

YEAR IN REVIEW 2020

Success Bridge Pilot Opens

The Success Bridge program launched to expand college completion by low-income college students by integrating housing stability with academic and career counseling. In the next three years, project partners will help 900 housing-insecure students.

Anti-Discrimination

Bexley City Council passed the region's first ordinance barring discrimination based on income source, while the City of Columbus advanced a broad Housing for All package.

Outlawed Eviction-by-Affidavit



AHACO supported a challenge to hearsay evictions that harmed tenants. The Court agreed and banned the practice in 2020.

Rapid COVID Response

We advocated for and secured over

24 MILLION

dollars in local funding to prevent eviction during COVID-19 and support the homeless system's response to the pandemic. An additional \$5.5 million flowed from state resources with millions more on its way in 2021.

What We're Excited for Next

Rent Assistance. Continue building and cementing a housing and eviction safety net, during coronavirus and beyond.

Zoning Reform. Modernize and streamline Columbus' land use rules to build affordable housing stock and promote racial equity.

Tenant Protections. Support Source of Income and reasonable tenant protections to ensure fair access across the region.

Expanding Diversity. Strengthen the affordable housing sector by promoting greater representation and inclusion.

Building Our Way Back. Catalyze affordable construction for community-wide economic recovery from COVID-19.

Strategy

AHACO approved a new 3-year strategy, advancing our plan to close Franklin County's 54,000-household affordability gap.

Magnet Fund

Franklin County issued its first commitments under the new Magnet Fund to construct affordable apartments in transit corridors. This is expected to create

274

new affordable homes.



**A Statement from the
Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio
Calling for Justice for Casey Goodson Jr. and Andre Hill**

"We are advocates for safe homes. Safe doesn't just mean free from eviction or homelessness or poor conditions. It also means freedom from the violence inherent in a legacy of racism. Andre Hill was at a friend's home, and it was not safe for him. Casey Goodson Jr. was at his grandmother's home, and it was not safe for him. When our families and our communities are not safe at home, our job is not done. As housing advocates and as citizens, AHACO stands with those fighting for social justice."

Attributable to Carlie J. Boos, Executive Director of the
Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio

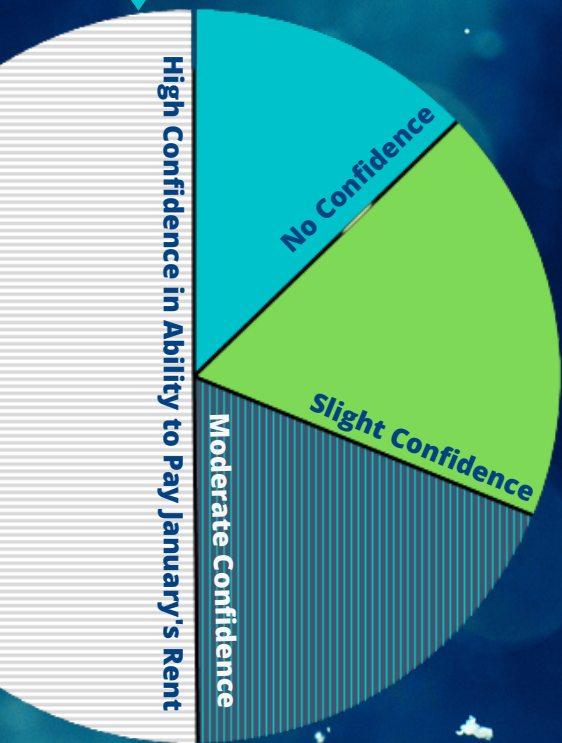
BY THE NUMBERS

What the Data Says About Ohio's Housing Needs

19%

of all Ohio renters were not caught up on rent by December 7th. That rate was significantly higher for Hispanic (34%) and Black (25%) renters. Nearly a third of Ohio renters had little or no confidence in their ability to pay January's rent.

Ohio's Rent Crisis



In the U.S., tenants who paid rent on their credit card jumped 70% this year, underscoring the extreme measures families must take to avoid eviction.

70%

Unsustainable



A Good Start, But More to Do

As 2020 drew to a close, the federal government approved a much-needed pandemic relief package that included an estimated **\$778 million** in rent and utility assistance payments for Ohioans impacted by the coronavirus. AHACO strongly supported this emergency measure and **expresses our sincerest thanks to Ohio's Senators Brown and Portman and the rest of our congressional delegation** who were instrumental in securing this aid. This relief bill also contains important modifications to the Housing Tax Credit program that will help Ohio activate affordable housing construction as a mechanism for our community's economic recovery.

Nationally and at home, the \$25 billion housing package is critical, but still pales in comparison to the existing **\$70 billion that is needed** to cure outstanding rental debt. We urge our legislators to return to work and find a long-term solution to the housing crisis, both during COVID and after. In the interim, extending the CDC moratorium will avoid overwhelming our homeless system and slow the spread of the disease until vaccines are distributed.

778 MILLION

By the end of November, Franklin County's eviction filings were nearly on-par with last year's rates despite moratorium protections, accentuating the intense need for housing relief and limitations of existing protections

2019 Evictions

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