

# 2020 MHC Annual Report



**Mission:** The Metropolitan Housing Coalition (MHC) strengthens, unites, and mobilizes private and public resources to provide fair, accessible, and affordable housing for everyone in our community.

**Vision:** Fair, accessible, and affordable housing for all.

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## MHC's Key Accomplishments

- Even before the COVID-19 pandemic substantiated the critical connection between housing and health, MHC was focusing its work on raising awareness about the many ways in which safe and affordable housing is the cornerstone of overall wellness for children and adults. In June of 2020, MHC hosted Dr. Sarah Moyer, Chief Health Strategist for the City of Louisville, as our Annual Meeting Speaker. In her talk, Dr. Moyer discussed the important intersection of health and housing in our community. MHC also played a key role in securing a housing focus as a key strategy within Health Louisville 2025, Louisville's action plan for improving community health. All of this work culminated in the decision to focus on Health and Housing in MHC's 2020-2021 State of Metropolitan Housing Report.
- In the summer of 2020, amid growing demands for racial justice, Louisville Metro Council ordered a racial equity review of Louisville's Land Development Code. The groundwork for this review of the Land Development Code began with the release of the updated Comprehensive Plan in 2018, which as a result of MHC's tireless advocacy, included fair and affordable housing for the first time. Over the past year, MHC has been leading the efforts to move this process forward and we will continue to advocate for changes to the LDC that will allow for greater production of affordable housing in all areas of our city.
- In November 2020, after years of intense advocacy work by MHC and other partners, Louisville Metro Council passed an ordinance that reduces housing discrimination by widening the umbrella of populations covered under the city's fair housing ordinance. The new ordinance prevents people from being denied access to housing based on criminal background, homeless status, source of income, or military service record.
- At the request of Metro government, MHC prepared and released the 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for Louisville Metro (AI). This analysis was adopted as policy by Metro Government in May of 2020 and submitted to HUD as part of the 5-year Consolidated Plan. The AI examines the state of housing choice for protected classes in Louisville, not only analyzing where people in protected classes live, but also proposing action steps to tear down barriers to fair housing.
- MHC acted as an intervenor before the Kentucky Public Service Commission, represented by attorney Tom Fitzgerald through the Kentucky Resources Council. In this case, MHC partnered with Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, the Mountain Association, and the Kentucky Solar Energy Society in our efforts to prevent more costly utility increases.
- MHC and the University of Louisville Oral History Center have partnered on "Unfair Housing in Louisville: A Legacy Project," an oral history project focused on documenting, understanding, and preserving the history of housing discrimination in Louisville.
- In partnership with a number of organizational partners, MHC convened multiple Fair Housing Forums in 2020 and 2021. These events highlight local, state and federal progress towards ensuring fair housing for all citizens, while also identifying areas where more work is sorely needed.
- MHC helped fund the creation of many new affordable housing units in our community through the MHC revolving loan pool.

## 2020 Financial Summary

|                                  |                   |
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| <b>Total Revenue</b>             | <b>\$ 228,222</b> |
| Program Expenses                 | \$ 182,163        |
| Administrative Expenses          | \$ 11,622         |
| Fundraising Expenses             | \$ 10,349         |
| Other Expenses                   | \$ 1,360          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>            | <b>\$ 205,494</b> |
| <b>Total Year End Net Assets</b> | <b>\$70,923</b>   |