



## →2014 Legislative Report

### *Homeless Housing and Assistance Surcharge: "A Legislative Miracle"*

We never gave up. And in the last hours of the session, the legislature took action on the Homeless Housing and Assistance Surcharges/Document Recording Fees. Grassroots advocacy and public pressure pushed this bill to the finish line. Senator Jan Angel (26th LD-Port Orchard) went from adamant opposition, to personally introducing the floor amendment. This was quite a remarkable turnaround in a matter of just two short weeks!! As one seasoned lobbyist noted, "ESSB 5875 passing is a legislative miracle."

Advocates across the state really made a huge difference. If you emailed or called your legislator, you should be proud that together we've preserved funds supporting programs and services that allow people to get back on their feet and leave the brutality of homelessness behind them.

Many lawmakers made notable remarks on the floor before voting on the bill Thursday night. We especially liked how Senator Marko Liias (21st LD-Mukilteo) described how remarkable it was he had the opportunity to vote on the bill that night.

*When we pass out charts for school children explaining how a bill becomes a law, it does not cover bills like this one, that move through the process in different ways...It's also a testament to the power of everyday people in our democracy to speak up when they see a decision that they don't agree with. Everyday citizens like the local Catholic action folks that came and talked to me and I'm sure to many of my colleagues. Efforts by our news media through editorial boards and letters to the editor from around the state talked about this issue. So I think this bill while it didn't come through the normal course, it is a testament to fact that our democracy works, that as legislators we listen and sometimes when we don't get it quite right, we fix our mistakes.*

Senator Marko Liias (21st LD-Mukilteo)

Please close the circle and thank these key legislators who played a role in the bill's final passage.

#### Senate

[Sen. Jeannie Darneille](#) (27th LD-Tacoma)

[Sen. David Frockt](#) (46th LD-Seattle)

[Sen. Sharon Nelson](#) (34th LD-Maury Island)

[Sen. Steve Hobbs](#) (44th LD-Moses Lake)

[Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Welles](#) (36th LD-Seattle)

[Sen. Andy Billig](#) (3rd LD-Spokane)

[Sen. Don Benton](#) (17th LD-Vancouver)

#### House

[Rep. David Sawyer](#) (29th LD-Tacoma)

[Rep. Maureen Walsh](#) (16th LD-Walla Walla)

[Rep. Pat Sullivan](#) (47th LD-Covington)

Legislators from both sides of the aisle came together to support funding for homeless services.

## → Capitol Express Newsletter

Housing issues in WA DC: <http://www.enterprisecommunity.com/news-and-events-newsletters-march-3-2014>

Tax Reform preserves LIHTC

President's FY 2015 Budget, Advocates Urge Congress to Increase HUD Funding

...and much more on affordable housing

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## → Draft Tax Reform Act of 2014 Proposes Profound Impact on Tax-Exempt Organizations

<https://nonprofitquarterly.org/policysocial-context/23858-draft-tax-reform-act-of-2014-proposes-profound-impact-on-tax-exempt-organizations.html>

What nonprofit leaders & board members need to know....

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## → North Downtown Tacoma Steering Committee

Wednesday, March 19, 5 p.m. at Bates Technical College in the Main Building Auditorium (1101 South Yakima Avenue)



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Mobility - LINK  
section update - Marc

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## → Theory of Change

AHC Public Forum last week on Housing & Health. MDC map of Theory of Change:

<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/index.php/QuarterlyPublicForums/>

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## → AHC Upcoming Events:

### Youth Housing in Pierce County ...Finally!

06-12 [Thursday] 4:30 – 6

[location to be determined]

### Candidate Forum on Affordable Housing – Pierce County Candidates for WA Legislature

09-11 [Thursday] 4:30 – 6

[location to be determined]

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Excellence in Affordable Housing Awards Celebration

10-22 [Wednesday] 5 – 7

Annie Wright School 827 North Tacoma Av

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## → Housing First Partners Conference "Housing First and Systems Change"

Pre-conference: March 11, 2014 Conference: March 12-14, 2014 Swissôtel, Chicago

register: [hfpartnersconference.com](http://hfpartnersconference.com)

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## ➔ Volunteer with Rebuilding Together South Sound

Spring is coming and we are looking forward to the longer days and much needed sunshine. Our 13th annual Rebuilding Day is **Saturday, April 26th** and we will **rehabilitate 25 homes** thanks to our project leaders, amazing volunteers, and donors. Here is sneak peak of just a few repairs we will do on Rebuilding Day!

- Install/repair wheelchair ramps
- Repair roofs
- Repair ceilings
- Repair/replace gutters
- Install comfort height toilets
- Install grab bars
- Install walk in showers
- Repair soft spots in floors
- Install handrails
- Remove yard and debris
- Paint

If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer, please contact [Rachel](#), our CapacityCorps Year-Round Coordinator.

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## ➔ Apply by 03-28 for Human Services Commission – City of Tacoma

Info: [visit their page on the City's website](#)

Apply: [cityoftacoma.org/cbcapplication](http://cityoftacoma.org/cbcapplication)

## ➔ Request for Proposals: Youth Outpatient Services - Community Connections

[www.piercecountywa.org/ccRFP](http://www.piercecountywa.org/ccRFP)

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## ➔ 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Washington Fair Housing Conference

Taking the Lead: Creating Partnerships for Inclusive Communities

05-22-2014 Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center



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## ➔ 2014 Conference on Ending Homelessness – May 21-22, Yakima

Join homelessness and housing providers and advocates from around the state as the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance hosts the 2014 Conference on Ending Homelessness. This year's conference will offer a dynamic mix of sessions, speakers, and exhibits—all focused on ensuring everyone in Washington has access to a safe, healthy, and affordable home.

Workshops topics include:

- Homelessness and housing policy and advocacy
- Innovative homeless and housing programs from across the state
- Health care reform opportunities for homeless and housing providers
- Housing First
- Rapid Re-housing
- Data management and coordinated entry
- Self-care and skill-building

[You can visit our program page here for a full description of all workshops.](#)

Register: <http://wliha.org/conference/registration>

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## ➔ Housing Washington 2014 Sponsorships Now Available

Event: October 6-8, Tacoma Convention & Trade Center

Largest annual affordable housing industry event in the region!

Sponsorship *Options & Benefits*: <http://www.wshfc.org/conf/sponsorOpps.htm>

**Scholarships Available** at [www.wshfc.org/conf/scholarship.htm](http://www.wshfc.org/conf/scholarship.htm) to view application guidelines and instructions on how to apply.

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## ➔ Transforming Trauma

April 2 - 9 am - 4 pm Seattle University, Campion Ballroom, 914 E. Jefferson St. Seattle, WA 98122

A day of raising awareness individually, organizationally, institutionally, and systematically on how to live and work sustainably...new CEUs for:

Nurses

Psychologists

Professional Counselors

Certified Counselors

Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors

Social Workers

Mental Health Counselors

Marriage & Family Therapists

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## ➔ 2014 MBA Pierce Housing Forum

04-17 at 8 am - Allenmore Events Center: 2013 S Cedar St, Tacoma, WA 98405

Come hear about real estate trends, market conditions, demographics, what consumers want in their homes, and more!

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## ➔ Washington State Housing Finance Commission

Announcing our new partnership with eHome America to offer online homebuyer education as an alternative for Borrowers unable to attend an in-person class.

*Used by more than 250 homeownership counseling agencies as well as other Housing Finance Agencies nationwide to provide education, eHome America is based on the NeighborWorks America's Realizing the American Dream curriculum and meets the National Industry Standards for homebuyer education. This self-study course is comparable to the Commission's in-person class and meets HUD Standards. The class takes approximately 6-8 hours to complete and requires a \$50.00 per person registration fee. This class covers the Commission's benchmark standards and also covers programs offered at the Commission. Each individual Borrower is required to complete the course. Borrowers may register on the following website:*

<http://www.ehomeamerica.org/wshfc>

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## ➔ LEAP [Launch Into Employment Assistance Program] referral link is now back up

<http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/index.aspx?NID=3715&ART=8434&ADMIN=1>

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## → Tacoma Pierce County Health Department – Plan & Needs Assessment

TPC Community Health Improvement Plan information, including a needs assessment, are at <http://www.tpchd.org/about/community-health-improvement-plan/> For more information and to get involved contact:

Karen Meyer, Community Liaison Specialist  
Office of Assessment, Planning & Improvement  
(253) 798-4581 o • [kmeyer@tpchd.org](mailto:kmeyer@tpchd.org)

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## → Vista Program – invite great volunteers to your organization – Deadline 03-21



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VISTA Guidance  
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## → LASA Job Opening – Program Assistant

Perfect for someone with admin experience in the field of homelessness and prevention and/or nonprofits.



Program Assistant  
Job Descriptions 2014

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## → Impact Capital hiring Assistant Program Officer - Compliance



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## → Housing and Employment Navigator Program

Workforce Central with THA & PCHA



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## → To 501(c)(3) or Not to 501(c)(3): Is That the Question?

Nonprofit Quarterly: <https://nonprofitquarterly.org/management/771-to-501c3-or-not-to-501c3-is-that-the-question.html>

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## → US homebuilder confidence edges higher in March

Read more here: [http://www.thenewstribune.com/2014/03/17/3101430/us-homebuilder-confidence-edges.html#emInl=Morning\\_Newsletter#storylink=cpy](http://www.thenewstribune.com/2014/03/17/3101430/us-homebuilder-confidence-edges.html#emInl=Morning_Newsletter#storylink=cpy)

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## ➔ NeighborWorks Achieving Excellence Program – Apply by March 26 for Fall 2014

NeighborWorks America is accepting applications for the seventh round of the [NeighborWorks Achieving Excellence Program](#). This organizational investment program has proven to be one of the most innovative and high-impact programs for organizations working to benefit their communities.

Designed for experienced nonprofit executive leaders, this exciting program:

- incorporates three academic sessions at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government,
- executive coaching throughout the 18-month program,
- structured peer-group work, and
- guidance from thought-leaders in the areas of leadership, nonprofit management and community impact.

Throughout the program, all of your work will be focused on **addressing a challenge you have defined specifically for your organization, and one you believe is truly critical to your organization’s success**. This is not “busy-work” and it is not adding something to your plate—this is an opportunity to focus on the real work of your organization and have a tremendous impact as well as an impressive return on investment.

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## ➔ “The Bridge” is HUD’s Office of Housing Counseling Newsletter

for Housing Counselors. You can read the latest edition of “The Bridge” online at:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=OHC\\_BRIDGE112713.pdf](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=OHC_BRIDGE112713.pdf)

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## ➔ WorkForce Central RFP

This spring, the Tacoma-Pierce County Workforce Development Council (WDC) anticipates releasing a request for Proposals (RFP) for provision of Youth Services under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) specifications reinforced with county priorities.

Below is background information on the WDC and its priorities as outlined in the “Pierce County Local Integrated Workforce Plan” for 2013 – 2017 and information on the WDC Youth Council.

This announcement of the upcoming RFP is to allow prospective bidders time to review WIA regulations from the Department of Labor. Resource information regarding the WDC is available at the WDC web page at: [www.workforce-central.org/page\\_details.php?pageid=38](http://www.workforce-central.org/page_details.php?pageid=38)

Youth Services: <http://www.workforce-central.org/media/files/YTHOutreach.pdf>

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## ➔ NOFA for HUD’s Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015 Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program is Now Available:

**TITLE:** Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Department’s Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015 Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program

**AGENCY:** Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing--Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**ACTION:** NOFA for the Department’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program. [Docket No. FR-5800-N-02],

**SUMMARY:** This Notice provides information and instructions for the FY 2014-FY 2015 Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program. This Notice is comprised of both the General

Section to the Department's FY 2014 NOFAs for Discretionary Programs (General Section) published February 19, 2014 and this program section to the NOFA. In addition to the application requirements set forth in this document, Applicants must also comply with the requirements established in the General Section, and all Housing Counseling Program requirements. HUD reserves the right to award both FY 2014 and FY 2015 funds on the basis of this single NOFA competition. FY 2015 grants to be awarded under this NOFA are contingent upon future Congressional action, and subject to the availability of funding. HUD's intent to award FY 2015 funds to FY 2014 - FY 2015 applicants will be announced separately if such funds become available.

**APPLICATION RECEIPT DEADLINE DATE:** The application deadline date is April 07, 2014. Applications must be received by Grants.gov no later than 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the application deadline date. See Section IV of the General Section, regarding application procedures, timely filing requirements, and grace period policy. HUD may issue a technical correction to this NOFA if necessary. Any such technical correction will provide detailed instructions for Applicants regarding the resubmission of applications to address the revised NOFA requirements.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions regarding specific program requirements should be directed to: [housing.counseling@hud.gov](mailto:housing.counseling@hud.gov) Questions regarding the 2014 General Section should be directed to the Office of Strategic Planning and Management, Grants Management Office, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 3156, Washington, DC 20410-3000, telephone number 202-708-0667. Please note this is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access these numbers via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

Please visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) to view the FY2014-2015 Housing Counseling NOFA and submit your agency's application.