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Franklin County Recorder's Office Collects Nearly \$8 Million for Ohio Housing Trust Fund in 2021

Continued surge in Franklin County real estate market fuels unprecedented amount of funds collected to benefit affordable housing and human services programs

Columbus, Ohio – In 2021, the Franklin County Recorder's Office recorded an unprecedented 234,197 documents and collected \$7.9 million for the Ohio Housing Trust Fund through corresponding recording fees. Half of the revenue generated from the fees associated with recording documents at the Franklin County Recorder's Office are collected for the Ohio Housing Trust Fund. This year's total surpassed 2020's record-breaking total of 209,193 documents processed, which produced just under \$7 million in funds collected for the fund.

Bill Faith, executive director of the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO), said the historic partnership that divides recording revenues equally between counties and the Ohio Housing Trust Fund connects thousands of Ohioans to safe, decent, affordable housing each year.

"We have had a strong partnership with the Franklin County Recorder's office under Danny O'Connor's leadership. We're grateful to county recorders for making sure Ohio has resources to address one of the biggest problems facing our state – homelessness and housing insecurity," Faith said. **"Recorders play a key role in helping to house low-income seniors, people with disabilities, domestic violence survivors, veterans, and other vulnerable Ohioans who are struggling to keep a roof over their heads."**

"Yet again, we are thrilled to have the opportunity to aid projects and organizations supported by the Ohio Housing Trust Fund through the designation of half our recording fees for the fund," said Recorder O'Connor, who began his second term as the Franklin County Recorder in January of 2021. **"The real estate market in Franklin County continued to boom in 2021 despite the COVID-19 pandemic. It is rewarding that the extraordinary number of real estate documents recorded at our office also allowed us to contribute more money than ever before to the Ohio Housing Trust Fund."**

The Ohio Housing Trust Fund was created in 1991 to establish a consistent revenue source for organizations and programs that work to promote affordable housing and mitigate homelessness in Ohio. Organizations from across the state submit proposals to vie for grants and loans from the Ohio Housing Trust Fund to finance projects addressing homelessness and housing insecurity in their communities. Organizations that won funding for projects targeting Central Ohio during Fiscal Year 2021 (July 2020 – June 2021) include Community Shelter Board, Homeport, NRP Holdings, LLC, Community Housing Network, and Lutheran Social Services.

The Franklin County Recorder's Office records all deeds, mortgages, plats, and other related legal documents of Franklin County residents as advised in the Ohio Revised Code. A recording fee is charged based on the document length in accordance with Ohio Revised Code section 317.32.

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