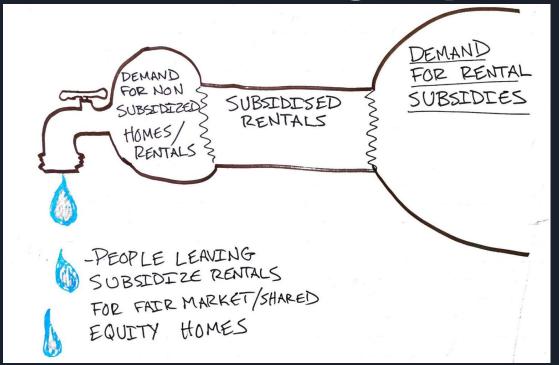


### Strengthening Affordable Housing

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# The VT Housing Pipeline



Fair market homes←←←←Perpetually Affordable Shared equity homes

## **Not New but Stronger**



Quality, energy efficient, affordable homes

### **Current Limitations**

- 1. Insufficient \$\$\$ to make homeownership affordable
- No dedicated voice for homeownership & the Habitat for Humanity Model
  - a. Adding layers for funding make it more difficult
    - i. Having to pursue CTE Loans before grant options
      - i. Lack of understanding of the Habitat Silent 2nd Mortgage
- 3. Increasing costs for materials and contracted labor
- 4. Majority of Habitat affiliates are small and primarily run by volunteers
  - a. Administrative duties are burdensome and time consuming
  - b. Pursuing & administering large grants and funding opportunities are cumbersome
  - c. No one to manage a large statewide funding source
- 5. Lack of a statewide unified voice
  - a. Training
  - b. Legal support
  - c. Loan support/ Mortgage Lending
  - d. Finances/Accounting

# Stronger, Faster and More Efficient Meeting the Housing Crisis Head On

#### Solution:

Statewide Affiliate Support Organization Coordinator Position

### An ASO Coordinator provides:

- 1. Affiliate Support in the areas of
  - a. Training
  - b. Education
  - c. Legal, Financial and Loans
  - d. Pursuing of large funding opportunities
    - i. USDA
- 2. Provides a unified voice for clarity on Habitat model/ homeownership
  - a. Who we serve
    - i. Up to 80% AMI
  - b. How we accomplish our mission to provide perpetually affordable housing
  - c. How we build affordable, modest, efficient and safe housing
- 3. Ability to pursue bulk discounts on materials and supplies for affiliates as a group
  - a. Negotiating discounts with vendors and contractors

# The Ask...

\$300,000 to fund one Full Time VT Statewide ASO Coordinator position for Vermont Habitat for Humanity Affiliates for 3 years.

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