

Affordable Housing Program Costs More, Shelters Fewer

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The \$25 million Labre Place in Miami was built using the low-income housing tax credit program. It's named for the patron saint for the homeless and is now home to 90 low-income residents, about half of whom were once homeless.

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On the south side of Dallas, Nena Eldridge lives in a sparse but spotless bungalow on a dusty lot. At \$550 each month, her rent is just about the cheapest she could find in the city.

After an injury left her unable to work, the only income she receives is a \$780 monthly disability check. So she has to make tough financial choices, like living without running water.

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