing housing insecurity](#) and homelessness with prevention and rapid-rehousing activities.

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