



Housing and Community Development Legislative Update



During the 2026 Legislative Session, several bills passed impacting Department of Workforce Services' (DWS) Division of Housing and Community Development. Key details and highlights are below.

GOEO is now GOED

- [H.B. 475](#) renamed the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity to the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

Division of Housing and Community Development created within GOED

- [H.B. 68](#) relocated housing programs within the DWS Housing and Community Development Division to GOED. Instead of multiple agencies handling different housing and community development policies and programs, Utah is now centralizing those functions within one division. Program changes effective July 1.
- The bill repealed the Commission on Housing Affordability (CHA) and made changes to the positions on Utah Housing Corporation Board.
- It also created a State Housing Coordinator position within Housing and Community Development, appointed by the Governor and Senate confirmed, to lead the state's housing strategy and coordinate with other groups like the Utah Housing Corporation.



GOED Housing and Community Development Division Programs

- Community Development Block Grant
- Community Impact Fund
- Deeply Affordable Housing, HOME-ARP, Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities, and Attainable Housing Grants (formerly housed with the Office of Homeless Services)
- Housing Choice Voucher Incentive
- Moderate Income Housing Reporting
- Navajo Revitalization Fund
- Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund
- Private Activity Bond
- Recovery Housing Program
- Uintah Basin Revitalization Fund



Department of Workforce Services Programs

- Community Services Block Grant
- Earned Income Tax Credit
- Emergency Food Assistance
- Home Energy Assistance Target (HEAT) Program
- Moratorium or Involuntary Termination of Utility Services
- Qualified Emergency Food Agency Fund
- State Community Services Act
- Weatherization



Moderate Income Housing (MIH) Reporting Pause with Limited 2026 Requirements

- [H.B. 436](#) implements a temporary pause to the majority of MIH reporting for municipalities and counties with some requirements for 2026. See details below.

Utah is implementing a [Housing Strategic Plan](#)

- [H.C.R. 6](#) is a formal statement of support for implementation of the Utah Housing Strategic plan from both the Legislature and the Governor and commits to tracking results.

New infrastructure fund created to support housing development

- [H.B. 492](#) creates the State Housing Infrastructure Partnership Board and fund to provide loans to qualifying political subdivisions for infrastructure that supports housing development, with priority for starter homes. Eligible projects include water, sewer, stormwater and transportation aligned with regional or local plans. It includes \$100 million in funding for FY27.

Streamlining Housing Zones and Tax Increment Financing

- [S.B. 39](#) moves provisions related to Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zones (HTRZ), First Home Investment Zones (FHIZ) and Home Ownership Promotion Zones (HOPZ), and multiple other “zones” under GOED. It also standardizes definitions for things like base taxable value or incremental value so that they are consistent across all types of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) projects.

Consolidating Housing Zones into a Regional Framework

- [H.B. 507](#) sunsets Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zones, First Home Investment Zones and Home Ownership Promotion Zones by December 31, 2027. The state will transition to a more “Regionally Significant Development Zone” model to combine these programs January 1, 2028.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) reporting moves to Statewide Tax Administration and Technology Solutions (STATS) program

- [S.B. 206](#) creates the Statewide Tax Administration and Technology Solutions (STATS) program administered by Utah Association of Counties (UAC). It moves RDA reporting from GOED to STATS and expands the annual reporting requirement to all project areas that intend to receive or receive tax increment. Initial submission to STATS is on or before January 1, 2027. Ongoing annual reporting begins January 1, 2028, and continues on each January 1 thereafter.



If you have questions about legislative changes to Housing and Community Development, contact:

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Funding for Rural Single-Family Rehabilitation Assistance and Rural Single-Family Revolving Loan Programs

- During the 2026 legislative session, the Legislature conducted a broad review of state General Fund investments across departments to identify 5% budget reductions. As part of that process, funding for the Rural Single-Family Rehabilitation and Loan programs were included in budget reductions, among many programs identified statewide. These reductions were part of a broader statewide budget review, and not a reflection of the importance or effectiveness of these programs.



Moderate Income Housing Reporting Update

- With the passage of H.B. 436, there is a one-year pause to moderate income housing plan progress reporting. However, all reporting municipalities are required to submit the number of residential certificates of occupancy by July 1, 2026.

For Municipalities

- There will be a **one-year pause** to full MIH reporting. Municipalities that were compliant and/or had priority consideration in 2025 will automatically receive the same determination for 2026. This legislation resumes MIH reporting for municipalities in 2027.
- Municipalities are still required to **report the following by July 1, 2026:**
 - The number of residential certificates of occupancy the municipality issued during the previous 12-month period (May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026).

Municipalities will report this through a Qualtrics survey, similar to previous MIH reports. The link to the Qualtrics survey will be published on the [MIH website](#) on May 1, 2026.

For Counties

- There will be a **one-year pause** to MIH reporting. Counties that were compliant and/or had priority consideration in 2025 will automatically receive the same determination for 2026. This legislation resumes MIH reporting for counties in 2027.
- Counties **DO NOT** have the residential occupancy reporting requirement that municipalities do for 2026.



If you need any assistance or have questions about the 2026 MIH reporting period contact:

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