



Salt Lake County Consortium

HOME Investment Partnership Program

The Salt Lake County Consortium HOME Investment Partnership Program was organized in 1992. The members of the Salt Lake County Consortium are: West Jordan City, West Valley City, Sandy City, South Jordan City, and Taylorsville City and the Urban County for CDBG, which consists of unincorporated Salt Lake County, the Metro Townships of Magna, Kearns, Copperton, White City, and Emigration Canyon, and the cities of Draper, Holladay, Herriman, Cottonwood Heights, Murray, South Salt Lake, Midvale, Alta, Bluffdale, Riverton, and Millcreek.

Over the twenty-five years of the program, funding has been allocated to two main categories: Homeownership and Rental housing tenant based rental assistance, funding for rental housing development and improvements.

Rental Housing:

HOME funds were used to help finance the development of 66 rental housing projects which provide or will provide 3,814 rental units for low and very low income households.

\$20,000,000 of HOME, County matching funds, and State funds helped leverage \$350,000,000 in funding of rental housing developments.

Outcome and Impact

- 9 projects, 28 units for those with mental disabilities
- 3 projects, 101 units for abused women and children
- 33 projects, 2,668 units for low income households
- 7 projects, 287 units for homeless
- 14 projects, 730 units for seniors
- In 2004 the Life Start Village received from HUD National Door Knocker award for one of fifteen best

Life Start Village-housing

HOME funded projects in first fifteen years of the HOME Program



for abused women and children

Tenant Based Rental Assistance

In 2000, \$300,000 was provided to the Road Home/Housing Authority of the County of Salt Lake to be combined to setup a housing first program for the homeless. Over the last 17 years, over 2,000 households have been assisted with short term rental assistance.

Idea House Neighborhood Program

In 2008, a coalition of nonprofits including Assist Inc. and Community Development Corporation of Utah, as well as the utility companies Questar and Rocky Mountain Power came together and developed the Idea House Neighborhood program. The objective of the program was to purchase abandoned homes in the worst condition in Kearns and Magna, rehabilitate, and sell them. Once completed, an open house and neighborhood party was held to show to the neighborhood practical improvements to homes which could be duplicated.



Outcomes and Impact

- 40 homes have been purchased and rehabilitated in Kearns and Magna
- Average energy cost savings of \$700 per home per year or a total of \$28,000 per year in energy cost savings
- Crime has been reduced on the average 66% near every Idea House completed
- An average of five homes per Idea House completed have been improved by homeowners, or 200 homes improved
- Idea book was developed by Assist Inc. and provides an overview of practical home improvement ideas
- The Idea House program received 2010 National Award of Merit from NAHRO

Before



After



Green & Healthy Homes Salt Lake Initiative



In 2012, the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative Coalition was organized and became part of the National GHHI effort to improve housing to help improve the health of children. The coalition consists of housing agencies such as Salt Lake Habitat for Humanity, Community Development Corporation of Utah, and health care providers such as University of Utah Health Plans, Intermountain Health Care, University of Utah Office of Pediatrics, State of Utah Health Department, and Salt Lake County Health Department. HOME funds were and are provided to Salt Lake Valley Habitat for Humanity, NeighborWorks Salt Lake, and Community Development Corporation of Utah to fund the implementation of this program.

Outcomes and Impact

- Over 400 homes have been made healthy, lead safe, radon gas hazard free, and safe.
- 40 households with at least one member with asthma have been assisted.
- 22 households referred to GHHI Salt Lake from University of Utah Health Plans have been assisted. Each of these households assisted had at least one child with severe asthma. The estimated medical cost savings exceed \$500,000.
- Developed partnership and pay for success project with University of Utah Health Plans, GHHI national and the Sorenson impact center. Over the next four years up to 600 clients with severe asthma will receive assistance. The estimated medical cost savings could exceed \$7.2 million.

