

METRO UNITED WAY LEGISLATIVE & BUDGET SOLUTIONS FOR HOUSING

Metro United Way's Priority: Building a Kentucky where kids thrive, families are strong, and every community succeeds. Stable housing is the foundation—where children learn, workers recover, and families plan their futures.

206K

HOUSING SHORTAGE

Units needed statewide across all income levels

145K

LOW-INCOME NEED

Homes required for households earning $\leq 80\%$ AMI

60%

COST BURDEN

Very low-income residents spending over half their income on housing

2X

EVICTON RISK

Families with children face double the eviction rate

LEGISLATIVE SOLUTIONS

Eviction Record Expungement

Seals dismissed cases and protects minors from eviction records. Preserves landlord rights while preventing family hardships from becoming lifelong barriers.

Yes In God's Back Yard (YIGBY)

Allows faith communities to build housing by right on owned property. Unlocks thousands of acres and reduces red tape for housing production.

Tenant Medical Relief Act

Provides compassionate lease termination during medical crises—extended care, caregiving, spouse loss, or lead exposure. Protects tenants while offering Landlords predictable procedures.

BUDGET SOLUTIONS

Strengthen Housing Trust Fund

Modernize deed transfer fees and tie to inflation to increase dedicated funding to the statewide fund. Supports affordable homeownership and rentals statewide.

State Housing Tax Credit

Match neighboring states (OH, IN, IL, MO, TN, VA) to leverage private investment and produce workforce housing.

Revolving Loan Fund

Flexible financing for public-private partnerships. Accelerates multi-type, multi-income housing production.

KENTUCKY CAN LEAD

With targeted action, Kentucky can ensure every family has the foundation to thrive. Stable housing strengthens our workforce, reduces homelessness, improves child outcomes, and fuels community growth. Metro United Way stands ready to partner on solutions that work for Kentucky's families and future.

