

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Los Angeles, showing a mix of urban development and construction. A semi-transparent blue rectangle is overlaid on the right side of the image. On the left side of the image, there is a white line-art map of a city grid, showing streets and building footprints. The text is in white, bold, sans-serif font.

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Challenges & successes in implementing state housing policies

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The grants combined provide tens of millions of dollars to communities for an array of local planning and development programs

By [Andrew Brinker](#) Globe Staff, Updated August 17, 2023, 3:22 p.m.

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State's highest court to hear Milton housing lawsuit later this year

As a result of Milton's noncompliance with the MBTA Communities Law, the town will no longer be eligible for recent housing and infrastructure grants, as well as many future state funding programs

By [Julia Yohe](#) • Published March 19, 2024 • Updated on March 19, 2024 at 3:05 pm

 

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Insights from state housing agencies

- The balance of power is shifting from primarily local towards larger state role—and the shift is contentious.
- Pro-housing advocates need to set clear, realistic expectations about length of time needed to create visible outcomes (production, costs).
- How durable are political coalitions that supported pro-housing legislation?
- Complexity of implementing abundant housing policies at local level varies widely by policy type/design.

Insights from state housing agencies

- States have wide spectrum of policy tools to support implementation & enforcement
 - Investing upfront in proactive supportive efforts (TA, training) can reduce need for unpopular reactive efforts (lawsuits)
- Widespread need for better metrics to monitor implementation & housing outcomes
- Public agencies & researchers can benefit from partnerships, but don't always speak same language
- Provide feedback on implementation challenges & success to legislators who write & adopt policies. Focus political & legislative efforts on **effective** policies.

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