

HOUSING CONNECTIONS

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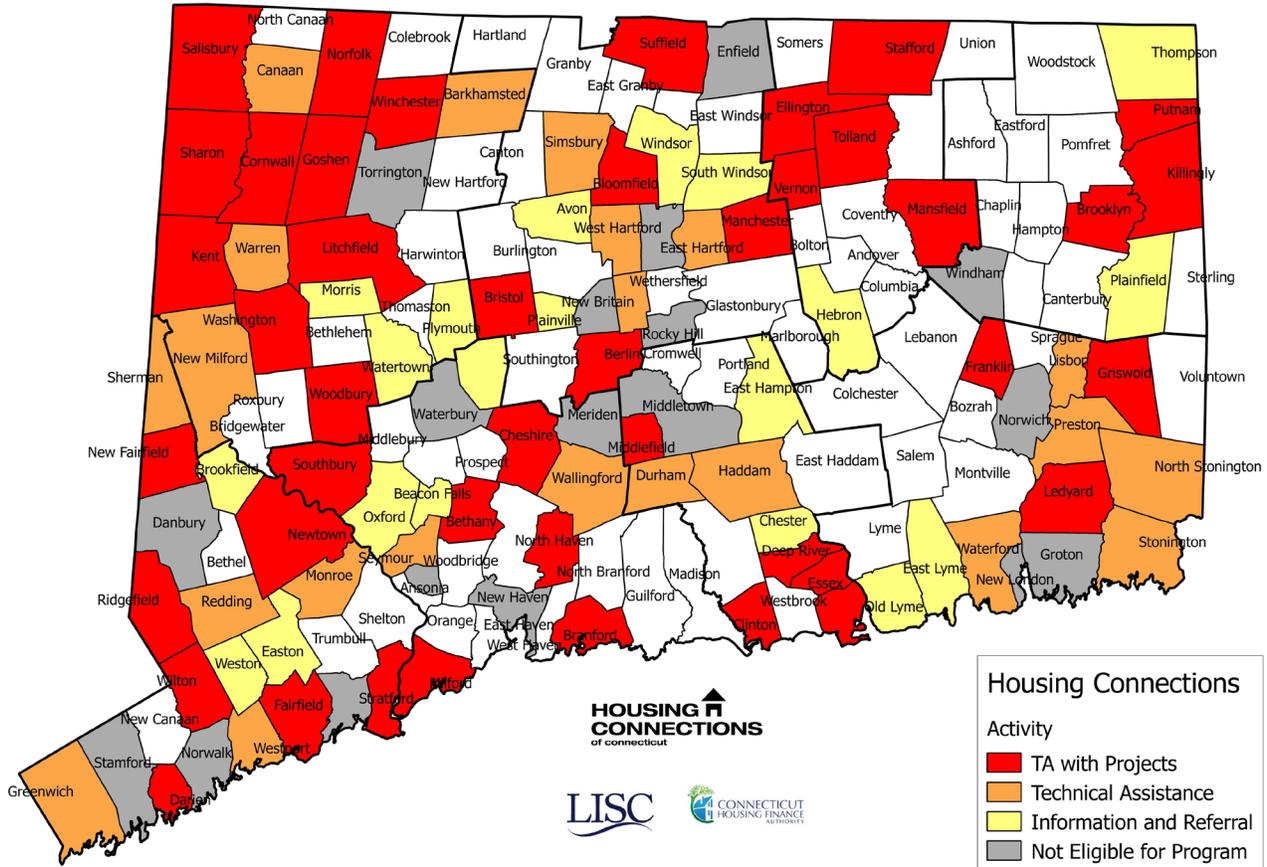
Housing Connections of Connecticut works in Connecticut's suburban and rural towns, helping local residents address the affordable housing needs of their communities. Through Housing Connections, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) offers technical assistance from concept to completion. LISC and the Connecticut Housing Coalition work together to provide information on affordable housing development across the state.

Towns contact Housing Connections for many types of technical assistance. In the early stages, Housing Connections provides support with community planning, organizational capacity and policy development for affordable housing. When a community is ready to create the housing, Housing Connections helps groups move through the processes for site selection, design, financing, development and management of affordable housing. Since 2007, Housing Connections has been providing these services to a range of local partners, including non-profits, community organizations, local governments, housing authorities and private developers. The result is an increase in housing options throughout the state:

- From Sharon to Stonington, from Fairfield to Brooklyn, Housing Connections has provided services to 76 communities, in all 8 counties in Connecticut.
- Housing Connections is supporting development of 1,107 affordable homes, including homeownership and rental homes, new construction and rehabilitated properties, homes for families and seniors.
- 462 affordable homes have been completed, with 645 in the planning, predevelopment or construction phase.
- 10 communities have formed or strengthened local housing organizations.
- 14 communities have completed housing plans or needs assessments.

Housing Connections Activity

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How Housing Connections Can Benefit Your Community

Housing Connections links local people with tools to create affordable housing that meets the unique needs of their communities. Here are some of the results:

- Forums on Funding Sources for Affordable Housing, Building Community Support, and Best Practices for Rental Housing Owners, for over 30 participating local groups.
- Development of 20 units of new family rental housing by a small Housing Authority in a suburban town.
- Purchase of two multi-family buildings for conversion into 10 new affordable family rental homes in a rural town.
- Conversion of a vacant school into family and supportive housing near transportation and shopping in a northeastern town.
- Partnership between a local volunteer group and a regional non-profit to add affordable congregate living units to a senior development in a Fairfield County suburb.
- Establishment of a town Housing Commission and policies to govern its housing trust fund.
- Purchase of a blighted, foreclosed property for conversion into affordable ownership homes by a housing group in a rural town.
- Preservation of a 6-unit apartment building for affordable rental housing in a northwestern town.

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