

Oakland County Regional Housing Partnership



Spring 2024 Updates

MSHDA Statewide Housing Plan

- A comprehensive plan to address a wide variety of housing issues in Michigan
 - 8 objectives
 - 34 goals
 - Over 100 strategies
- Established 15 Regional Housing Partnerships across the state
- RHP's are a regional planning approach to address housing needs over the next five years

Oakland County RHP

- Initial meeting with MSHDA and ~80 individuals working in housing in Oakland County
- From this meeting four lead organizations were identified
 - Alliance For Housing
 - Pontiac Housing Commission
 - Community Housing Network
 - Pontiac Community Foundation

Overview of RHP Structure

- 3 focus areas
 - Preventing and Ending Homelessness
 - Affordable Housing Stock
 - Communication and Education
- Each focus area has two co-chairs to guide the work
- Co-chairs also sit on a steering committee to guide the work of the entire RHP

Action Planning Process

- Over the summer of 2023, Oakland County RHP leads held multiple convenings to establish:
 - Focus areas for the Oakland County RHP
 - Goals
 - Strategies
 - Key Performance Indicators
- The Oakland County RHP submitted a finalized action plan to MSHDA in August 2023

Action Plan Overview

- 6 Goals
 - Improving the quality and connectedness of the homelessness response system
 - Increasing the supply of affordable housing in Oakland County and encouraging equitable zoning reform
 - Increasing the awareness of and support for affordable housing in Oakland County
- 18 strategies

Oakland County RHP in 2024

- Preventing and Ending Homelessness
 - Created a survey to assess the digital landscape of homelessness services in Oakland County
- Communication and Education
 - Launched a webpage on the Alliance for Housing website
 - Began work towards finalizing a contract with Issue Media Group
- Affordable Housing Stock
 - Established a contact list and curriculum for zoning reform education
 - Began work with Sugar Creek Capital to lobby for a statewide LIHTC program
- Established partnerships with Blueprint to End Homelessness working groups

What's Next?

- Preventing and Ending Homelessness
 - Analyze survey results to establish a baseline
 - Begin contacting organizations for programmatic information with the goal of having all of these resources in a centralized digital location
- Communication and Education
 - Finalize a contract with Issue Media Group to increase awareness of affordable housing in Southeast Michigan
 - Create a separate website to host all RHP activities
- Affordable Housing Stock
 - Draft policy language for a statewide LIHTC program to present to legislators
 - Begin contacting planners and city officials for zoning reform education workshops

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Links and Resources

- Oakland County RHP Webpage
<https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/ocrhp>
- Action plans for all RHP's (Oakland County is region L)
<https://www.michigan.gov/mshda/developers/statewide-housing-plan>
- MSHDA Statewide Housing Plan
https://www.michigan.gov/mshda/-/media/Project/Websites/mshda/developers/Statewide-Housing-Plan/MI-Statewide-Housing-Plan_Final-112723.pdf?rev=4f844882abac481faa8f3361138ec189&hash=F2BEA0EF26CB69CD1E7ED3C5A204D690