



NEWS UPDATE 02-16-2016

→ WA Legislative Update

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Washington State Housing Trust Fund – To be determined in Capital Budget

HEN/ABD/SSI Facilitation Services – On track for action

Medicaid Permanent Supportive Housing Services Benefit – Waiting for Federal action

Fair Tenant Screening Act – HB2811 & SB6413: Delete evictions when tenant not responsible – SB6413 passed

Source of Income Discrimination Protections – HB 1565 House & SB 5378 Senate: HB1565 passed

Bringing WA Home – SB 6647 – \$183M for HTF & Homeless Services – on track

Operating Budget – include CHG \$7.5M gap? – Give DOC authority to use DRF revenue coming in for CHG

→ Seattle Declares State of Emergency on Homeless Crisis – Lydia O'Connor Huffington Post 02-12-2016

The city's massive growth is hindering its goal of ending homelessness.

Seattle Mayor Ed Murray and King County Executive Dow Constantine this week declared states of emergency for their homeless crises, pledging millions to better serve residents living on the streets. Seattle on Monday outlined a \$5.3 million plan to address the crisis, while King County proposed an additional \$2 million.

The emergency declarations come months after Seattle failed to meet its goal of ending chronic homelessness in 10 years. That shortcoming is likely partly due to Seattle's massive growth -- it was the fastest-growing U.S. city last year -- driving up housing prices and displacing lower-income residents.

The annual "One Night Count" on Jan. 23 in Seattle's King County identified 3,772 individuals living on the streets -- a 21 percent jump from the previous year's count -- with more than 2,800 of them in Seattle. The combined number of homeless people living on King County streets, shelters and transitional housing rose from 9,294 in 2014 to 10,047 this year, according to the organized by the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness.

The emergency funding will add to Seattle's annual spending of more than \$40 million and King County's \$36 million to help people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Murray said the local governments need more outside funding. "The City is prepared to do more as the number of people in crisis continues to rise, but our federal and state partners must also do more," Murray said in a statement. "Cities cannot do this alone. Addressing homelessness must be a national priority with a federal response."

About half of Seattle's \$5.3 million will be designated as flexible funds to "quickly move people through the emergency shelter system into stable housing," establish more support and case management for homeless youth, improve data collection on homelessness and manage public health and waste at homeless

encampments. The homelessness organization All Home King County applauded the city and county leaders' emergency declarations.

"Their commitments of local resources are action steps toward our strategies for addressing the **immediate crisis of homelessness**, and making it brief and only a one-time occurrence," All Home King County said in a statement. **Portland, Oregon, Los Angeles and the state of Hawaii** all declared homeless states of emergency earlier this year.

Note: This is not just a Seattle problem.

[Pierce County One Night Count numbers are not yet available.]

➔ **NHC Annual Budget Forum**

Discussion of President's FY2017 budget implications for Affordable Housing

Feb 18, 11-1 pm PST Info & Registration: <http://www.nhc.org/#!/budget-forum/fshqz>

➔ **M A Leonard new Chair of Affordable Housing Advisory Board**

"Across the state, more families and individuals face greater housing insecurity, spending more of their income on housing and more falling into homelessness," Leonard said. "My priorities are to use input from local communities and housing data to promote effective policies and solutions that ensure all Washingtonians have access to quality, affordable homes."

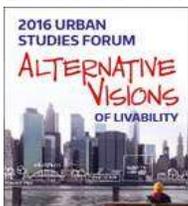
Leonard has served on the Washington State Housing Finance Commission and Seattle's Housing Affordability and Livability Advisory Committee. She is vice president and Pacific Northwest market leader for Enterprise Community Partners Inc., where she leads the Regional Equitable Development Initiative (REDI) for transit-oriented development, programs to strengthen affordable housing nonprofits and their portfolios, and a variety of investments to build stronger communities.

➔ **2016 Urban Studies Forum**

The [2016 Urban Studies Forum](#) is only a few days away! Mark your calendar and register today. Also please pass this information along to others in your network. Click the link above or the icon below for more detailed information.

Date: February 25, 2016 **Time:** 8:30am to 1:30pm

Location: UW Tacoma, William W. Philip Hall, 1918 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma Washington 98402



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→ **Employment Coordinator position at REACH Center open**



→ **KWA Hiring 100 Homecare Workers to meet demand in Pierce County**



→ **New Phoebe House hiring**



→ **WA Service Corps Request for Application**

The Washington Service Corps (WSC) Individual Placement Program is pleased to announce its **Request for Application** for organizations who are interested in hosting from one to four AmeriCorps members during the **2016 - 2017 Program Year**. To learn more about the Individual Placement Program visit the WSC [webpage](#). Organizations eligible to apply include:

- State, local, and tribal government organizations
- Nonprofit, private organizations; not limited to those with IRS 501 C3 status, but rather all organizations with IRS 501 C status (organizations that focus solely on advocacy and lobbying are not eligible)
- Schools: including school districts, educational service districts, colleges, universities, alternative schools and others

Individual Placement AmeriCorps members may be placed in projects that include the following focus areas:

- Disaster Services
- Economic Opportunity
- Education
- Environmental Stewardship
- Healthy Futures
- Veterans and Military Families
- Youth

To apply, submit the Request for Application & attachments on or before March 21, 2016. The application, detailed instructions, and submission requirements are available on the WSC [website](#). For technical assistance email the WSC, wscip@esd.wa.gov or contact Lorraine Coats, Individual Placement Program Lead, at 360-407-1344. Answers to questions will be posted weekly to the WSC website.