

# LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT IMPACT IN THE UNITED STATES

## THE LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT'S BENEFITS FOR U.S. FAMILIES AND ECONOMY

1986 - 2014



2.9 million homes developed or preserved



6.7 million low-income households provided affordable homes



3.25 million jobs supported for one year



\$310 billion local income generated



\$122 billion tax revenue generated

Sources: National Council of State Housing Agencies, National Association of Home Builders



**The Housing Credit is a proven solution to help address the affordable housing crisis.**

The Housing Credit is our nation's most successful tool for encouraging private investment in affordable rental housing. It has financed roughly 2.9 million apartments since 1986, providing 6.7 million low-income families, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities homes they can afford. Without the Housing Credit, it would be financially infeasible for the private sector to build affordable homes for the families that need them most.

However, viable and sorely needed Housing Credit developments are turned down each year because Housing Credit resources fall far short of the demand. On average, state Housing Credit allocating agencies receive applications requesting more than three times their available authority. With more Housing Credit resources, we could make a meaningful step towards addressing our nation's vast and growing affordable housing needs.

## THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDS THAT STILL REMAIN

Though the Housing Credit has had a tremendous impact in the U.S., much more affordable housing is still needed.



### 11.4 MILLION HOUSEHOLDS

pay more than half of their income monthly on rent, leaving too little for other expenses like health care, transportation and nutritious food.



And a minimum wage worker has to work **91 HOURS PER WEEK** in order to afford a modest two-bedroom apartment.

Sources: 2014 American Community Survey, National Low Income Housing Coalition's Out of Reach 2014

The ACTION Campaign calls on Congress to expand and strengthen the Housing Credit.

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