Stable housing is critical to thriving communities. It allows families to climb out of poverty and provides better developmental outcomes for children. While affordable housing is at a crisis point across the country, Wisconsin leads the Midwest in the highest percentage of renters with extreme cost burdens. This crisis impacts the most vulnerable.

WISCAP believes housing is a human right. Our network knows that stable housing is foundational for healthy communities. The impact of housing instability can have a lasting impact on children. This impact is most apparent in the lowest income households and even more prevalent in households of color. Nationally, 36% of black households with children are suffering rent arrears.

In Wisconsin, there are over 161,000 households with incomes below 50% Area Median Income (AMI) spending over 50% of their income on rent.

Our Work

Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance (WERA)
WERA can assist Wisconsin households at or below 80 percent County Median Income (CMI) with rental payments if they were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and are at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

Wisconsin Help for Homeowners Program (WHH)
WHH can help Wisconsin homeowners with overdue bills like mortgage payments, property taxes, and utilities. The program is open to individuals and families with overdue housing-related bills, both with and without a mortgage, who meet income and other eligibility requirements, and have experienced a qualified economic hardship.

Take Root Wisconsin
WISCAP’s program, Take Root® Wisconsin, is a Statewide Homeownership Network that brings together private-public stakeholders to increase homeownership and help people buy, fix and stay in their homes.

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