



Fairfield County's Community Foundation

Norwalk, CT

Fairfield County Center for Housing Opportunity

Challenge

To address the shortage of affordable housing in Fairfield County

Project Summary

The Fairfield County Center for Housing Opportunity (FCCHO) is a strategic partnership founded in 2018 as a coordinated, regional response to address the shortage of affordable housing in Fairfield County. Given the absence of county government in Fairfield County, FCCHO is intended to serve as a hub for coordinating a unified regional approach in a county marked by stark inequality. FCCHO convenes its cross-sector partners to develop and implement initiatives that seek to expand housing affordability and reduce Fairfield County's percentage of cost-burdened households. FCCHO's initiatives have included partnering with state agencies on the AffordCT open-source housing database and on the Planning for Affordability Guidebook, tools that have provided critical resources to municipalities to help them better understand how to respond to local housing needs. FCCHO monitors its progress toward its goals for equitable regional development against a comprehensive results framework developed in collaboration with the Urban Institute's Race Equity Lab. Its investments in data infrastructure have enabled FCCHO to provide critical technical assistance to municipalities, policymakers, and other stakeholders.



PARTNERS

The Housing Collective; Partnership for Strong Communities; Regional Plan Association; Bridgeport East End NRZ; Bridgeport Mayor's Office for Reentry; Charter Oaks Community; Cities of Bridgeport, Danbury, Norwalk, Shelton, and Stamford; Housing Authorities of Danbury, Fairfield, Norwalk, Stamford, and Westport; Norwalk Community College; Norwalk Redevelopment Agency; Park City Communities; Towns of Fairfield, Monroe, Newtown, Ridgfield, Stratford, Weston, and Westport; VITA Health and Wellness District; Connecticut Department of Housing; Connecticut Office of the Treasurer; Connecticut State Colleges and Universities; Governor's Workforce Council; HUD Hartford Field Office; Offices of Representative Jim Himes and Senator Chris Murphy

