

# John T. Gorman Foundation

## *Lewiston Tree Streets Initiative*

Lewiston, Maine

### Challenge

To increase the affordable housing stock and reduce lead exposure to children and families in Lewiston.

### Project Summary

The John T. Gorman Foundation is a private foundation that has been investing in the Tree Streets neighborhood of Lewiston, Maine, for the past decade. Part of that investment has been focused on developing the Lewiston Tree Streets Initiative, which targets 40 percent of the families in the neighborhood living below the poverty line. The initiative is community driven and has leveraged more than \$150 million in public and private funding to invest in early education, at-risk youth, family economic security, lead-free housing, and community capacity building. To date, initiative outcomes have included developing 196 new affordable housing units, a reduction in lead exposure among children under the age of three, a 35-percent decrease in juvenile arrests, and constructing a new Head Start center.

### PARTNERS

City of Lewiston Department of Economic and Community Development; Maine Housing; Maine Department of Labor; Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; U.S. Department of Labor

