

# Housing & Community Development

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) manages the City's affordable housing programs, including federal entitlement grants from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, state administered grants, City bond funds, TIRZ affordable housing set-aside funds, and other local funds. Combined, these funding sources support affordable housing, economic development, neighborhood improvements, and provide funding to address homelessness prevention and supportive services to special needs populations.

The Homeless and Housing Consolidated Bond funds that have been approved in the last five bond elections do not carry federal requirements and provide the City with greater flexibility to address the City's needs.

Nearly 50% of households in Houston are low- and moderate-income. Housing costs continue to increase drastically while household income has had only small gains in recent years. Further exacerbating the availability of decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing, Houston's housing stock is aging. Approximately half (47.5%) of the renter-occupied housing stock was built before 1980. Many of these properties have deteriorated systems, leading to unsafe living conditions for many whose only alternative is to reside in inexpensive housing. In addition, the impacts to the housing stock due to Hurricane Harvey have also restricted the supply of affordable homes, causing a continued increase in housing costs. HCDD will focus on development of affordable homes, which may include the repair, rehabilitation, reconstruction, or new construction of homes, as well as the acquisition of property and demolition of buildings with deteriorated systems.





