

Springfield Housing Programs and Initiatives

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Springfield Housing Programs

- **Housing Repair**
- **Homeownership**
- **Housing Development**
- **Supportive Housing**



Housing Repair



Housing Repair: Ongoing Programs

Emergency Repair

- Single-item repair
- Available city-wide to income-eligible homeowners
- Roof, foundation, porches

Heating System Repair and Replacement

- Available city-wide to income eligible homeowners

Housing Repair: Special Initiatives

Healthy Homes

- Forgivable loans to make repairs throughout home
- Initial pilot: \$5 million HUD Resilience funds
- Current: \$4 million ARPA For households in Qualified Census Tracts

The City is working with MACDC to advocate for state funding for housing rehabilitation in Gateway cities

Exterior Repair

- ARPA program: \$1 million to make repairs to home exterior
- Available for income-eligible households city-wide

McKnight Historic Home Restoration Program

- Exterior Repairs for homes in the McKnight Local Historic District

Homeownership



Homeownership

First-Time Homebuyer

- \$4000 toward down payment and closing costs for income-eligible homebuyers
- Forgivable loan, fully forgiven after 5 years living in the home

Buy Springfield Now

- Promotes homeownership
- Incentives and discounts for buying a home in Springfield
- Discounts for home inspectors and attorneys
- Coupons and incentives at local businesses

Housing Development



Homeownership Development – Vacant Lot Infill

Vacant Lot Infill

- Homes on Central Street
- Union Street/Old Hill Development
- Future Projects in Mason Square

Redevelopment of Vacant Homes

- Partnership with Way Finders to rehabilitate or redevelop properties with existing vacant homes; Homes will be sold below market price to income-eligible homeowners

Gemini Townhomes

- 40 townhomes to be built in the South End and sold to income-eligible households

Upcoming Lottery - for chance to purchase below-market homes



Rental Housing Development

- Mason Square Apartments and Knox Residences
- 2 new rental projects on lower State Street
- Other projects—
 - Elder housing in the North End – Brightwood Elementary



Supportive Housing



Supportive Housing

Rental Subsidies and Housing Development for Vulnerable People

- Chronically homeless, homeless youth, persons with HIV/AIDS
- 2 models:
 - Funding for local agencies to provide subsidies paired with services
 - Development funding for programs that include housing and services
 - State Street – Kavanaugh Building
 - Chestnut Street – former YMCA