



NEWS UPDATE 11-11-2015

→ TPCAHC launches new website!

Same address: www.tpcahc.org with new content and design.

→ Report on 5th annual Excellence in Affordable Housing Awards Celebration:
www.tpcahc.org/2015-awards

→ Pierce County Housing Authority opening Section 8 voucher waitlist



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Pierce County Housing Authority (PCHA) will be accepting applications online for the Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher waitlist beginning at **12:00am on Monday, November 16, 2015 until 11:59pm on Thursday, November 19th, 2015.** To better serve applicants and to make the application process available to all, including those who are least likely to apply; the entire application process is available on-line by going to www.pchawa.org. Beware of scams!

- You will never be asked to give money or pay in association with your application
- The application can only be accessed through www.pchawa.org

ADVANTAGES OF AN ONLINE WAITLIST:

- Applicants can apply using multiple languages
- Status of applications will be available shortly after the closing date and applicants will receive instructions for checking their status during the on-line application
- Applicants can apply from any computer or smartphone with internet access
- No long lines
- Available 24 hours a day during the opening

→ HUD Pay for Success Permanent Supportive Housing Demonstration Grant

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=279652>

The purpose of the Department of Justice's (DOJ's) and Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) PFS Demonstration is to strengthen communities' ability to prevent and end homelessness and reduce avoidable incarceration by increasing the provision of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), a proven evidenced-based practice. The PFS Demonstration is an opportunity to equip communities with a new financing mechanism for funding PSH projects that will prevent returns to homelessness and reduce recidivism among the reentry population. The PFS Demonstration is also a valuable opportunity to test ways of achieving greater cost efficiency effectiveness in providing homelessness assistance while expanding communities access to available funding for PSH.

Closing Date for Applications: Feb 12, 2016 Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59:59 pm **ET**, [8:59:59 pm PST] on the listed application due date.

→ Pierce County affordable Housing Preservation & Development Notice of Funds Available

Application Deadline Friday, December 4, 4:30 pm

www.piercecountywa.org/ccNOFA

→ RFQ for “Approved Roster of Energy Modeling Consultants”

The Washington State Housing Finance Commission has issued a [Request for Qualifications \(RFQ\)](#) from engineers, energy consulting firms, and utility consumption analysts to qualify for the Commission’s referral list for such services.

Respondents with successful submissions will be placed on the *Approved Roster of Energy Modeling Consultants*. The Approved Roster is intended to provide developers, borrowers, or property owners with a list of qualified consultants who can provide energy consumption models, utility allowance calculations or other energy-related analyses for the Commission’s consideration in various programs, including 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit applications.

If you intend to apply for the Energy Consumption Model points for the 2016 round of 9% tax credits and already have a consultant in mind, we ask that you encourage them to respond to this RFQ. This will smooth out the review of your application. If you do not have a consultant in mind yet, we encourage you to select a consultant from the list when we release the first iteration of the *Approved Roster* in early *December*.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact **Juliana Williams** at Juliana.williams@wshfc.org or 206-254-5359.

→ Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea Plan

Significant progress has been made on planning efforts for the Tacoma Mall Neighborhood. In August and September 2015, the City hosted multiple public meetings culminating in a four-day design workshop. The Environmental Impact Statement scoping period concluded on October 23rd, 2015. Many thanks to everyone who participated!

The City’s project team is now working to analyze the public input and refine the work products generated through the design workshop, with input from City and community stakeholders. The team will be presenting on preliminary goals, concepts and opportunities at upcoming public meetings including the following:

- *November 10, 2015 (Tuesday) | Noon: City Council Study Session*
(Tacoma Municipal Building North Room 16, 733 Market Street)
- **November 12, 2015 (Thursday) | Evening, 5:30 pm: Community Stakeholders Meeting**
(Asia Pacific Cultural Center, 4851 South Tacoma Way)
- **November 18, 2015 (Wednesday) | Evening, 5:30 pm: Tacoma Transportation Commission**
(Tacoma Municipal Building, 9th Floor Visibility Center)
- **November 18, 2015 (Wednesday) | Evening, South Tacoma Neighborhood Council**
(Metro Parks STAR Center, 3873 S. 66th Street)

Additional presentations are being scheduled. The project team is available to present at other venues as requested. More information is available on the project webpage at www.tacomamallneighborhood.com. Questions? Contact Molly Harris – 591-5383 or Elliott Barnett – 591-5389

→ Pierce County ending the 50/50 Strategy

Please see attached for a memo regarding the end of the pilot 50/50 strategy for RRH openings. This memo will soon be posted on the County’s website, for easy reference. If you have any questions, contact:

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➔ HUD: Ten Lessons Learned from the Sustainable Communities Initiative

This prerecorded 18 minute webinar (link below) gives an overview of the groundbreaking grant program, The Sustainable Communities Initiative. The webinar will touch upon the lessons learned from this program and highlights from locally-led collaborative efforts that brought together diverse interests from the many municipalities in a region to determine how best to target housing, economic and workforce development, and infrastructure investments to create more jobs and regional economic activity. This webinar also explores how the SCI grantees developed the Six Livability Principles into strategies that direct long-term development and reinvestment and used data to set and monitor progress towards performance goals.

- How this innovative program surfaced important lessons that can improve community resilience
- How grantees engaged representative leadership
- Different grantees creative roadmaps to economic prosperity
- Specific success stories from communities across the county

<https://www.hudexchange.info/training-events/courses/top-ten-lessons-learned-from-the-sustainable-communities-initiatives/>

➔ National Low Income Housing Coalition –Memo to Members

- **Criminal Justice Reform must Include Investments in Housing**
- **Senate Passes Bill to Ensure Homeless Veterans Access to Services**

<http://us4.campaign-archive2.com/?u=e702259618becdc3f0451bd5d&id=331e498217&e=668b9f62ff>

➔ HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program Final Rule published

On November 3, 2015, HUD published a final rule in the Federal Register that amends HUD's Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program to permit HUD to collect fees from Section 108 borrowers to offset the credit subsidy costs of Section 108 loan guarantees. HUD's final rule provides that when HUD has been authorized to collect a fee for the Section 108 Program and Congress has not appropriated a subsidy for the Section 108 Program or the appropriated subsidy is insufficient to offset the costs of the Section 108 Program loan guarantees, HUD will collect a fee for the program. This final rule amends HUD's Section 108 Program regulations to ensure that HUD can begin to make Section 108 loan guarantee commitments without appropriated credit subsidy budget authority, in accordance with applicable law. This final rule follows publication of the February 5, 2015, proposed rule and adopts the proposed rule with minor, clarifying changes to how HUD will determine and announce the amount of the fee.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-11-03/pdf/2015-28004.pdf>

➔ Criminalization of Homelessness

National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty:

This is perhaps the most mainstream coverage of the criminalization of homelessness to date.

<http://www.npr.org/2015/11/03/454249044/tide-starts-to-turn-against-the-crime-of-being-homeless>

➔ Events

Special Grant Training Opportunity!

SOUTH SOUND FUNDERS FORUM – DECEMBER 4

The 5th annual South Sound Funders Forum will be December 4, 8:00 – 11:30 AM, at the University of Puget Sound. Sponsored by the Puget Sound Grantwriters Association (PSGA), this event is an opportunity to learn about local foundations and funding

organizations and how to apply for their grants. The cost is \$65 for non PSGA members, and includes breakfast. For more information and to register, go to www.grantwriters.org/events or contact PSGA at (206) 209-5274 or psga@grantwriters.org.

Budget Matters Policy Summit

December 9 conversation on how to advance racial equity in policymaking, *with keynote speaker [Patrisse Cullors](#) and a panel moderated by [Celinda Lake](#)*

Register: [#BudgetMatters2015](#)
