## Building SDGs into a Local Housing Strategy

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An opportunity to advance several of the Sustainable Development Goals

- Housing affordability is a growing national challenge
- Local governments have policy options even in the face of federal retreat
- Many local governments lack capacity and are eager for technical assistance



## LocalHousingSolutions.org History and Objectives

Local Housing Solutions (LHS) provides cities, towns, and counties resources to develop comprehensive and balanced housing strategies that meet such policy objectives as:

- Enhance affordability
- Protect low-income residents from displacement

Fostering inclusive (and mixed-income)

## LocalHousingSolutions.org Design

Multiple Entry-Points/Features (6 options):

- 1. Housing policy issues
- 2. Housing policy options
- 3. Guidance on the process for creating a local housing plan
- 4. Browse the site
  - a) Policy library (all 82 policies under 4 pillars)
  - b) Guidance for assessing local housing needs
- 5. Strategy self-assessment tool
- 6. Explainer videos



#### Sustainable Development Goals and Affordable Housing



# Sustainable Cities and Communities



**SDG 11.1** By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums



#### Sustainable Cities and Communities Increase Housing Stability

- Protect against displacement
- Maintain affordability
- Provide financial support
- Improving the quality of existing housing







#### Other Examples of Local Housing Strategies Contributing to SDGs



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## Effective Housing Strategies

- Not just affordability but also
  - Opportunity
  - Health/environment
- Promote racial and economic equity
- Partnerships



### Increase Access to Opportunity No Poverty



**SDG 1.4** By 2030, ensure that all men and women have equal rights to economic resources

#### Increase Access to Opportunity Quality Education



**SDG 4.1** By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education leading to relevant and Goal-4 effective learning outcomes

#### Increase Access to Opportunity Decent Work Economic Growth



<u>SDG 8.5</u> By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men...

Effective Housing Strategies Increase Access to Opportunity

- Geographically targeted subsidies
- Inclusionary housing/density bonuses
- Voucher mobility
- Access to public transport



#### Improve Health/Environmental Conditions Good Health/ Well-Being



**SDG 3.9** By 2030, substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination.

#### Improve Health/Environmental Conditions Affordable/Clean Energy



**SDG 7.3** By 2030, double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency

#### Improve Health/Environmental Conditions Life on Land



**SDG 15.9** By 2020, integrate ecosystem and biodiversity values into national and local planning, development processes, poverty reduction strategies and accounts

## Effective Housing Strategies Improve Health/Environmental Conditions

- Code enforcement
- Reduce housing cost burden and stress
- Reduce energy consumption
- Reduce environmental footprint of housing development



#### Promote Racial and Economic Equity Reduced Inequities



**SDG 10.3** Ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequalities of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices and promoting appropriate legislation, policies and action in this regard



Effective Housing Strategies Promote Racial and Economic Equity

- Reduce housing discrimination
- Affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH)
- Decrease concentration of poverty (mixed income neighborhoods)



#### Partnerships Partnerships for the Goals



**SDG 17.17** Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships



#### Effective Housing Strategies Partnerships

- Community engagement
- Public-private partnerships
- Break down government silos

