

WHAT WE DO

Through a series of targeted programs, Enterprise helps rural and Native communities respond to their challenges.

We provide technical assistance and training, develop financial tools and resources, foster peer learning, provide grant support, and connect developers with capital resources – all in an effort to foster the development of well-designed, quality, affordable housing and build the capacity of developers and community stakeholders to improve the health, welfare and economic mobility of residents.



HELPING STRUGGLING COMMUNITIES AND VULNERABLE RESIDENTS

Many of the nation's rural communities struggle with a lack of affordable housing and persistently high rates of poverty. One in every four rural households is severely burdened by housing costs. Three in 10 rural households pay more than 30% of their monthly incomes toward housing costs. 41.4% of these rural cost burdened households pay more than 50% of their incomes toward housing costs.

Tens of thousands of Native American families are housing insecure — burdened by high housing costs, doubled-up in poor-quality homes, or struggling with homelessness. The rate of poverty among Native Americans is the highest of any racial group.

Both rural and Native American communities are often overlooked when it comes to solutions and resources to address their housing issues.



1/5

of the US population lives in rural areas or small towns.



2x

Rate of poverty among Native Americans versus the national average.



3 million

Number of rural residents who spend more than half of their income each month on housing.



ACHIEVING IMPACT

Our Rural and Native American Program supports the development of safe, decent, and culturally appropriate housing on tribal lands and in rural communities by delivering effective programs, advocating for strong policies and leveraging investment capital toward the production and preservation of affordable homes.

Since the late 1990s, Enterprise has invested more than \$990 million in grants, loans and equity to develop more than 16,000 affordable homes in rural communities and on Native lands nationwide.

OUR PROGRAMS

Our series of interventions focused on supporting our partner organizations on the ground to meet the needs of their community includes:

Rental Housing Preservation – Providing training and technical assistance to Community Development and Tribal Housing organizations on topics such as financing, rehabilitation strategies, and asset management strategies, as well as connecting these organizations with the capital resources to help them locate, acquire and preserve affordable properties.

Native Homeownership – Building the capacity of Tribal Housing Authorities, Tribally Designated Housing Entities, Native CDFIs, and tribes in various parts of the country by providing support grants, developing peer learning cohorts, and delivering curriculum-based trainings and technical assistance

to foster home ownership among Native Americans.

Community and Economic Development – Supporting local activities by rural and tribal housing organizations to foster community and economic development and drive positive social, environmental, and health outcomes by providing grant support towards projects such as resilience planning, advancing neighborhood food systems, expanding business and arts opportunities, and community action planning.

Economic Mobility – Providing grant support paired with technical assistance to rural housing organizations pursuing strategies such as partnering with education institutions or providing

resident services to advance economic mobility for low-income families—especially families of color and those geographically disconnected from opportunity.

Health and Housing – Supporting the development of targeted housing-based solutions for rural and Native communities that promote health outcomes, lower healthcare costs and reduce health inequities through grants, tools and training. Examples include resident programs that address chronic drug and alcohol abuse among Native populations, development of permanent supportive housing, and local programs that allow older residents to age in place.



ABOUT ENTERPRISE

Enterprise's mission is to create opportunity for low- and moderate-income people through affordable housing in diverse, thriving communities. Because we believe that opportunity begins when people have a safe, healthy and affordable place to call home, we bring together the people and resources to create affordable housing in strong neighborhoods.

JOIN US

Everyone deserves the chance for a good life, which begins with a quality, affordable home in a thriving community — a place where neither one's race nor zip code determines their success. Help address the challenges facing our rural and Native American communities. Your support can make all the difference.



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