



NEWS UPDATE 01-05-2016

→ HUD OFFERS NEXT ROUND OF PLANNING GRANTS TO HELP TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES

Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant funds are available for public housing authorities, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and tribal entities. Applicants must submit a completed electronic application through www.grants.gov by **February 9, 2016**. [Read HUD's funding notice.](#)

→ **Reminder: Proposed changes to Bond/Tax Credit Policies for 2016 – WSHFC**

The WSHFC staff are proposing changes to the *Bond/Tax Credit Policies* for 2016.

For your review please follow the links below:

[Brief overview and summary of changes](#)

[Blackline version of Bond/Tax Credit Policies](#)

[Clean version of Bond/Tax Credit Policies](#)

Comments should be submitted to "AskUsMHCF@wshfc.org" no later than **Wed., January 13th, 2016 by 5 PM**.

HOLD the Date - Thursday January 7th, 2016 from 1:30-2:30 PM for a stakeholder meeting and webinar to be held at the Commission to discuss and review the changes- more information to follow!

A **public hearing** will be held at the WSHFC Commission meeting, **January, 28th**, before the Commissioners for consideration and action to follow.

→ Mason Avenue Apartments Grand Opening

105-unit Affordable Housing for low-income households

Cascade Affordable Housing Consultants [AHC Member]

Wed, Jan 13 3 pm 3808 S Mason Avenue

Matt Driscoll: Lives changing for the better at Mason Avenue Apartments TNT 12-28-2015

→ Housing & Homeless Advocacy Day

Feb 2 Olympia - Your chance to meet with your legislators and express why you care about investments in affordable housing and an end to homelessness in our state.

Don't worry, we'll give you all the tools you need - **We'll provide workshops for you to learn basic advocacy skills, how to utilize social media for advocacy, you'll hear inspiring success stories, and leave armed with the resources to ensure a successful meeting with your legislator.** We've arranged for exciting speakers at our Rally on the Capitol Steps, you'll get a standout **red scarf**, and LUNCH! [Click here to register!](#)

→ Scholarships Up to \$22,500 for STEM & Health Care Majors

Applications open now ...Deadline Feb 29.

Info: <https://www.waopportunitiescholarship.org/new-applicants/overview?srctid=1&erid=1036625&trid=3eee67a8-1fea-4332-b1ff-43cf2df32e08>

The Washington State Opportunity Scholarship (WSOS) supports low- and middle-income students pursuing eligible high-demand majors in science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) or health care and encourages recipients to work in Washington state once they complete their degrees.

The amount of funding that selected students will be eligible to receive each year will vary based on the number of credits they have completed. Please see [Award Amounts](#) for additional information.

→ NLIHC 2016 Policy Forum

April 3-5 Washing DC – Washington Court Hotel

The National Low Income Housing Coalition is dedicated solely to achieving socially just public policy that assures people with the lowest incomes in the United States have affordable and decent homes.

Register for Early Bird Rates: www.nlihcforum.org