



# 2025 Impact Report



**Center for  
Housing  
Opportunity**

Litchfield County, CT



Sharon Housing Trust Groundbreaking (Credit: Pig Iron Films)

# Introduction

In 2025, the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity (LCCHO) expanded affordable homeownership opportunities, convened regional leaders around shared challenges, provided hands-on project management to advance 18 affordable housing developments, and helped local housing groups access the funding and technical support needed to bring more homes online.

LCCHO is an initiative of The Housing Collective and LISC Connecticut, in partnership with the Foundation for Community Health, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, the Northwest CT Community Foundation, and the Partnership for Strong Communities. Together, these partners support place-based housing solutions across Northwest Connecticut by helping communities produce, preserve, and protect affordable housing.

# LCCHO by the Numbers

TRACKING PROGRESS, DRIVING RESULTS, AND EXPANDING HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

**\$15M**

in pre-development, construction, and permanent financing accessed by our housing groups

**\$203K**

in seed funding provided to 8 projects

**209**

rental homes and 21 owner homes in the pipeline

**18**

affordable housing developments supported in 12 towns

**15**

volunteer-led housing nonprofits supported



# Impact

## EXPANDING AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

In 2025, LCCHO continued advancing the [Litchfield County Affordable Homeownership Program](#), helping create new pathways to homeownership in Northwest Connecticut. In a rural region facing rising housing costs and limited supply, this work is helping ensure that first-time buyers are not priced out of the communities where they live and work.

## MOVING MORE HOUSING FROM IDEA TO REALITY

In many parts of Litchfield County, affordable housing does not stall for lack of opportunities. It stalls because small towns and volunteer-led organizations often lack the early-stage support needed to move projects forward. In 2025, LCCHO provided day-to-day project management support for 18 affordable housing developments underway in 12 towns. It also provided pre-development seed funding to help local groups assess project viability and move developments through early planning and permitting.

That work included support for projects such as Mallory View in Barkhamsted, Millard Brook in Cornwall, River Bend in Litchfield, Holley Place in Salisbury, Warren Village in Warren, and Batcheller School in Winchester. Together, the developments LCCHO supported in 2025 represent a pipeline of 209 rental homes and 21 owner homes.

LCCHO also assisted 15 volunteer-led housing nonprofits across the region to engage the residents in their communities and build community support for affordable housing solutions.



Litchfield County Affordable Homeownership Program



2025 Litchfield County Housing Affordability Summit (Credit: Pig Iron Films)

### **CONVENING THE REGION AROUND PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS**

LCCHO also continued to play a vital convening role in Northwest Connecticut. A major example was the [2025 Litchfield County Housing Affordability Summit](#), which brought together nonprofit leaders, municipal officials, funders, lenders, state partners, and community members for workshops, project showcases, a groundbreaking ceremony, and keynote conversations with state and regional housing leaders. The summit reinforced that housing is both a local issue and a regional systems challenge.

### **UNLOCKING FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

In 2025, LCCHO helped local partners access significant resources to support affordable housing development across the region. That included \$8.8 million in construction and permanent financing from the CT Department of Housing for rental developments, \$2.3 million for the Litchfield County Affordable Homeownership Program, \$2.1 million in construction loans from Capital for Change, and \$580,000 in pre-development financing from CT Dept. of Housing. Alongside these larger investments, LCCHO deployed \$203,000 in seed funding to help local groups assess project viability and position projects to compete successfully for much larger capital awards.

## **Looking Ahead**

### **EXPANDING IMPACT, STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS**

In 2026, LCCHO will continue strengthening the regional housing pipeline and supporting partners working to create and preserve affordable homes in Litchfield County. We will build on our affordable homeownership work, deepen support for nonprofit and municipal partners, continue convening regional stakeholders around practical solutions, and help local communities overcome barriers that stand in the way of housing opportunity.

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