

# FACT SHEET: LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING COALITIONS

Local Government Coalitions on housing, while each uniquely tailored to the needs and desires of their communities, are founded on two principals: 1. Sustained, long-term efforts are needed to keep housing attainable; and 2. Local governments are stronger together and can provide greater stability for seniors, working families, and all residents when they collaborate.

## ALTHOUGH EACH COALITION HAS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS, THEY SHARE SOME COMMON FEATURES:

- The coalitions are not legal entities. Established by interlocal agreement, they do not form a new layer of government;
- Provides member governments of all sizes access to the expertise needed to address housing issues;
- The coalitions often begin with smaller, initial memberships, with more jurisdictions joining in as the coalition demonstrated credibility and value;
- Differences across jurisdictions are recognized and honored, allowing a high degree of individualization for participating governments;
- Each member jurisdiction has oversight of the annual budget and work plan;
- Scale of services creates efficiencies in the provision of housing expertise; and
- Cities often pay in a proportion based on specified formulas (e.g., under SKHHP, smaller cities pay the least dues while reaping the most benefits in these early years of the coalition).

## While coalitions are customized to member needs, potential services offered could include:

<b>Customized Individual Support</b>	<b>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</b> – Subject matter expert advice and consultation for members on comprehensive plans, code revisions, land use/zoning regulations, affordability incentives, etc.
	<b>INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION</b> – Housing experts work alongside government staff and developers to find innovative solutions to make potential projects feasible and financially viable
	<b>POLICY SUPPORT</b> – Track housing policies, programs, and initiatives across the nation, offering best practices and how policies can be adapted to individual city needs
<b>The Power of Collaboration</b>	<b>LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY</b> – Serve as a unified voice on state and federal policy: develop shared policy goals, track legislation, and advocate for additional funding options
	<b>ATTRACT INVESTMENT</b> – Formal collaboration, a committed work plan, and refined messaging make a strong case for attracting outside funding
	<b>ADVANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS</b> – With identified funding sources, some coalitions pool funds to add housing options through member-approved capital projects in the region
<b>Community Coalition Building</b>	<b>COMMUNITY EDUCATION &amp; ADVOCACY</b> – Fact sheets and presentations for Community and Policymaker education; Building of community support/political will
	<b>CENTRALIZED ADMINISTRATION &amp; TRUST</b> – While generally operating with very lean staffing, coalitions provide accounting/administration of individual contributions and ensure that coalition budgets/work plans are understood and approved by all member jurisdictions