



NEWS UPDATE 06-26-2017

→ Legislative update from WLIHA:

WLIHA State Legislative Advocacy: <http://wliha.org/advocacy/state>

WLIHA Bill Tracker: <http://wliha.org/sites/default/files/BillTrackerUpdated5.5.17%20%281%29.pdf>

→ Washington State Shutdown

A government shutdown will occur if the Legislature does not pass and the Governor does not sign a new budget by June 30. On top of temporarily laying off 33,000 state workers, programs, services, and facilities would be affected, including the small list below:

- State parks, including Joemma Beach, Penrose, and Kopachuck State Parks, will close over the 4th of July holiday & camp reservations will be canceled. [Complete list of WA State Parks: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Washington_state_parks]
- Veteran services and benefits for an unknown number of veterans in Pierce County could be disrupted.
- About 280 people who receive housing assistance will face possible eviction while the government is shutdown.
- 50,000 of the state's older residents will no longer receive meal services.

Budget negotiators have until June 30 to pass a budget. Failure to fund the government by then results in a shutdown starting July 1. Call 1-800-562-6000 and tell legislators to compromise on a fair budget that fully funds K-12 education without cuts to essential services.

→ Pierce County housing NOFA

Pierce County has released the affordable housing development and preservation NOFA. See link below to access the NOFA and related application materials.

<https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/2779/Solicitations-and-Competitive-Bids>

→ Proposed changes for the 2018 9% LIHTC program

Please review them [here](#)

Save the date and join WA State Housing Finance Commission to discuss these proposed changes at one of the following meetings: Commission's *training room*, with a call-in option available

METRO- Tuesday July 11th -1:30 - 3:30 PM

NON-METRO- Thursday July 13th- 9:30 – 11:30 AM

General –Wednesday July 19th – 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Meetings will be held throughout the state as well TBD, already scheduled– *Tuesday, June 27th in Spokane.*

Please provide comments through the website, <http://wshfc.org/> by *August 23rd.*

➔ Youth Mental Health First Aid – Free – July 29, October 14

The Jordan Binion Project, HopeSparks, and CHI Franciscan Health's PAR Initiative are very pleased to announce **free Youth Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) trainings for Pierce County parents and family members of youth with mental health challenges** (youth aged 12-17 years).

This is a great opportunity for folks you may know. Please feel free to share with others. This is a great opportunity for parents and family members.

Information: <http://mdc-hope.org/news/youth-mental-health-first-aid-trainings-for-pierce-county-parents-family-members>

➔ TNT housing articles – Matt Driscoll



A 62 hour workweek
for a 1 bedroom apart



Hot Housing Market
Leaves Vets Behind.dc

➔ Let's Work Together!

Improving Economic Opportunities for Women Improves the Economy for Everyone

Business, nonprofit, civic, and academic leaders are needed to help Greater Tacoma Community Foundation better understand the needs of Pierce County women on the brink of economic security. Participants in GTCF's upcoming workshops will help innovate action steps to improve women's economic opportunity in Pierce County.

Please come share your expertise, observations, and insights.

The workshops are free to attend and breakfast will be served.

[Click Here to See Full Details and Reserve Your Workshop Seat](#)

Time: 7:30 a – 10:30 a

Dates:

Tuesday, July 11, Murano Hotel

Wednesday, August 16, UWT, Philip Hall

Presented by Greater Tacoma Community Foundation 253.383.5622 gtcf.org

➔ Advocacy Skillshare – Housing Trust Fund Project

Sign up: <http://act.housingtrustfundproject.org/page/s/advoskillshare/>

➔ We're now beyond \$300,000 for median home price in Pierce County

http://www.thenewtribune.com/news/business/article154730464.html?#emlnl=Afternoon_Newsletter

➔ FHLB \$40M in affordable housing grants available

Our Competitive Affordable Housing Program (AHP) application period opens on Thursday, June 1, 2017.

We are offering more money than ever in 2017 to meet the affordable housing needs of communities like yours. Partner with an FHLB Des Moines member financial institution to apply for an AHP grant up to \$750,000 per project to fund the following:

- Homeownership or rental housing
- Rehabilitation of existing housing stock
- New construction of affordable housing

2017 AHP Application Period

June 1 - June 30, 2017 (4:30 PM CT)

[Click Here for Details](#)

→ Member Events

New Phoebe House: Save the Date!

Before it's too late, we invite you to mark your calendar for the evening of **Saturday, October 28th** for the **Great Pumpkin Costume Ball**, a dinner and auction to fund our growing programs. Keep an eye out for more information in the coming months.
