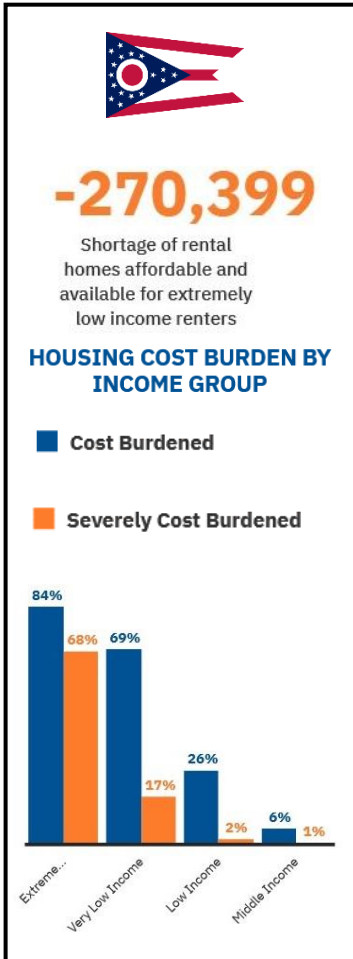




AIA Ohio Supports Expanding Affordable, Workforce, and Senior Housing Opportunities



National Low Income Housing Coalition

AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

- Ohio remains in an affordable housing crisis. (Housing that a household can pay for while still having money left over for other necessities.)
- Ohio **INCREASED** the shortage of affordable rental units by over 15,000 from 2022 to 2023. (NLIHC)
- Actions by the previously assembly have made affordable housing more difficult to maintain and develop due to legislation changes to property tax valuation and removing a funding link to the Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program.

AIA OHIO SUPPORTS:

- Modernizing Affordable Housing:** Investing in existing affordable housing including the modernization of buildings to meet current market standards and life safety codes.
- Increasing Funding:** Creating more opportunities for the funding and development of affordable, workforce, and senior housing throughout Ohio.

AIA OHIO ASKS THE LEGISLATURE TO:

- Support legislation that increases funding and incentives to renovate and construct more affordable housing in Ohio.
- Support the health, safety, and general well-being of all Ohioans by providing stable, environmentally responsible, and affordable housing.
- Create new affordable housing to retain existing employees, create new jobs, and attract new talent to Ohio.
- Ensure that all Ohioans have access to affordable housing that provides our citizens with the stability they need to focus on education and workforce advancement.

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AIA Ohio Supports Permanently 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.
- **Project Backlog:** In 2023, 105 projects requesting over \$266M in funding were denied Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credits due to limits on the amount of available funding.
- **Missed Opportunities:** Every dollar of Ohio Historic Tax Credits attracts on average \$6.20 in private investment. In 2023, Ohio missed out on over **\$1.65 billion** in private investment in its existing communities due to funding limitations.



Rauch & Land Carriage Co.
Apartments
Cleveland, OH
OHPTCP Award: \$5,000,000



1301 Adams Street
Toledo, OH
OHPTCP Award: \$1,140,764



La Ventura
Cincinnati, OH
OHPTCP Award: \$240,750

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.

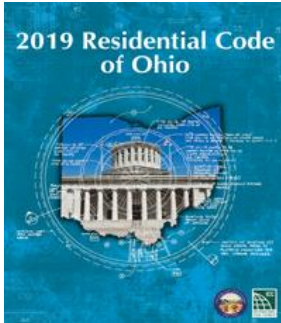
AIA OHIO ASKS THE LEGISLATURE TO:

- Renew and expand the annual appropriations of \$120M for the Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credits.

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AIA Ohio Supports Sensible Residential Building Codes



RESIDENTIAL CODE OF OHIO:

- Based on the International Code Council Model Building Codes, Ohio's Residential Code was first adopted by the Ohio Legislature in 1999 establishing a statewide, modern code to meet the needs of the design and construction industry.
- Ohio currently uses the 2019 Residential Code of Ohio, based on the 2018 International Residential Code.

AIA OHIO SUPPORTS:

- Maintaining comprehensive statewide building codes based on time-tested, research-based, industry-standard model codes.
- Keeping the Ohio Board of Building Standards' collaborative and transparent processes in place for revising Ohio's building codes.
- Supporting the Ohio Board of Building Standards efforts to establish rules that balance innovation with standardization.

AIA OHIO ASKS THE LEGISLATURE TO:

Support the Ohio Board of Building Standards plan to update the Residential Code of Ohio standards based on the 2021 residential model codes. The adoption of these updates is necessary to:

- Protect the Health, Safety, and Welfare of Ohioans through improved quality and safety.
- Improve energy efficiency through the adoption of improved energy codes. The reduced cost of energy to the Owners or residents will easily pay for the minor cost of improvements over the building's useful life.
- The cost to retrofit a building to meet new requirements in the future is significantly greater. Adopting new codes provides owners with greater value while benefitting from advances in materials, products, and life safety measures to create a more sustainable, safe, and economically viable built environment.

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