

# LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT IMPACT IN MONTANA

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

1986 - 2014



7,183

homes developed or preserved



16,736

low-income households provided affordable homes



8,117

jobs supported for one year



\$774 million

local income generated



\$305 million

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 nearly 3 million apartments since 1986, providing roughly 6.5 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 Montana, much more affordable housing is still needed.



In Montana alone,

**31,103 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 in Montana, a minimum wage worker has to work

**69 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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