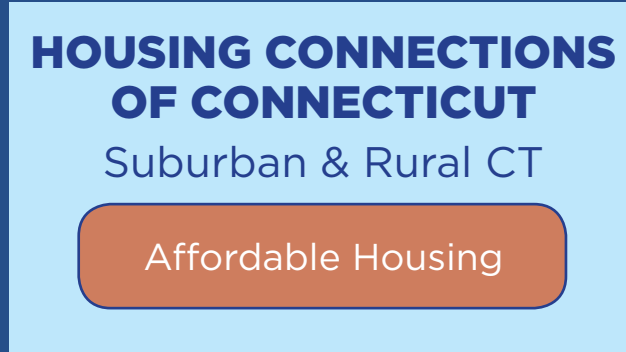


HOUSING CONNECTIONS

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Housing Connections of Connecticut links local people with ideas and techniques that can create affordable housing to fit the needs of their communities.

Housing Connections works in Connecticut's suburban and rural towns, helping local residents to address the affordable housing needs of their communities. Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and the Connecticut Housing Coalition offer technical assistance with planning, site selection, design, financing, development and management of affordable housing. This program has been supported with **Community Investment Act (CIA)** funds since 2007 by a contract from the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA).

Housing Connections works with a variety of local partners including non-profits, community organizations, local governments, housing authorities and small for-profit developers. Here are some highlights:

- From Greenwich to Killingly, Salisbury to Stonington, Housing Connections provides services to over one-third of the 151 eligible towns in the state.
- 5 communities have formed or strengthened local housing organizations.
- 8 communities completed housing plans or needs assessments.
- 32 developments are underway; 15 have site control.
- 8 are assembling financing commitments.
- 2 developments are complete, with 124 housing units.
- The Housing Connections portfolio includes 458 affordable homes in 16 communities - \$37 million of development:
 - 236 family and 222 elderly homes.
 - 56 homeownership and 402 rental units.
 - 307 new construction and 151 with rehabilitation of existing structures.



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