DHCD Annual Report

Economic Development and Workforce Services Committee

Housing & Community Development

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The Division of Housing and Community Development partners with local governments, nonprofits, and housing developers to expand and preserve attainable housing across Utah. We do this by leveraging public and private resources, providing technical assistance, and investing in the infrastructure communities need to support sustainable growth.

Four functional pillars

State land and infrastructure

- State-owned property partnerships
- Infrastructure funding for water, sewer and transportation to support attainable housing

Affordable housing

- Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund
- Section 8 landlord incentive program
- Moderate-income housing
- Deeply affordable housing
- Private activity bonds

Community development

- Community Development Block Grant
- Community Impact Board
- Navajo and Uintah Basin revitalization funds
- Investment, reinvestment, and development zones

Tools and compliance

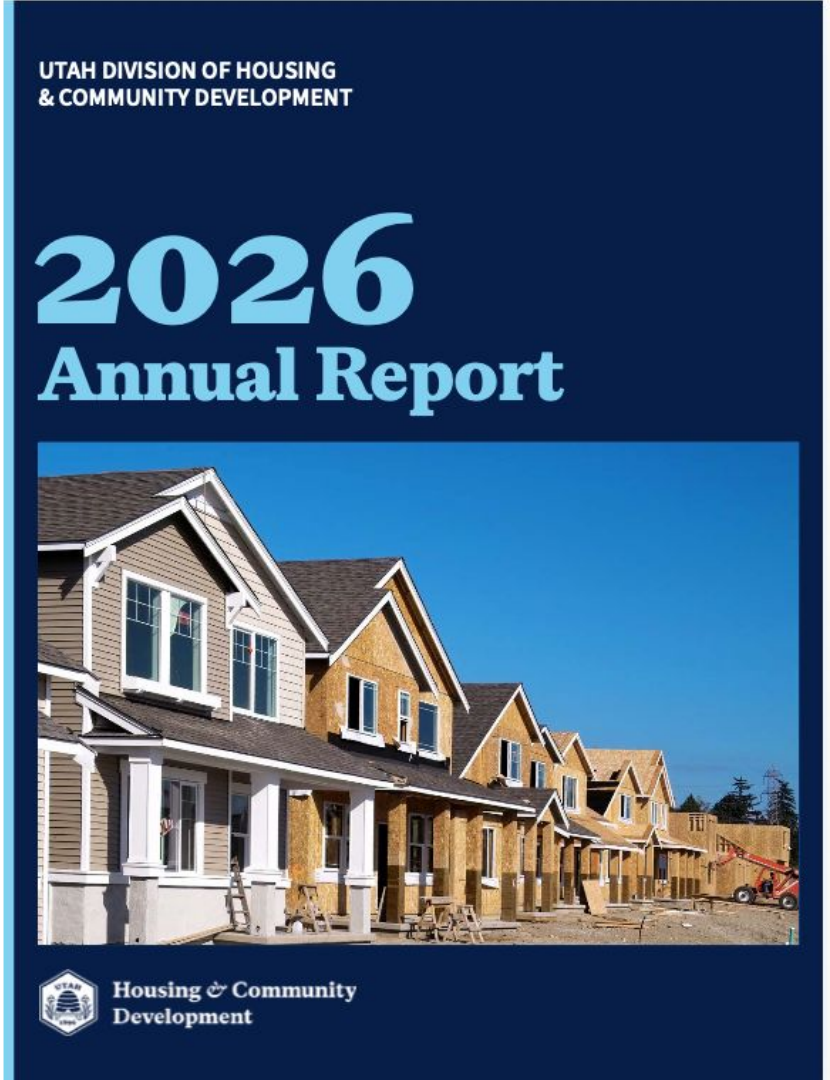
- WebGrants online grant management
- Environmental review
- Technical assistance

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Achievements

- Consolidated statewide housing functions into a single division.
- Elevated the state's housing leadership structure.
- Advanced new land and infrastructure programs from statute to execution.
- Advanced the 2025–2029 Utah Consolidated Plan.

Challenges

- Utah ranks as the tenth most expensive housing market.
- Building more starter homes requires municipalities and developers to first develop new regional infrastructure.
- Rural areas continue to face limited capacity.
- High land and construction costs.

By the numbers

1,172

affordable multifamily units through the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund

3,038

units planned through Private Activity Bonds

970+

single-family loans

$67M

awarded from the Affordable Housing Infrastructure Grant fund
2,700+ units in Salt Lake County

$100M

in State Housing Partnership Fund loans to be awarded

Underway

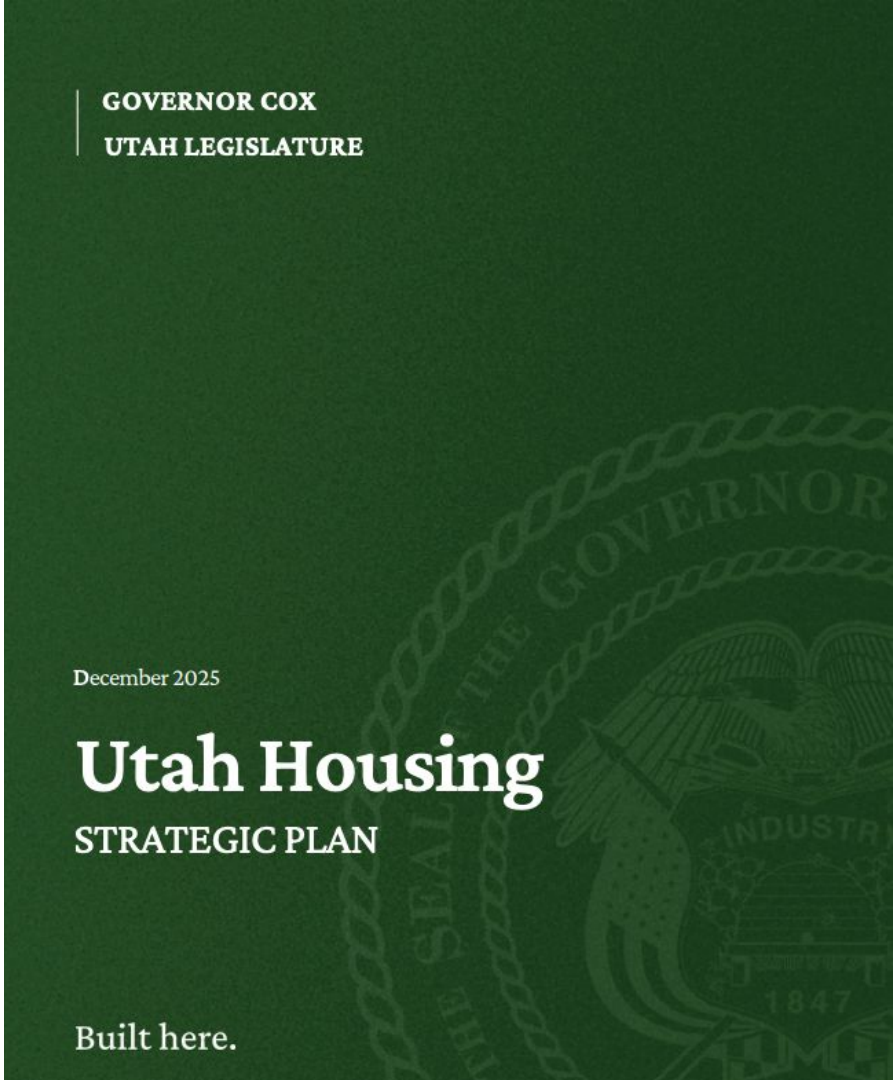
surplus state land conversions

UTAH HOUSING STRATEGIC PLAN

“Barriers to homeownership and affordable housing are the single greatest threat to Utah’s prosperity. A lack of affordable housing holds back our workforce, weakens our economy, and keeps Utahns from achieving the American dream.”

Gov. Spencer J. Cox

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Strategic plan reporting

TOP PRIORITY TACTICS

2 IN ACTIVE IMPLEMENTATION

1 IN PROGRESS

2 PENDING

PRIORITY TACTICS

2 IN ACTIVE IMPLEMENTATION

2 IN PROGRESS

6 PENDING

ADDITIONAL TACTICS **0** in active implementation **0** in progress **35** pending

Priority tactics active due to legislative action

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Streamlining state housing administration

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Expanding infrastructure funding for housing

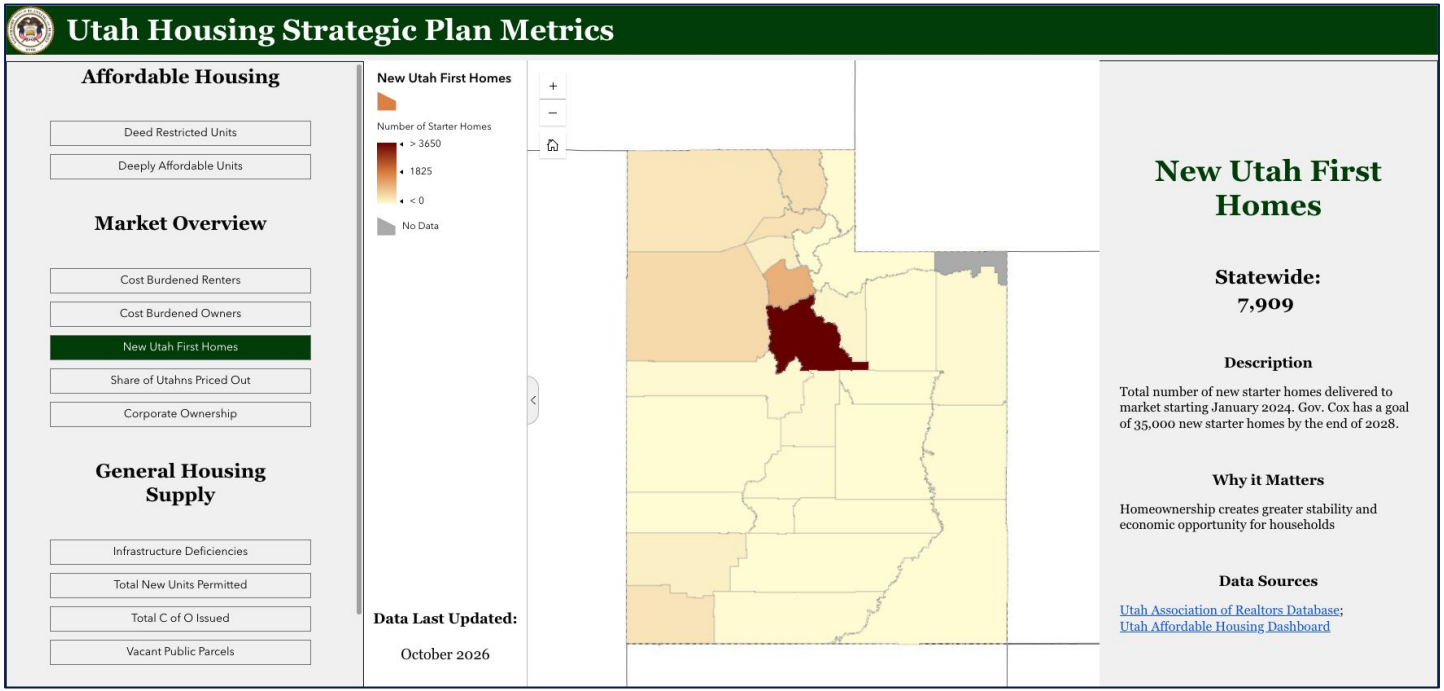
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Allowing detached accessory dwelling units

Priority tactics that require legislative action

1. Secure ongoing funding for a low- or zero-interest loan fund for affordable housing acquisition and development
2. Reauthorize existing state affordable housing tax credits by removing statutory sunset dates
3. Incentivize local zoning reforms tied to starter homes, missing middle housing, and station area plans
4. Require long-term deed restrictions on publicly funded affordable housing
5. Establish minimum, reasonable regulation of short-term rentals statewide
6. Amend state land use law (LUDMA) to elevate housing production and affordability as core goals
7. Create a statewide overlay zone allowing by-right starter home designs in higher-density areas

Measuring strategic plan success statewide



Utah Housing Strategic Plan and Metrics Dashboard: governor.utah.gov/housing

We envision a Utah where housing is within reach for every family, and every community has the housing supply and infrastructure it needs to grow and thrive for generations to come. Guided by the Utah Housing Strategic Plan, this future is built through lasting partnerships, housing development statewide, easier access to resources, and communities equipped for long-term, healthy growth.

Thank you for your partnership and continued collaboration

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