

We are Townsite Community Land Trust, also known as Townsite CLT, and TCLT. We are a Flagstaff non-profit organization combining community preservation with affordable housing using a shared equity homeownership model. We are run by a volunteer Board of Directors, and Executive Director. All donations go to our mission, “Promoting historic preservation and community investment with permanently affordable owner-occupied homes.”

TCLT acquires historic properties and renovates them for energy efficiency while preserving their cherished historic character. Retaining ownership of the land, TCLT sells the improvements to Flagstaff residents with lower to moderate incomes who become caretakers of Flagstaff’s history. Additional community benefits are retaining neighborhood character, and increasing the proportion of owner-occupancy which stabilizes the neighborhoods where TCLT homes are dispersed.

Buyers of TCLT homes agree to use the property as outlined in a ground lease that gives them exclusive use of the land. And this is where you can help. We need buyers to be fully informed and understand the ground lease. This legally binding document includes the resale formula that preserves the community investment in the property and the subsidy to lower the price. We are seeking a pool of attorneys willing to review the ground lease and answer buyers’ questions when they are in escrow. This one-on-one review with someone independent of the organization is a CLT best practice.

If you would be willing to assist our limited income buyers review the ground lease at a discounted rate please contact Duffie Westheimer, Executive Director, at either info@townsiteclt.org or 928-268-2909 to learn more. Please also visit our website to learn more about our nonprofit community organization, www.townsiteclt.org