

## Community Housing Fund – Equity Statement

Our mission at CHF is to secure new sources of loan capital to seed more equitable housing outcomes in Washington County. CHF helps partners create the variety of housing types, tenures, and affordability levels required to serve one of the state's most diverse counties.

The foundational values that guide this mission include a commitment to equity. Equity in affordable housing begins with an understanding that the legacies of place, cultural contexts and personal histories matter.

CHF's commitment to equity guides us to work with community partners to preserve and expand affordable housing options, prevent displacement, and develop healthy and safe communities.

We seek to preserve and expand affordable housing that builds and restores equity within the community by providing capital to partners who understand that healthy, safe and affordable housing requires deliberate consideration of historical equities and careful planning to tip the scale in the future back to an equal economic playing field.

We work to prevent displacement by facilitating financing for projects that allow anyone who wants to live in the community to do so. Economic progress happens unevenly, and we look to partners with a vision that recognizes the cultural value of the existing neighborhood fabric and our obligation to protect the vulnerable members of a community.

We contribute to the development of healthy and safe communities by facilitating affordable housing that restores and enhances equity by providing access to cultural amenities and day-to-day necessities.

A thriving community is made up of thriving community members. Our role in the community is to always use our commitment to equity when considering where we allocate resources.

The success of our community, Washington County, and our society depends on the success of all people, and Community Housing Fund is committed to building the equity that drives that success.

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FOR REFERENCE: Metro's definition of Equitable Housing:

**Promoting equitable housing means ensuring diverse, quality, physically accessible, affordable housing choices with access to opportunities, services and amenities.**