



Housing and Community Development

Local housing development organizations provide a multitude of housing programs and services to ensure that citizens have decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing as well as a range of quality housing choices at all income levels.

Community development organizations work with diverse neighborhood partners to leverage financing and other funding for quality housing, commercial properties, small business development opportunities, and community-based programs.

The following organizations have been reviewed by The Greater Cincinnati Foundation in the recent past.

Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC)

3CDC was established in 2003 to develop Cincinnati's Center City as a regional center of high value employment and real estate, sustained by a diverse mix of housing, culture and entertainment. 3CDC has most recently been focused on the redevelopment of Fountain Square and the revitalization of the Over-the-Rhine community. Focus is also on implementation of real estate development projects and programs that strengthen the core assets of downtown. 3CDC sets overall strategic direction and priorities for development in the Center City with input from a broad range of stakeholders and fosters public-private collaboration.

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What can you do?

This is a small sample of housing and community development organizations GCF has recently supported. If you would like to contribute to one or more of these organizations or want more information please contact a member of our Giving Strategies Group at (513) 241-2880.



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It also puts development deals together and oversees project implementation to ensure public and private accountability for the successful completion of Center City projects.

www.3cdc.org

Cincinnati Development Fund (CDF)

CDF is a nonprofit lending institution established in 1988 to finance affordable housing and community revitalization in the Greater Cincinnati area by underwriting and servicing community development real estate loans. The CDF provides capital and expert financial consulting that serves as a catalyst for comprehensive community development. It fills a critical niche that is not sought after by traditional lenders, such as small projects, new developers, and complex financing structures.

www.cincinnati-developmentfund.org

Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME)

HOME was established in 1959 as The Greater Cincinnati Committee for Equal Opportunities. Its mission is to eliminate illegal discrimination in housing, especially racial discrimination, and to promote balanced living patterns. Today, HOME's emphasis has been driven beyond just finding a home, to building a neighborhood environment that welcomes and accepts minorities as vital residents in a healthy community.

www.cincyfairhousing.com

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)

LISC is a national organization with a neighborhood focus. Established locally in 1982, LISC is the nation's largest supporter of grassroots community development, providing and encouraging investment in urban and rural affordable housing, technical support. Its staff help identify local priorities and challenges, delivering the most appropriate support to meet local needs. In addition to affordable housing, this includes providing support for quality child care, economic development, innovative schools, recreational facilities, health care, and community safety.

www.lisc.org

Over-the-Rhine Community Housing (OTRCH)

OTRCH is a community-based nonprofit with nearly 30 years of community development experience. The organization was formed as a result of the 2006 merger of ReStock (established in 1978) and Over-the-Rhine Housing Network (established in 1988). OTRCH focuses on developing and managing resident centered affordable housing in an effort to promote inclusive communities. It has developed over 400 units of housing in the past 25 years. In the past year, more than 400 volunteers from all parts of Greater Cincinnati have provided over 2,300 hours of labor to ensure housing quality.

www.otrch.org

Working In Neighborhoods (WIN)

WIN empowers people to make informed choices for themselves and their neighborhoods through community building, home ownership, and economic learning. WIN collaborates with local organizations and businesses to provide services in the areas of community education and housing development. Programs offered include housing education; homebuyer and credit counseling; energy saving education; leadership training; WIN Senior Action Coalition; after-school and summer tutoring/enrichment; computer literacy classes for all ages and Citizens Against Loan Sharks (stamps out predatory lenders). WIN's Homeownership Preservation Program helps families gain equity and strengthens neighborhoods by increasing home ownership. All of WIN's houses are sold to families who agree to live in the community for 10 years.

www.wincincy.org

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