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\$1M from Archdiocese Awarded to Address Affordable Housing Gap

In its 2023 report, “Social Outreach and Catholic Presence,” the Archdiocese of St. Louis’ All Things New social outreach subcommittee identified affordable housing as among the most pressing unmet needs for struggling families in the City of St. Louis and all 10 counties served by the archdiocese.

In response to this need, the Most Reverend Mitchell Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis, called upon the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) to dedicate \$1M in reserves to establish an Affordable Housing Fund. The fund aims to help Catholic social service organizations increase their capacity to serve those in need of safe, stable and affordable housing, with special focus on increasing housing inventory and expanding outreach to underserved communities.

The organizations awarded grants through the inaugural cycle are:

[Assisi House](#), \$100,000 for St. Nicholas Rectory Conversion (St. Louis)

[Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis](#), \$175,000 for Troy Housing Project (Lincoln County)

[Peter & Paul Community Services](#), \$150,000 for permanent supportive housing on new campus (St. Louis)

[Room at the Inn](#), \$150,000 for renovation and expansion of living and service space (St. Louis County)

[St. Joseph Housing Initiative](#), \$100,000 for Home Renovations (St. Louis)

[The Care Service at Sts. Joachim and Ann](#), \$175,000 for additional staff to expand Outreach services (St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren Counties)

[St. Patrick Center](#), \$100,000 for Visitation House renovations for permanent supportive housing (St. Louis)

Additionally, a \$50,000 grant was awarded to [Hearts Hands & Homes](#), an ecumenical housing initiative led by Archbishop Rozanski. The grant fulfilled the balance of an archdiocese commitment to raise \$1 million for Hearts Hands & Home.

Together, the grantee organizations provide a full spectrum of affordable housing support, including temporary shelters, long-term and permanent supportive housing, affordable rental units, and first-time homebuyer programs. The grants will help fund expansion of these services for men, women, and children in the City of St. Louis, as well as St. Louis, St. Charles, Warren, and Lincoln Counties.

“While we cannot solve the affordable housing crisis with any one effort, we can work together to make a difference for many families by providing safe and welcoming places to call home, and support as they address other challenges that can lead to homelessness, said Archbishop Rozanski. “This is what we are called to do, to be witnesses to the love of Christ through word and action.”

The Affordable Housing Fund was made possible by the generosity of ACA donors who last year gave \$16.7 million. This was approximately \$1.2 million over the 2023 ACA goal of \$15.5 million. To support the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit aca.archstl.org.

About the affordable housing gap in these communities:

LOCATION	*FAMILIES COST-BURDENED BY HOUSING	**CHILDREN WHO ARE HOMELESS
City of St. Louis	33%	16%
Lincoln County	25%	2%
St. Charles County	20%	6%
St. Louis County	25%	1% - 21% (varies by district)
Warren County	20%	12.5%

*Households paying >30% of income for housing

**As reported by school districts

***Doubled in past five years

Other key data points, such as poverty level percentages per county, are available upon request.

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