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Regarding SB 1131:

Fairlawn Manor was 24 units in 13 buildings, all done with historic tax credit money. Since the program started, Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven has done about five dozen projects under its guidelines. It has been a key piece of the project pro forma, comprising 15% to 25% of the budgets in many cases. So it enabled home ownership, renewed urban neighborhoods, and has elevated historic standards in places where they were sinking. Clearly it often has been a tool to introduce the idea of historic preservation in neighborhoods where the term was virtually unknown: the land of vinyl siding, plastic windows, and concrete and steel porches.

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