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AIA Ohio – Supports Expanding Affordable Housing Opportunities

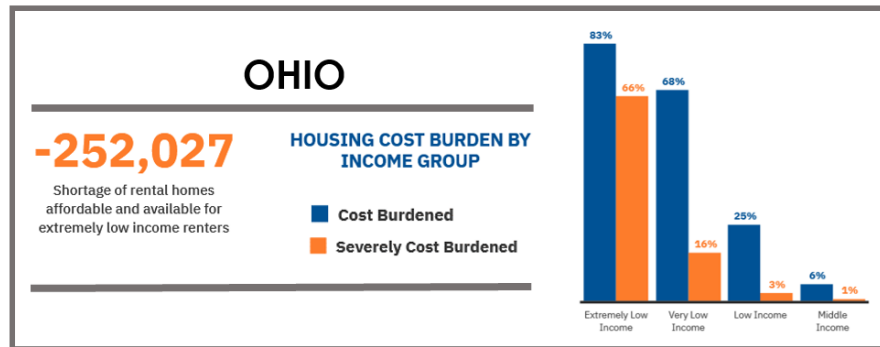
AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

- Ohio and the nation is in an affordable housing crisis.
- Ohio currently has less than half the low-income housing available to meet current needs.
- The Ohio Housing Trust Fund in 2020 and 2021 generated \$35 Million in tax revenue and created or supported 3,176 jobs.
- Every dollar allocated to support affordable housing generates \$9.55 in economic activity.

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Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition

AIA OHIO SUPPORTS:

- **Preservation:** Investing in existing affordable housing including modernization of buildings to meet current market standards and life safety codes
- **Increased Funding:** Creating more opportunities for the funding and development of affordable housing throughout Ohio
- **Innovation:** Developing new funding models that build upon national affordable housing programs and financial models in innovative ways

AIA OHIO ASKS THE LEGISLATURE TO:

Support legislation that increases funding and incentives to renovate and construct more affordable housing projects in Ohio. The increase is needed to:

- Support the health, safety, and general well-being of all Ohioans by providing stable, environmentally responsible, and affordable housing
- Develop additional tax revenue, retain existing employees, create new jobs and attract new talent to Ohio
- Ensure that all Ohioans have access to affordable housing that provides citizens with the stability they need to focus on education and employment

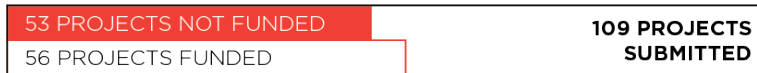


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AIA Ohio Supports SB225: Expanding Ohio Historic Tax Credits

OHIO HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM (OHPTCP):

- **Historic Resources:** There are over 50,000 historically significant buildings, sites, and structures in Ohio on the National Register of Historic Places, and 68 communities are Certified Local Government's (CLG's), for additional opportunities.
- **Missed Opportunities:** Every dollar of Ohio Historic Tax Credits attracts on average \$6.20 in private investment. In 2021, Ohio missed out on over \$600 million in private investment in its existing communities due to funding limitations.
- **Project Backlog:** In 2021, 53 projects requesting approximately \$98.5M in funding were denied Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credits due to limits on the amount of available funding.



AIA OHIO SUPPORTS:

- Permanently expanding the Ohio Historic Tax Credit program to ensure that Ohio's historically significant buildings, sites, and structures are preserved for future generations
- Sustainably reusing Ohio's existing historic building stock as one method of reducing the "upfront carbon" produced during the construction of the built environment
- Ensuring the revitalization of Ohio's large and small communities through the rehabilitation of historic buildings and the resulting additional state and local tax revenues provided by the projects

AIA OHIO ASKS THE LEGISLATURE TO:

Pass SB225 "Temporary Modify Certain Tax Credits"

- AIA Ohio supports the passage of the proposed temporary expansion of the Historic Preservation Tax Credit (HPTC) program and encourages the Legislature to consider making the credits permanent.

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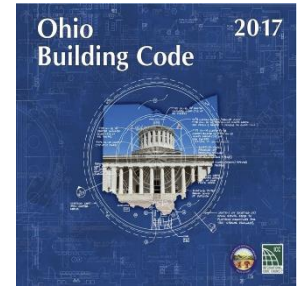
AIA Ohio Supports Sensible Building Codes

OHIO BUILDING CODES:

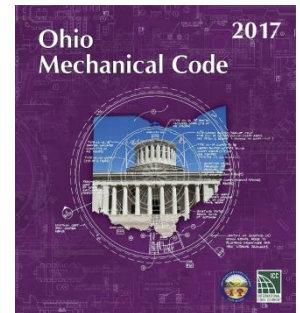
- **Ohio Construction Code:** Authorized in 1911 and updated in 1955 by the Ohio legislature, it was developed and written by the Ohio Board of Building Standards to ensure safe building design and construction

Ohio Building Code: Based on the International Code Council Model Building Codes, it was first adopted by Ohio's Legislature in 1999 to establish a statewide, modern code to meet the needs of design and construction industry professionals

- **International Code Council Model Building Codes:** Time tested, collaborative industry standard documents used nationwide to establish safety standards for design professionals, contractors, building owners, and the general public



Based on the 2015 ICC, Current ICC version is 2021



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AIA OHIO SUPPORTS:

- Maintaining comprehensive statewide building codes based on time tested, research based industry standard codes
- Keeping the Ohio Board of Building Standards' collaborative and transparent processes in place for revising the Ohio Building Code to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all Ohioans
- Removing legislative restrictions that prevent Ohio's building code from being updated with changes to the national model building codes

AIA OHIO ASKS THE LEGISLATURE TO:

Exempt the Ohio Building Code and Ohio Fire Code from the requirements of SB9 recently approved by the 134th Assembly of the Ohio Legislature. The exemption is necessary to:

- Protect the Health, Safety, and Welfare of all Ohioans in the built environment by maintaining and adopting time tested, research based model building codes
- Maintain the value of existing buildings and support future economic development by keeping Ohio in alignment with model codes used throughout the design and construction industry
- Reduce potential litigation and negative economic impact on the design and construction industry with untested changes to the building codes
- Allow the adoption of updates to the Ohio codes so society can benefit from advances in materials, products, and life safety measures to create a more sustainable, safe, and economically viable built environment

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AIA Ohio Supports Sustainability and Resilience

SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE:

- **Global Carbon Emissions:** The building and construction industry is responsible for 39% of all global carbon emissions.
- **Operational Carbon:** Heating, cooling, and powering buildings account for 28% of all carbon operational carbon emitted.
- **Building Construction:** 11% of the annual carbon output is a result of building construction including “upfront carbon” carbon emitted during demolition, construction, and in the production of construction materials.

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AIA OHIO SUPPORTS:

- **Reducing Carbon Emissions:** Transforming the day-to-day practice of architecture and construction to achieve a more sustainable, resilient, healthy, and zero-carbon built environment
- **Resilience:** Adopting research-based resilient designs focused on mitigating the effects of storms and other extreme weather events on the built environment
- **Existing Buildings:** Reusing the existing building stock in place of new construction to reduce the embodied or “upfront carbon” produced during the construction process



AIA OHIO ASKS THE LEGISLATURE TO:

Consider the impact legislation could have on Ohio's ability to improve the sustainability and resilience of the built environment for future generations. AIA Ohio supports:

- Adopting updates to the building codes that incorporate improved energy efficiency requirements for new buildings
- Incentivizing building owners to reuse and upgrade existing buildings to reduce the carbon footprint of existing buildings