

## 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ACTION REPORT

### Housing Renewal Pilot Program (HF725) – Success

Built on last year's success and worked with Senate and House leaders to secure an additional \$500,000 in funding in the Housing Renewal Program.

Improved operation and efficiency of the Housing Renewal Program through critical technical and rule changes.

### Military Down Payment Assistance Program (SF561) – Success

Collaborated with housing partners to increase funding to program by \$200,000, helping right-size the program and help more servicemembers and veterans achieve their dream of homeownership.

### Other Legislation of Interest – Progress Made

Supported legislation to establish land trusts (SF182), which would operate like land banks; advanced through committee but did not see floor action.

Monitored property tax reforms (HF718) to ensure proposed legislation helped or protected vulnerable lowans through:

- Homestead Credit – Created new homestead exemption for property owners 65 and over, in addition to current credit.
- Military Property Tax Credit – Increases the military service exemption for eligible property owners beginning FY 26.

### Advocacy and Outreach – Success

Habitat advocates and homeowners met with 56 legislators at annual Day at the Capitol to educate and build support for homeownership initiatives.

Conducted meetings with Governor Kim Reynolds, Lt. Governor Adam Gregg, and majority and minority leaders from both Chambers.

Participated in the Iowa Homeownership Coalition and collaborated with affordable housing partners to advance key priorities.