



HOUSING CONNECT

AGENCY REPORT

JULY 2022 - DECEMBER 2023

OUR MISSION

To connect people and communities to quality affordable housing opportunities while promoting self-sufficiency and neighborhood revitalization.

FROM THE CEO

JANICE KIMBALL

This report reflects the period from July 2022 - December 2023. The agency adjusted the operating year to a calendar year which aligns with the requirements for our properties. Housing Connect has used creative and innovative methods to expand affordable housing opportunities, build new strategic partnerships, and adapt resident services to the needs of our participants. Moving forward, we remain committed to providing high-quality housing and services. Thank you to Housing Connect Staff, the Board of Commissioners, and our strategic Partners for supporting our vision and mission.

OUR VALUES



Integrity



Accountability



Innovation



Excellence



Inclusion



Humility



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

\$65,527,633

Rental Assistance Payments
to Community Landlords (18-months)

10,000+

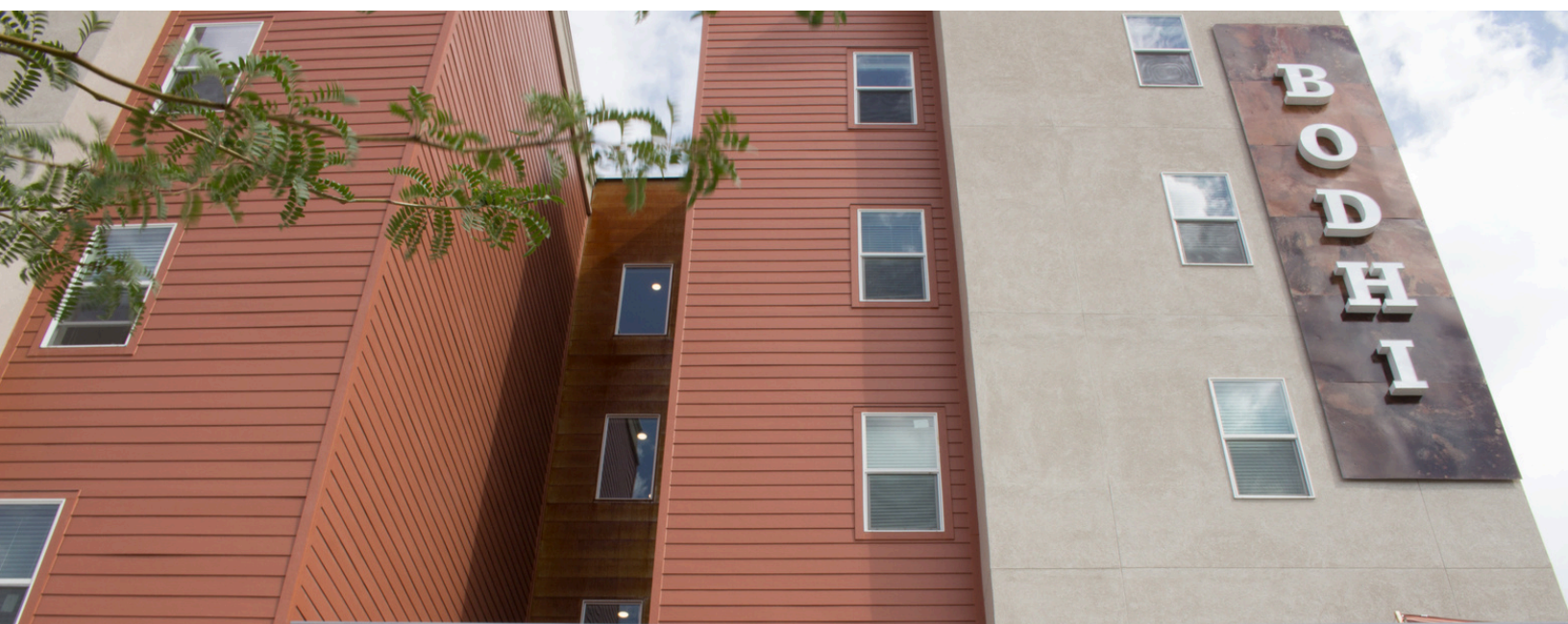
Individuals
Served

5,509

Total Households
Served

2,174

New Households
Leased Up



\$13,118

Average Income of
All Families Served

15%

Entered from
Homelessness

1,375 Days

Average Length
Receiving Assistance

SUPPORTING RESIDENTS



Family Self-Sufficiency Program

207 Participants

A program for households linking them with case managers who assist with the development of goals focusing on finances, employment, and education.

Housing Support Specialist

275+ Participants

Assists participants with high barriers in assessing their needs and navigating housing applications and rental assistance programs.

Barrier Removal Fund

**\$53,407 Spent
Removing Barriers**

Including costs associated with application fees, rental deposits, and other fees.

Supportive Case Management

6,791 Hours

Residents with high barriers receive supportive services through individualized case management, service coordination, and resource connection.



BREAKING GROUND EXPANDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

On October 20th, 2022, Housing Connect staff and stakeholders gathered with our partners to celebrate the beginning of East 72. This project began Housing Connect's efforts to maintain and expand the quantity and quality of some of the most deeply affordable units in Salt Lake County.

The 15-month construction period involved the redevelopment of a site that Housing Connect has owned and operated since its construction in 1983. The former 12 duplex style buildings, comprised of 24 units, were demolished to make way for a newly constructed 3-story building containing 89 units. This new development will have a total of 100% of the units affordable to and leased to households with incomes at or below 50% Area Median Income, with 36 of those units subsidized with project-based rental assistance. East 72 will become home to many households beginning early 2024.

Many thanks to our partners: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Utah Housing Corporation, Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund, The Richman Group, California Bank and Trust, Rocky Mountain CRC, Salt Lake County, and the City of Midvale.

EMERGENCY AFGHAN HOUSING PROGRAM

Housing Connect partnered with Department of Workforce Services Refugee Services Office (DWS RSO) to provide housing options for Afghan refugees who entered the United States directly after the withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan.

In March 2023, Housing Connect began the Emergency Afghan Housing program, a medium-term program, lasting up to 18-months where participants pay 30% of their adjusted income. The remaining rent and any security deposit fees are paid by the program. The household also receives 9 months of case management to set goals and seek self-sufficiency.

We are grateful to partner with DWS RSO as the funder along with the referring agencies including the International Rescue Committee (IRC), the Asian Association of Utah (AAU) and Catholic Community Services (CCS).

93

Households Served
by the Emergency
Afghan Housing
Program





CREATING RESOURCE CONNECTIONS

Housing Connect partnered with Millcreek Promise to bring the residents of Millcreek access to many local resources through multiple events held at the Bud Bailey Apartment Community.

Over 350 people attended to connect to local resources, build connections with other families, enjoy great food, and participate in family and kids' activities.

The partner satisfaction survey conducted after the resource fairs showed that all partnering organizations reported success in making referrals for services, answering questions about their organizations, and meeting new families interested in their services.

Health &
Wellness

Afterschool
Activities

Childcare
Options

ESL
Classes

Financial
Counseling



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