



Jefferson County Land Bank has been Awarded \$301,000 in Grants to Support Continued Housing Growth Across Ohio

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) – Jefferson County Land Bank represents one of 57 counties receiving state grants to help Ohioans in more communities achieve the dream of homeownership. In total, \$26.9 million is being awarded to support the creation of 246 homes across the state.

The funding comes from the latest round of the [Welcome Home Ohio program](#), which was passed by the Ohio General Assembly in the state's biennium budget bill and signed by Governor Mike DeWine last year.

"Whether it's supporting workforce needs, attracting new residents to Ohio, or helping longtime residents stay in the communities they love, housing matters," said Governor DeWine. "The projects we support through Welcome Home Ohio create safe and affordable housing options for families today, while building momentum for future generations to live their very best lives."

The program provides grants for both the purchase of qualifying residential properties at foreclosure sales and for the rehabilitation or construction of homes. Land banks, county land reutilization corporations, electing subdivisions, and qualified nonprofit developers are eligible to apply.

Additionally, \$20 million in non-refundable tax credits are available through the biennium to help land banks, county land reutilization corporations, electing subdivisions, and eligible developers complete qualifying rehabs and new construction once a property is sold. Tax credit applications are currently being accepted on a rolling basis until all funds are expended.

This award will support Jefferson County Land Bank with the construction of three single family affordable houses which will be located at: (locations to be determined soon)

In 2025 the Jefferson County Land Bank was awarded \$660,556 for the construction of three single family affordable houses. The construction of 612 Logan St, Steubenville was completed in March 2026. The remaining two houses are currently being constructed at 823 N. 5th St, Steubenville and 801 N. 4th St, Toronto. In total Jefferson County Land Bank has been awarded \$960,557 for the construction of six new family homes in Jefferson County.

Since its inception, Welcome Home Ohio has awarded nearly \$86 million to support the creation of 727 homes in 63 counties.

"Every property restored through Welcome Home Ohio represents exciting new potential for a neighborhood, and the people who call it home," said Director Mihalik. "These investments are helping our local partners create housing solutions that meet today's needs while preparing for tomorrow's growth."

The Welcome Home Ohio (WHO) Program gives qualifying individuals an opportunity to purchase a newly constructed house at an affordable price. We are giving families the opportunity to own a home who never dreamed they could be homeowners. Where there was once an empty lot, will now have a single family house

with a productive family being a part of the community. The new construction will make our communities stronger by attracting new investors to the area.

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