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Knoxville Affordable Housing Fund

Knoxville is fast-tracking the creation of affordable housing by leveraging private and public investment.

City: Knoxville, TN

Purpose: To support investment in attainable housing and address local housing shortages for low-to-moderate income individuals and families.

Lead Stakeholders: Government, Community, Private Sector, Philanthropy

Process: In 2021, the City of Knoxville created an Affordable Housing Fund by city ordinance. The City has since invested \$34.9 million over four years in the Affordable Housing Fund, outpacing its 10-year, \$50 million goal.

The \$34.9 million Affordable Housing Fund investment, combined with other contributions, totals over \$48 million for affordable housing development, successfully attracting over \$729 million in additional private and public funding.

The fund's rapid growth has catalyzed the transformation of two 1940s-era public housing complexes and several new affordable housing developments, including three new Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) developments.

Outcomes:

 Over the past five years, more than 2,600 new affordable housing units have been completed, approved, or are currently under construction.

