



# A Home for Every Toledonian: Confronting the Housing Crisis Together

Toledo faces a growing housing crisis. Rising rents, stagnant wages, and service gaps push many into housing insecurity.

This is not just a policy issue—it's a human one.

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# The State of Housing in Toledo

3,400

Homeless in 2024

30% increase over four years

25%

Poverty Rate

One quarter of Toledoans live in poverty

33%

Cost-Burdened

Households spending over 30% on housing



# The Human Impact



## Seniors

Choosing between rent and prescriptions



## Veterans

Facing PTSD and housing discrimination



## Families

322 families with children currently homeless



## Working Poor

Two jobs still not enough for safe housing





# Current Initiatives

## HUD PRO Housing Grant

\$4 million to remove barriers to affordable housing production

## Lucas Metropolitan Housing

Operating over 2,500 affordable units with expansion plans

## Continuum of Care

2024 Strategic Plan improving service coordination

## No Barriers Housing

New shelter options and expanded rapid rehousing

# Gaps in Our System



# Opportunities for Collaboration

## Stronger Partnerships

Across government, nonprofits, developers, and health agencies

## Root Causes

Addressing education, employment, and mental health



## Increased Investment

In permanent supportive housing and problem-solving funds

## Policy Changes

Expanding voucher access and fighting discrimination



# Call to Action



## Advocate

Push for increased funding at all government levels



## Support

Donate time and resources to frontline organizations



## Participate

Attend meetings, hold leaders accountable, share stories



## Challenge

Fight stigma and misconceptions about homelessness



# Housing is a Human Right



Let's build a Toledo where everyone—regardless of income, background, or circumstance—has a place to call home.