Housing Trust Fund Investments to Address Housing Insecurity: FY 2018-2023

Looking back over the past six years, the Arizona Department of Housing has paid out more than \$113 million in assistance from the State Housing Trust Fund (HTF) providing critical resources to assist vulnerable Arizonans overcome their individual housing crisis.

Over its 30-year history, the HTF has been funded through allocations from the State's Unclaimed Property Fund and budget appropriations from the Arizona State Legislature while also acting as a revolving fund to replenish other ADOH loan sources. Resources have been distributed in metro and rural communities to applicants who use the funding to develop supportive housing and other resources for those facing housing instability or homelessness.

The \$113 million in HTF assistance from Fiscal Years 2018 - 2023 has been invested in a wide range of housing projects including:

- \$62 million to create new affordable housing units
- \$9 million for developing and improving transitional housing and homeless shelters
- \$7.5 million to create permanent supportive housing
- \$4.7 million exclusively for developing youth homeless shelter facilities

In addition to the capital projects listed above, the HTF has also funded several non-capital, community-service housing programs including:

- \$17.7 million in rental and eviction prevention assistance
- \$6.3 million for homeless shelter prevention, supportive, and operational services
- \$5.5 million in case management, education, outreach, and employment support services

During this time frame, the HTF also funded fair housing counseling, landlord incentive programs, mortgage counseling, utility assistance, and youth homeless supportive services.

A FY 2023 example of how HTF funding was used is the SPARKBOX. A HTF awardee repurposed shipping containers into solar-powered, off-grid, carbon neutral, water saving, quick-occupancy homes that will be used to house the homeless anywhere in Arizona. The sustainable units demonstrate the future of affordable housing.

The flexibility of this funding source makes the HTF one of our most valuable resources ADOH has for addressing housing needs. Every investment provides critical resources that, over time, assist countless individuals and families to stabilize their living situations.

View the Arizona State Housing Trust Fund 6-Year Expenditure Report from FY 2018 - 2023.