



Coalition for the Missouri Housing Trust Fund

*Ensuring Access to Affordable Housing
for Missourians*

1,000's of Missourians are in Danger of Losing their Homes

You Can Help!!!!

- **20,000+ Missourians are in danger of foreclosure**
- **4,800 Missouri Veterans face homeless**
- **15,000 Missouri Children are homeless, living in cars or on the streets**

Right now Missouri has a Housing Trust Fund (MHTF) that tries to keep people in their homes and prevents homelessness --- **But It Is Under Funded!**

In 2008 only \$4.3 million was generated for the MHTF from a \$3 fee when a person buys a home. In 2009 it is estimated it will fall below \$4 million.

Just a small increase in this fee can **help families; children and veterans keep their homes.**

The Missouri Housing Trust Fund Coalition will be supporting SB 268 and other bills that will expand funding for the Missouri Housing Trust Fund.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!!!!

- Contact your state representatives and state senators
- Tell them that Missourians -
 Many families, children and veterans are in danger of losing their homes.
- Urge them to increase the Missouri Housing Trust Fund.
- Reach out to your local realtors, bankers, and home builders and urge them to support an increase

Missouri Housing Trust Fund Overview

The Missouri Housing Trust Funds (MHTF) are distributed by the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) for programs which assist individuals or families below 50% of the area median income. (At least 50% of the funds are for programs that benefit individuals or families below 25% of the area median income).

- **Foreclosure and Eviction Prevention/Homeless Prevention:**
 - Rental deposits and payments
 - Mortgage payments

- **Construction/Rehabilitation:**
 - Permanent housing-single and multi-family units
 - Shelters and transitional housing

- **Rental Assistance:**
 - Project Based assistance that is on a recurring or regular basis for tenants in newly constructed or rehabilitated affordable multifamily developments funded by USDA/Rural Development, HUD and/or MHDC.

- **Home Repair:**
 - Weatherization
 - Repair or replacement of major systems
 - Accessibility and life safety issues

During the 2007 project year the Missouri Housing Trust Fund provided housing assistance to families and individuals, veterans and the elderly:

- 9,013 Households were assisted through homeless prevention
- 1,520 households were assisted through Operating Funds
- 275 households were assisted through Rental Assistance (permanent housing assistance)
- 30 households received assistance with home repair

**Unfortunately, in 2008 Missouri Housing Trust Funds
were available for only 25% of requested needs**

***MORE FUNDING CAN HELP MORE MISSOURI
FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND VETERANS***

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