

CHARLESTON-AREA  
Affordable Housing Footprint  
AT A GLANCE



3 Housing Authorities SERVING CHARLESTON-AREA RESIDENTS

Each housing authority operates independently while contributing to Charleston county's affordable housing ecosystem.

Led by **19 commissioners** each serving a **5-year term**.

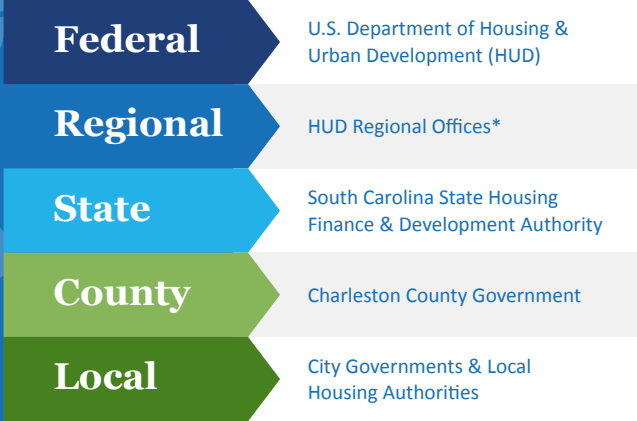


From D.C. to S.C.

Charleston's housing authorities collectively help address the critical shortage of affordable housing options in the face of growing demand, rising costs and inequities in housing accessibility. Addressing this gap ensures that everyone in the Charleston community has access to stable, safe housing, which is foundational to thriving, inclusive communities.

“Having a place to call home is part of the American Dream.”  
U.S. Senator Tim Scott

Top-down overview of public housing oversight, funding, and management, from the federal government to local housing authorities.

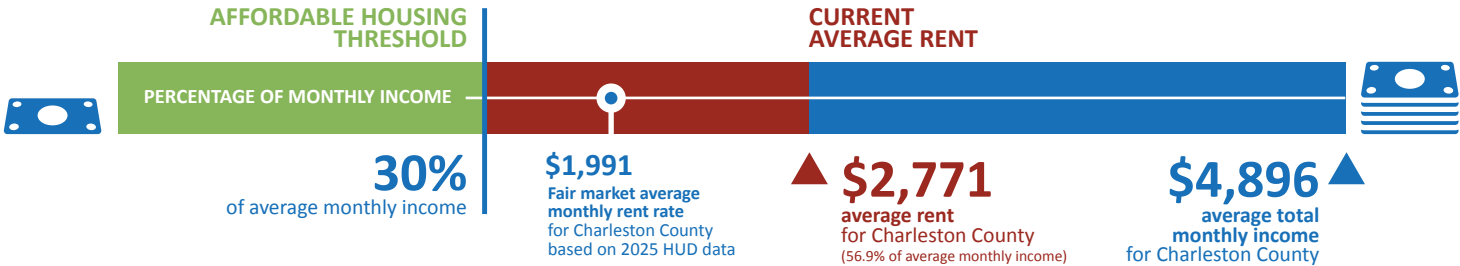


\*Charleston area is under HUD Region IV, which covers the Southeast U.S.



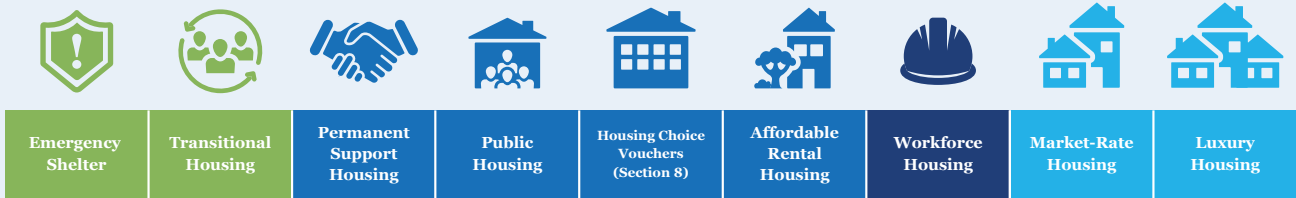
The Gap

The combination of rapid population growth, shifting income distributions, and high housing demand continues to strain the affordable housing market in the region.



Data sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics and Census.gov

The Housing Spectrum



■ Nonprofits and community organizations. ■ Housing authorities. ■ Private developers or public-private partnerships. ■ Private sector-driven.

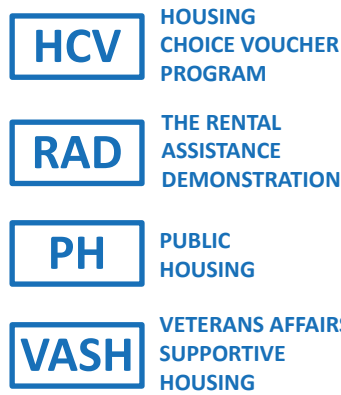
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EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

- Working to integrate communal spaces, versatile living and enhanced facilities.
- Partnerships with dozens of local assistance organizations.

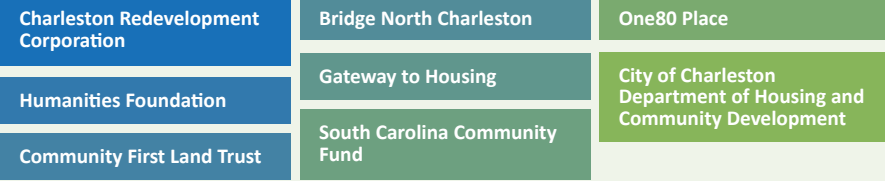
4 VITAL PROGRAMS



Community Partnerships

20-30 NONPROFITS in Charleston County dedicated to supporting affordable housing

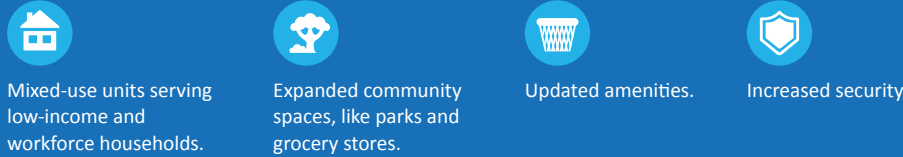
Here are a few notable mentions



Bridging the Gap ADAPTING FOR TOMORROW

IN 2025, CHA WILL BEGIN

6 Development Projects:



BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

Public housing programs prioritize individuals with disabilities, ensuring accessible units and supportive services are available to meet their needs.

The Future of Affordable Housing

- Anticipate change from the federal government
- Land acquisition for future housing
- More private-public partnerships to address the demand for housing
- Modernizing older properties
- Expanding workforce housing solutions

“Affordable housing is integral to the success and safety of our community. It takes a village to ensure affordable housing for all who need it.”

Herb Partlow,  
Former Chairman of the Charleston Housing  
Authority Board of Commissioners  
(2022-2025)

