



Talking Points to Invest ARPA Funds in Affordable Housing

Here are some key points to make when you call and/or email your legislators to ask them to support a one-time investment of \$308 million of Ohio's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to address the affordable housing crisis. Your voice is more impactful when you personalize your message with your own experience [Click here to look up your state legislators](#) and find their contact info.

I'm contacting you to ask you to please support an amendment invest \$308 million of the State's American Rescue Plan Act funds to address Ohio's affordable housing crisis.

Rents are increasing at an unprecedented rate, much faster than pay increases in the low-wage job sector.

We're seeing more families fall into homelessness and it's taking longer to get out of homelessness because of the lack of affordable housing.

COHHIO and over 260 companies and organizations are asking Gov. DeWine and the General Assembly to invest ARPA funds to create more affordable housing and reduce homelessness.

This is a one-time expenditure of federal dollars that won't increase future operating costs.

This proposal uses Ohio's established public private partnership system for building and rehabilitating affordable housing.

Investing in affordable housing infrastructure will constrain government spending on Medicaid, hospitals, homeless shelters, courts, jails, schools, and foster care.

The business community supports this proposal because boosting affordable housing development will also create jobs and help strengthen Ohio's workforce.