

March 22, 2022

The Honorable Brian Schatz
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
Urban Development
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
Urban Development
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable David Price
Chair
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
Urban Development
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
Urban Development
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Schatz, Ranking Member Collins, Chair Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

The undersigned organizations, representing a wide network of organizations in urban, suburban, and rural America, urge you to provide funding for two important programs in the FY2023 Transportation-Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill: **\$20 million for the Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP) and \$5 million for the Rural Capacity Building (RCB) program.**

SHOP, which has bipartisan support year after year, is a small, unique program that supports the work of nonprofit organizations that employ the self-help homeownership model, a method that has assisted tens of thousands of low-income families, and fostered them to be committed, successful homeowners. SHOP funds are used to defray land acquisition, property and infrastructure costs, some of the most difficult activities for housing nonprofits to finance.

National nonprofits compete for SHOP allocations annually through HUD and then grant funding to hundreds of local nonprofits. Funds have been disbursed to every state, as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

SHOP is one of HUD's most powerful tools focused solely on low-income homeownership. This effective program has enabled local nonprofit organizations since 1996 to build more than 35,000 homes and house more than 100,000 adults and children. Of these homes, over 40% are in rural areas, and nearly 60% of the families served have incomes below 50% of the area median income (AMI). SHOP grantees have raised a significant amount of private leverage and brought in \$3.6 billion of investment into communities.

HUD's RCB program allows expert national organizations to provide a wide range of assistance to local rural housing nonprofits and others working to address affordable housing and economic development needs to build stronger communities. This program provides training, technical assistance, information, and financing aimed at the high-need rural communities across the country. Ultimately, RCB helps to bring capacity and loan and operating capital to areas where it is most needed.

We have learned throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of a safe and affordable home has never been more apparent. However, over the last two years, affordable housing development and construction activities across the country have become more difficult. Existing funding sources have been redirected while costs of materials, land, labor, etc. have increased significantly.

Given the overwhelming need for this assistance, we respectfully request that you provide \$20 million for SHOP and \$5 million for the Rural Capacity Building program in the FY2023 THUD Appropriations bill to ensure that our nation's rural needs are served. We also request the per unit cap be increased from \$15,000 to \$25,000, as eligible costs have increased significantly since the current per unit amount of \$15,000 was established back in 2004.

As you consider FY2023 funding, we urge you to provide further appropriations to the Self-Help Assisted Homeownership Opportunity Program account, which supports many critical HUD programs, in order to accommodate the additional requested funds for the SHOP program.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and for your support of affordable homeownership and stronger communities.

Sincerely,

Alabama

Blackbelt & Central Alabama Housing	Selma	AL
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Alaska

Alaska Community Development Corporation	Palmer	AK
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Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.	Soldotna	AK
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Arizona

Arizona Housing Coalition	Phoenix	AZ
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Campeños Sin Fronteras	Somerton	AZ
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Chicanos Por La Causa	Nogales	AZ
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Comite De Bien Estar, Inc.	San Luis	AZ
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Housing America Corporation	Somerton	AZ
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Neighborhood STRONG	Sun City West	AZ
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Trellis	Phoenix	AZ
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Verde Valley Habitat for Humanity	Cottonwood	AZ
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Williams Area Habitat for Humanity	Williams	AZ
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Arkansas

Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council, Inc.	Fort Smith	AR
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Northwest Regional Housing Authority	Harrison	AR
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California

Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation	Ventura	CA
California Center for Rural Policy	Arcata	CA
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	Indio	CA
Community Housing Improvement Program	Chico	CA
Habitat for Humanity California	Smartsville	CA
Habitat for Humanity for San Luis Obispo County	San Luis Obispo	CA
Habitat for Humanity of Butte County	Chico	CA
Habitat for Humanity of the Coachella Valley	Palm Desert	CA
Habitat for Humanity Orange County	Santa Ana	CA
Habitat for Humanity Stanislaus County	Modesto	CA
McLean Foundation	Fortuna	CA
People's Self-Help Housing	San Luis Obispo	CA
San Diego Habitat for Humanity	San Diego	CA
Self-Help Enterprises	Visalia	CA
Solano-Napa Habitat for Humanity	Fairfield	CA
Westside Community Improvement Association	Eureka	CA

Colorado

Advocate Realty Services	Littleton	CO
Colorado Mountain Land Office	Cotopaxi	CO
Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity	Greeley	CO
Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County	Pagosa Springs	CO
Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver	Denver	CO
Habitat for Humanity of the San Juans	Montrose	CO
Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley	Longmont	CO
Innovative Action Consulting	Denver	CO
Loveland Habitat for Humanity	Loveland	CO
NeighborWorks Southern Colorado	Pueblo	CO
Northeast Colorado Housing, Inc.	Fort Morgan	CO

Connecticut

Habitat for Humanity North Central Connecticut	Hartford	CT
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Habitat For Humanity of Eastern Connecticut	New London	CT
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District of Columbia

Housing Assistance Council	Washington	DC
National American Indian Housing Council	Washington	DC
National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders	Washington	DC
National NeighborWorks Association	Washington	DC

Delaware

Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County	Wilmington	DE
Sussex County Habitat for Humanity	Georgetown	DE

Florida

Alachua Habitat for Humanity	Gainesville	FL
Arcadia-DeSoto County Habitat for Humanity	Arcadia	FL
Big Bend Habitat for Humanity	Tallahassee	FL
Chipola Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	Marianna	FL
Diverse Housing Services, Inc.	Boca Raton	FL
Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County	Orlando	FL
Habitat for Humanity of Brevard County	Palm Bay	FL
Habitat for Humanity of Hillsborough County FL	Tampa	FL
Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties	Fort Myers	FL
Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas & West Pasco Counties	Clearwater	FL
Habitat for Humanity of Seminole Apopka Florida	Casselberry	FL
Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County	Delray Beach	FL
Habitat for Humanity of St. Augustine/St. Johns County	Saint Augustine	FL
Homes In Partnership, Inc.	Eustis	FL
Lakeland Habitat for Humanity	Lakeland	FL
Pensacola Habitat for Humanity	Pensacola	FL
Southeast Volusia Habitat for Humanity	Edgewater	FL
St. Lucie Habitat for Humanity	Fort Pierce	FL

Georgia

Calhoun Housing Authority	Calhoun	GA
Georgia Advancing Communities Together	Atlanta	GA
Greene County Habitat for Humanity	Greensboro	GA
Habitat for Humanity International	Atlanta	GA
Habitat for Humanity of Bulloch County	Statesboro	GA
Habitat for Humanity of Hall County	Gainesville	GA
Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Metro Atlanta, Inc.	Smyrna	GA
Habitat for Humanity Putnam, Inc.	Eatonton	GA
Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity	Jonesboro	GA

Hawaii

Habitat for Humanity Hawaii Island	Kailua Kona	HI
Hawaii Habitat for Humanity Association, Inc.	Honolulu	HI
Self-Help Housing Corporation of Hawaii	Honolulu	HI

Idaho

Habitat for Humanity Idaho Falls Area	Idaho Falls	ID
LEAP Housing Solutions	Boise	ID
South Central Community Action Partnership	Twin Falls	ID
Southeastern Idaho Community Action Agency, Inc.	Pocatello	ID

Illinois

Habitat for Humanity Chicago	Chicago	IL
Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County	Champaign	IL
Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley	Elgin	IL
Housing Action Illinois	Chicago	IL

Indiana

Habitat for Humanity of Elkhart County, Inc.	Goshen	IN
Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana	Gary	IN
Habitat for Humanity of St. Joseph County	South Bend	IN
Heart House, Inc.	Aurora	IN

Starke/Pulaski Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	Winamac	IN
Vevay Main Street, Inc.	Vevay	IN

Iowa

Habitat for Humanity of Iowa	Altoona	IA
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Kansas

City of Coffeyville's Housing and Community Development Department	Coffeyville	KS
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Interfaith Housing and Community Services, Inc.	Hutchinson	KS
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Kentucky

ARCH Community Health Coalition, Inc.	Manitou	KY
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Frontier Housing, Inc.	Morehead	KY
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Habitat for Humanity of Henderson, KY	Henderson	KY
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Highlands Housing Corporation	London	KY
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Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky	Frankfort	KY
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Housing Development Alliance, Inc	Hazard	KY
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Kentucky Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	Louisville	KY
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Lexington Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	Lexington	KY
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Partners for Rural Transformation	Berea	KY
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Southern Tier Housing Corporation DBA Highlands Housing Corporation	London	KY
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Louisiana

Community Health Resource Center	Greensburg	LA
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Elisha Ministries, Inc.	Monroe	LA
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Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West	Mandeville	LA
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Impact Educational and Housing Development	Baton Rouge	LA
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Magnolia Community Development Corporation	Opelousas	LA
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New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity	New Orleans	LA
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Noah Arc Community Development	Minden	LA
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Open Doors Louisiana, Inc.	Lafayette	LA
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Maine

Coastal Enterprises, Inc.	Brunswick	ME
Community Concepts, Inc.	Bangor	ME
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Bangor	Bangor	ME
Habitat for Humanity York County	Kennebunk	ME

Maryland

Habitat for Humanity Choptank	Trappe	MD
Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland, Inc.	Silver Spring	MD
Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna	Bel Air	MD
NeighborWorks Capital	Silver Spring	MD
Rebuilding Together Kent County	Chestertown	MD

Massachusetts

Essex County Habitat for Humanity	Danvers	MA
Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity	West Springfield	MA

Michigan

Habitat for Humanity HiawathaLand	Manistique	MI
Habitat for Humanity Kent County	Grand Rapids	MI
Habitat for Humanity Menominee River	Kingsford	MI
Habitat for Humanity Northeast Michigan	Alpena	MI
Northern Homes Community Development Corporation	Boyer City	MI

Minnesota

Habitat for Humanity of Douglas County	Alexandria	MN
Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota, Inc.	Saint Paul	MN
Minnesota Housing Partnership	Saint Paul	MN
North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity	Virginia	MN
Rice County Habitat for Humanity	Northfield	MN

Mississippi

BGC Advantage	Bude	MS
Bilbrew Consulting Services, LLC	Canton	MS

Central MS Housing & Development Corporation	Canton	MS
Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area	Jackson	MS
Pike School of Art – Mississippi	McComb	MS
Tunica County Community Development Coalition	Tunica	MS

Montana

Habitat for Humanity of Flathead Valley	Kalispell	MT
Habitat for Humanity of Ravalli County	Hamilton	MT
Habitat for Humanity of Southwest Montana	Butte	MT
Helena Area Habitat for Humanity	Helena	MT
NeighborWorks Great Falls	Great Falls	MT
Rural Community Assistance Corporation	Victor	MT
Trust Montana, Inc.	Missoula	MT

Nebraska

Habitat for Humanity of Omaha	Omaha	NE
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Nevada

Habitat for Humanity Las Vegas	Las Vegas	NV
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New Hampshire

Ossipee Mountains Habitat for Humanity	Wolfeboro Falls	NH
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New Jersey

Habitat for Humanity Cape May County, Inc.	Cape May Court House	NJ
Morris Habitat for Humanity	Randolph	NJ
Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity	Toms River	NJ

New Mexico

Tierra del Sol Housing Corporation	Las Cruces	NM
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New York

Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation & Improvement Corp.	Mayville	NY
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Chemung County Habitat for Humanity	Elmira	NY
City of Norwich Housing Authority	Norwich	NY
Flower City Habitat for Humanity	Livonia	NY
Habitat for Humanity Capital District	Albany	NY
Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County	New York	NY
Habitat for Humanity of New York State	Endicott	NY
Habitat for Humanity of Northern Saratoga, Warren and Washington Counties	Fort Edward	NY
Habitat for Humanity of Ontario County	Canandaigua	NY
Habitat for Humanity of Schenectady County, Inc.	Schenectady	NY
Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk	Middle Island	NY
Habitat for Humanity of Tompkins and Cortland Counties	Ithaca	NY
Hudson River Housing, Inc.	Poughkeepsie	NY
Keuka Housing Council, Inc.	Penn Yan	NY
Mid-York Senior Homes, Inc./Madison Lane Apartments	Hamilton	NY
New York State Rural Advocates	Eagle Bridge	NY
Niagara Area Habitat for Humanity	Niagara Falls	NY
Oswego County Habitat for Humanity	Oswego	NY

North Carolina

Caldwell County Habitat for Humanity	Lenoir	NC
Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	Fayetteville	NC
Greystone Affordable Development	Sneads Ferry	NC
Habitat for Humanity of Craven County	New Bern	NC
Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County	Gastonia	NC
Habitat for Humanity of Goldsboro-Wayne	Goldsboro	NC
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro, Inc.	Greensboro	NC
Habitat for Humanity of Orange County	Chapel Hill	NC
Habitat for Humanity of the Charlotte Region	Charlotte	NC
Habitat for Humanity of the Sanford Area, Inc.	Sanford	NC
Habitat for Humanity of Wake County	Raleigh	NC
Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity	Forest City	NC
The Housing Assistance Corporation	Hendersonville	NC
Wilson Area Habitat for Humanity	Wilson	NC

North Dakota

Rebuilding Together Fargo-Moorhead Area	Fargo	ND
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Ohio

Buckeye Ridge Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	Marion	OH
Community Action Commission of Fayette County	Washington Court House	OH
Habitat for Humanity Lima Area, Inc.	Lima	OH
Habitat for Humanity of Miami and Shelby Counties	Troy	OH
Habitat for Humanity of Ohio	Columbus	OH
Habitat for Humanity of Wood County	Maumee	OH
Habitat for Humanity-MidOhio	Columbus	OH
Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity	Maumee	OH
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton	Dayton	OH

Oklahoma

American Federation of Government Employees – Local 3354	Ada	OK
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Oregon

CASA of Oregon	Sherwood	OR
Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation	The Dalles	OR
Community Home Builders	McMinnville	OR
Curry County Homeless Coalition	Gold Beach	OR
DevNW	Springfield	OR
Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln County	Newport	OR
Habitat for Humanity Portland Region	Portland	OR
Junction City/Harrisburg/Monroe Habitat for Humanity	Junction City	OR
Kor Community Land Trust	Bend	OR
Lebanon Area Habitat for Humanity	Lebanon	OR
NeighborWorks Umpqua	Roseburg	OR
Network for Oregon Affordable Housing	Portland	OR
Proud Ground	Portland	OR
Sisters Habitat for Humanity	Sisters	OR

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County	Eugene	OR
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Pennsylvania

Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia	Philadelphia	PA
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Lancaster Lebanon Habitat for Humanity	Lancaster	PA
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Wayne County Community Foundation	Honesdale	PA
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York Habitat for Humanity	York	PA
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Puerto Rico

Habitat for Humanity of Puerto Rico	San Juan	PR
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Rhode Island

Habitat for Humanity of Rhode Island-Greater Providence, Inc.	Providence	RI
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South County Habitat for Humanity	Charlestown	RI
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South Carolina

Central South Carolina Habitat for Humanity	Columbia	SC
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Charleston Habitat for Humanity	Charleston	SC
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Edisto Habitat for Humanity	Orangeburg	SC
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Habitat for Humanity Georgetown County	Georgetown	SC
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Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County	Greenville	SC
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Habitat for Humanity of Horry County	Myrtle Beach	SC
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Habitat for Humanity of Spartanburg, Inc.	Spartanburg	SC
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Habitat for Humanity of York County	Rock Hill	SC
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Habitat for Humanity South Carolina	Columbia	SC
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Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity	Hilton Head	SC
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Jasper County Neighbors United	Hardeeville	SC
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LowCountry Habitat for Humanity	Beaufort	SC
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Pickens County Habitat for Humanity	Pickens	SC
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Sea Island Habitat for Humanity	Johns Island	SC
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South Dakota

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls	SD
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Tennessee

Blount County Habitat for Humanity	Maryville	TN
Creative Compassion, Inc.	Crossville	TN
Crossville Housing Authority and Crossville Housing Development Corporation	Crossville	TN
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis	Memphis	TN
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville	Nashville	TN
Jefferson County Habitat for Humanity	Jefferson City	TN
Loudon County Habitat for Humanity	Lenoir City	TN
Tennessee Affordable Housing Coalition	Mount Juliet	TN

Texas

Affordable Homes of South Texas, Inc.	McAllen	TX
Bay Area Habitat for Humanity	Kemah	TX
cdcb come dream. come build.	Brownsville	TX
Community Outreach Housing	Whitney	TX
Habitat for Humanity Texarkana, Inc	Texarkana	TX
Habitat for Humanity Texas	Buda	TX
Kaufman County Homeless Coalition	Scurry	TX
NeighborWorks Laredo	Laredo	TX
Proyecto Azteca	San Juan	TX
South Texas Collaborative for Housing	La Feria	TX
Walker Montgomery Community Development Corporation	New Waverly	TX
Fort Worth Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. dba Trinity Habitat for Humanity	Fort Worth	TX

Utah

Community Rebuilds	Moab	UT
Habitat for Humanity of Southwest Utah	Saint George	UT
Housing Authority of Southeastern Utah	Moab	UT
Neighborhood Nonprofit Housing Corp.	Logan	UT
Self-Help Homes	Provo	UT

Vermont

Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity	Williston	VT
Twin Pines Housing Trust	White River Junction	VT

Virginia

Amherst County Habitat for Humanity	Amherst	VA
Blue Ridge Housing Network, Inc.	Front Royal	VA
Fauquier Habitat for Humanity	Warrenton	VA
Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity	Fredericksburg	VA
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Charlottesville	Charlottesville	VA
Habitat for Humanity Peninsula & Greater Williamsburg	Newport News	VA
Hanover and King William Habitat for Humanity	Mechanicsville	VA
Piedmont Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	Farmville	VA
Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity	Henrico	VA
Southside Outreach Group	Halifax	VA

Washington

Catholic Charities Housing Services - Diocese of Yakima	Yakima	WA
Community Frameworks	Spokane	WA
Cora Davidson Consulting	Olympia	WA
Habitat for Humanity in Whatcom County	Bellingham	WA
Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County	Port Angeles	WA
Habitat for Humanity of Island County	Oak Harbor	WA
Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King & Kittitas Counties	Renton	WA
Homes for Islanders	Friday Harbor	WA
Housing Hope	Everett	WA
Housing Kitsap	Silverdale	WA
Housing Lopez	Lopez Island	WA
Housing Resources Bainbridge	Bainbridge Island	WA
Kulshan Community Land Trust	Bellingham	WA
Lopez Community Land Trust	Lopez Island	WA
McLoughlin & Associates LLC	Gig Harbor	WA
Office of Rural & Farmworker Housing	Yakima	WA

OPAL Community Land Trust	Eastsound	WA
Peninsula Housing Authority	Port Angeles	WA
Skagit Habitat for Humanity	Mount Vernon	WA
South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity	Tumwater	WA
Upper Valley MEND and SHARE Community Land Trust	Leavenworth	WA
Washington Agricultural Families Assistance	Woodinville	WA
Whatcom Skagit Housing	Bellingham	WA

Wisconsin

Berlin Community Development Corporation	Berlin	WI
Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	Menasha	WI
Habitat for Humanity of Kenosha	Kenosha	WI
Habitat For Humanity Waukesha County	Waukesha	WI
Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity	Brookfield	WI
Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	Spooner	WI

West Virginia

Mountain CAP of WV, Inc.	Buckhannon	WV
Southern Appalachian Labor School	Fayette County	WV

Wyoming

Habitat for Humanity of the Eastern Bighorns	Sheridan	WY
Town of Afton	Afton	WY