

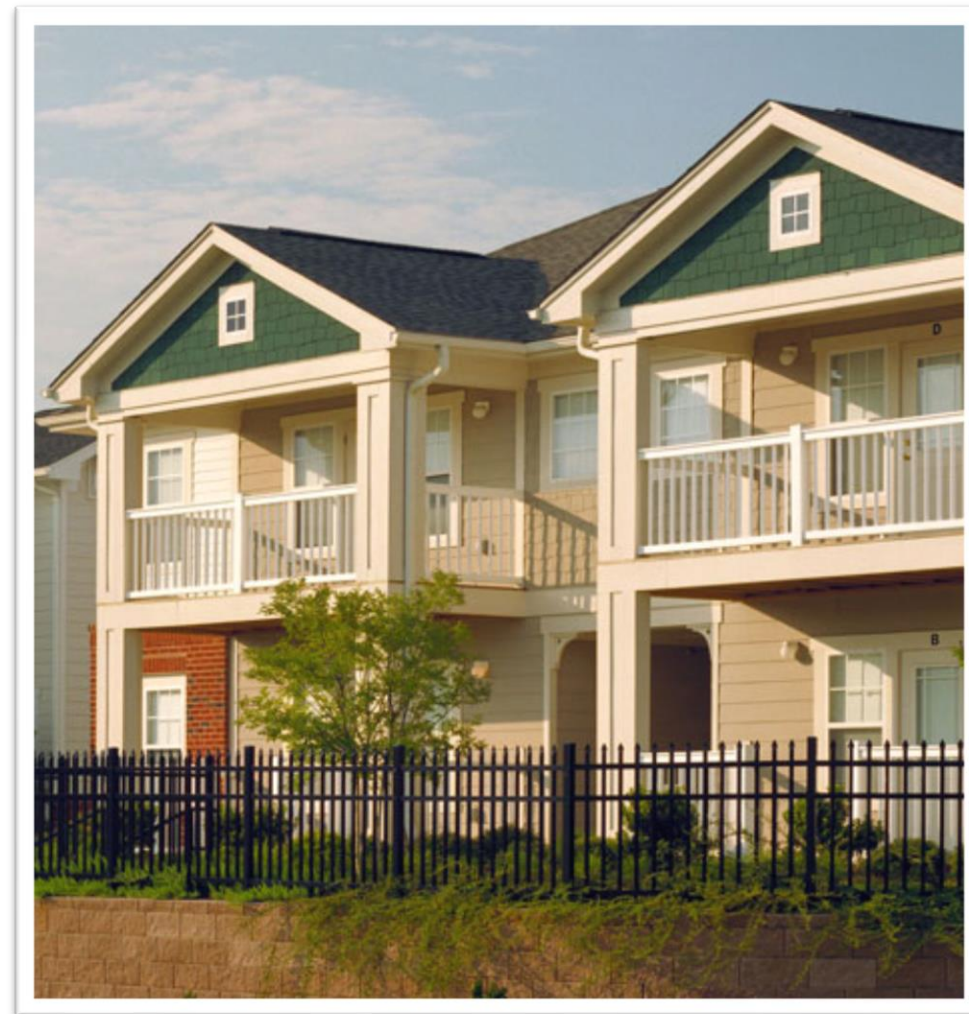


Affordable Housing

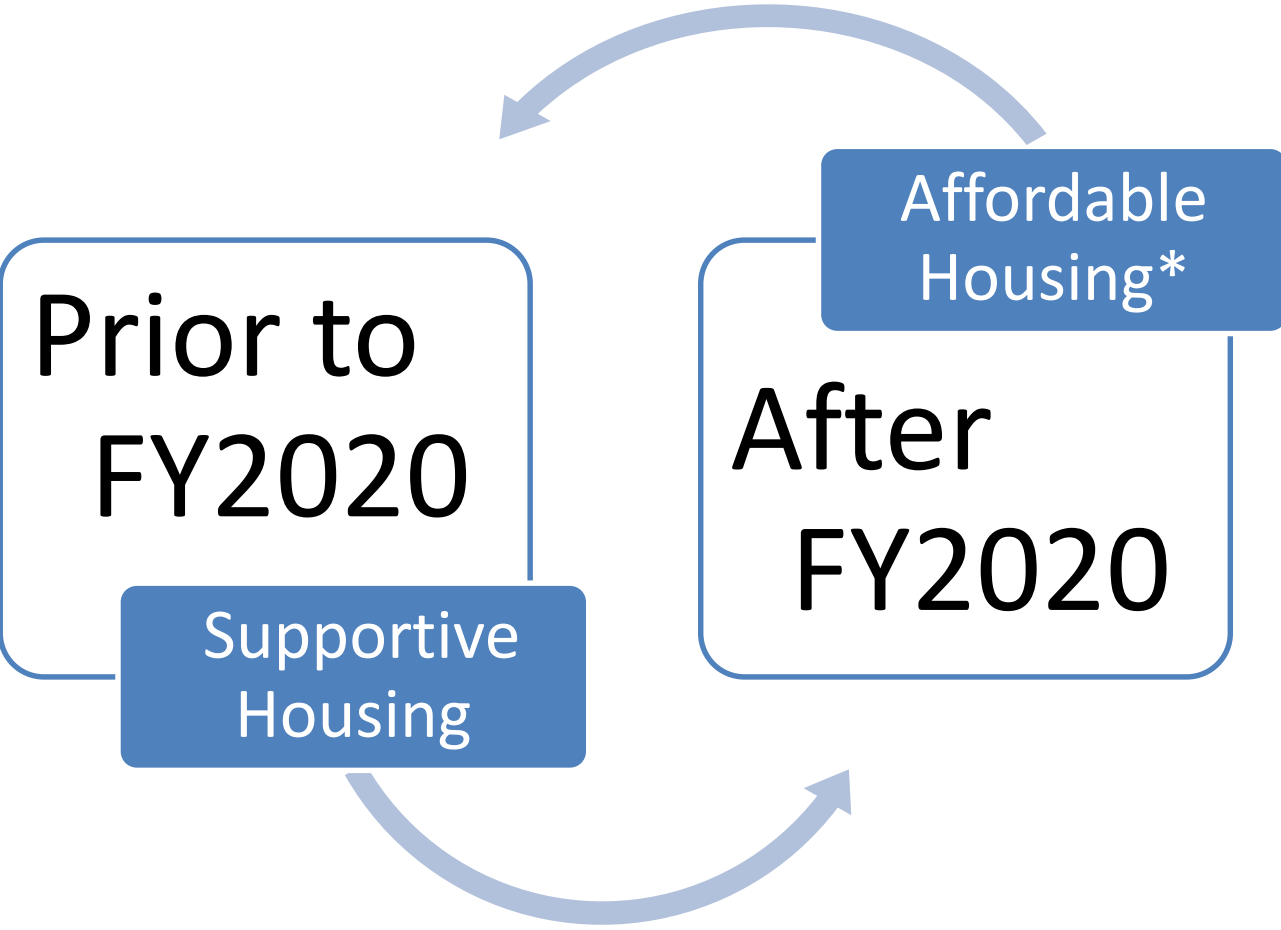
AFFORDABLE HOUSING = \$15.2M

The Adopted Budget expands our current role in addressing the affordable housing crisis beyond providing supporting services to various initiatives that will make an impact to the 22,000 housing unit deficit for individuals below the 30% average medium income.

The funding include investments in supportive services, shelters, home repair and the establishment of a rental subsidy program.



TIMELINE (HOUSING INITIATIVES)



*Affordable housing expands on the County's existing Permanent Supportive Housing programs for the chronically homeless



SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Community Support Services (CSS) Homeless Services Division connects people who have experienced chronic homelessness to permanent supportive housing in the following programs.

	# Served FY19	# Served Q1 and Q2 FY20
Moore Place	145	132
Housing First Charlotte- Mecklenburg	83	73
Shelter Plus Care	277	248
MeckFUSE	49	49



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Mecklenburg County is expanding its efforts and commitments to address affordable housing through various efforts while also putting forth a more comprehensive strategy to address the full continuum of housing instability. This includes the following initiatives aimed at preventing homelessness, maintaining housing, securing stable housing and increasing the stock of affordable housing.

- Habitat for Humanity
- Legal Aid of North Carolina
- Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy
- Lake Arbor Project
- Housing Assistant for Reentry (CJS)
- MeckHome
- Link Housing
- Meck Keeping Families Together (MeckKFT)
- Tax Foreclosure Affordable Housing Strategy
- Housing for Good (H4G)
- Smithville Redevelopment



CRITICAL HOME REPAIR

Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte, Inc.

- Contract \$1,000,000
 - July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020
- **Purpose:** Critical Home Repair (CHR) addresses major safety concerns in homes by making necessary repairs at a subsidized rate, allowing homeowners to remain in their homes and preserving Charlotte's dwindling affordable housing stock.
- **Accomplishments:** Habitat completed 17 critical home repair projects from July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019.
- **Next Steps:** Thirty homes in need of critical home repair have been identified and the preliminaries to start the repair process has begun.



EVICTION PREVENTION ASSISTANCE

Legal Aid of North Carolina

- Contract \$809,123
 - July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020
- **Purpose:** To provide eviction prevention assistance, legal advice and representation to low-income tenants to avoid evictions, get repairs of unsafe and unhealthy conditions and preserve federal housing subsidies
- **Accomplishments:** Legal Aid has provided advice and briefing services to 249 tenants and have helped 329 tenants avoid eviction. They have added two supervising attorneys, seven staff attorneys, four paralegals and one receptionist. Due to the continued success of Legal Aid's community work and the need for more office space, Mecklenburg County donated offices located on Billingsley Road.
- **Next Steps:** Continue to assist tenants preserve their rental subsidy and represent tenants to help them avoid eviction and assist with deferred eviction.



EVICTIION PREVENTION ASSISTANCE

Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy, Inc.

- Contract \$408,000
 - July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020
- **Purpose:** To provide eviction prevention assistance, legal advice and representation for immigrants and systemic advocacy regarding landlord tenant matters and conduct property tax relief clinics.
- **Next Steps:** We will continue to work with Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy, Inc. to understand the data and outcomes for eviction prevention relative to the immigrant population and specifics regarding Property Tax Relief Clinics.



RENTAL SUBSIDY FUND

Lake Arbor

- \$55,000
 - Department of Social Services contract provided over in housing search assistance w/ Crisis Assistance Ministry
- \$595,000
 - Community Support Services contract provided from Rental Subsidy Fund w/ Supportive Housing Communities for Rapid Rehousing for up to 15 families
- **Purpose:** To help as many Lake Arbor residents as possible avoid homelessness.
- **Accomplishments:** To date, the Lake Arbor response team, led by United Way, has helped house over 80 families.
- **Next Steps:** The Lake Arbor project will end February 10.



HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR REENTRY

Mecklenburg County Criminal Justice Services (CJS)

- Additional funding in the amount of \$95,000

Purpose: Provide housing through Criminal Justice Services re-entry program for those who are returning to our communities after a period of incarceration.

- **Accomplishments:** Re-Entry has four contracted property owners for housing and have assisted 37 clients YTD.
- **Next Steps:** Continue identifying potential housing property owners who have the capacity to serve justice involved individuals.



RENTAL SUBSIDY FUND

MeckHome

- Contract \$5.8 million w/Foundation For The Carolinas
 - January 2020 – June 30, 2025
- **Purpose:** To provide rapid rehousing, rental subsidy and supportive services to families, youth and individuals who are homeless and earn less than 30% AMI.
- **Accomplishments:** Mecklenburg County now have two seats on the A Way Home/MeckHome Governance Board; County Manager Diorio and Assistant County Manager Trotman have been added for their vote and participation.
- **Next Steps:** Finalizing the contract with Foundation for the Carolinas (FFTC) no later than mid January 2020.



RENTAL SUBSIDY FUND

Link Housing

- Contract \$2 million w/ Charlotte Center for Urban Ministry
 - October 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022
- **Purpose:** To provide transitional housing via a master leasing agreement for individuals living at the Men's Shelter of Charlotte and the Salvation Army Center of Hope while they apply and wait for affordable housing.
- **Accomplishments:** FY20 contract has been fully executed effective January 3, 2020
- **Next Steps:** Identify individuals to participate in the program.



RENTAL SUBSIDY FUND

Keeping Families Together (MeckKFT)

- Contract \$2.5 million w/ Supportive Housing Communities
 - October 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022
- **Purpose:** To focus on families with housing instability and frequent interactions with the child welfare system and provide housing with supportive services.

- **Accomplishments:** FY20 contract has been fully executed and two(2) families have been identified.
- **Next Steps:** Youth and Family Services(YFS) have identified the following:
 - A social worker and a manager will continue to assist with determining YFS family history.
 - YFS and Community Support Services will meet as needed to determine prioritization and identify families.



RENTAL SUBSIDY FUND

Housing for Good (H4G)

Purpose: Housing for Good (H4G) which is a Rapid Rehousing program for families fleeing domestic violence.

- **Accomplishments:** Issued Request for Proposal (RFP) and reviewing currently reviewing submissions.
- **Next Steps:** To select and contract with a qualified service provider.



TAX FORECLOSURE STRATEGY

Tax Foreclosure Strategy

- **Plan:** Identify and acquire sites suitable for affordable housing through the tax foreclosure process. We have confirmed staff participation from various departments including relevant tax staff, land acquisition, affordable housing, mapping, and land development processes to meet and continue discussions.
 - Currently evaluating sites.
 - Evaluation criteria:
 - Site development potential/impediments
 - Area demographics and resources
 - Social linkages
- **Accomplishments:**
 - Deputy Tax Collector hired
 - Staff task force created
- **Next Steps:** Complete strategy creation and begin implementation.



REDEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

Smithville Revitalization

- \$250,000
 - Mecklenburg County is currently working with The Town of Cornelius in conjunction with the Smithville Community Coalition and Local Initiatives Support Corp (LISC) to generate a grant agreement in the amount of \$250,000 that will assist the Smithville Community.
 - **Accomplishments:** The Smithville Coalition on behalf of the Smithville Community have identified the need of assistance relative to, Civil Engineering (Housing Infrastructure), Estate Planning, Heir Property Research/Title Work
 - **Next Steps:** Finalize the grant agreement, discuss and confirm the roll-out plan.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

In summary, Mecklenburg County currently manages a range of programs to support residents' housing needs. As outlined in each slide just presented the county is expanding on these efforts moving forward while putting forth a more comprehensive approach to address the full continuum of housing instability that includes initiatives aimed at preventing homelessness, maintaining housing, securing stable housing and increasing the stock of affordable housing through the initiatives listed below.

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