

Affordable Housing Subcommittee Recommendations

Our recommendations address the relationship of housing and poverty. Access to safe, decent affordable housing plays an important role in breaking the cycle of generational poverty. A common and shared vision of what we would like our community to be and embrace has arisen out of our work. Our Recommendations describe this vision, and provide strategies for achieving it.

Recommendation #2:

Our community should provide adequate funds to ensure that our Affordable Housing needs are met for the entire housing continuum from rental to homeownership. Communities that are successful in their affordable housing activities support those activities financially. To be effective our county needs a flexible, dedicated affordable housing fund to supplement constantly shrinking and highly restricted Federal funds.

Strategy:

- ACC should create a flexible, dedicated Affordable Housing Fund that will be funded locally through appropriations from the general budget. This fund could be supplemented by a variety of methods including voluntary citizen donations, initiatives such as a check-off donation on utility bills, interest on real estate related escrow accounts, etc.