



NEWS UPDATE 04-09-2015

→ WA State Legislative Session UPDATE

News & legislative agenda from Washington Low Income Housing Alliance:

Go to: WLIHA Bill Tracker for info on Lead & Support items → <http://wliha.org/2015-bill-budget-tracker>

Pretty good news in the Senate CB! They are not far behind the House and the language is largely the same. Homeownership added as category, and there is a lower number of units per category than the House. Below is a summary.

We will still ask for them to get to the House's level, but it will be with thanks for the work they've done.

Good work everyone!

Senate Capital Budget 04-08-2015

Housing Trust Fund: \$65 million

Weatherization Matchmaker: \$20 million

Fairchild relocation: \$200K for purchase of land for development of affordable housing

Mercy Housing and Health Center at Sand Point (building 9): \$1.25 million

Vantage Point Senior Apartments: \$2 million

Veteran Shelter at surplus western state hospital building: \$600K

Inpatient psychiatric beds: \$18 million

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1032. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Housing Trust Fund Appropriation (30000833) The appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The appropriation in this section is provided solely for the department to award loans and grants on a competitive basis to affordable housing projects statewide that will produce, at a minimum, a total of 1,640 homes and 100 seasonal beds, in the following categories and amounts:

- (a) For people with chronic mental illness, 275 homes;**
- (b) For homeless families with children or families with children at risk of homelessness, 500 homes;**
- (c) For people with disabilities, developmental disabilities, veterans, and others, 275 homes; of that number, a minimum of 100 must be for veterans;**
- (d) For homeless youth, 100 homes;**
- (e) For farmworkers, 100 homes and 100 seasonal beds;**
- (f) For seniors, 240 homes;**
- (g) For homes provided through home ownership programs, 150 homes.**

(2) If upon review of completed applications, the department determines there are not adequate suitable projects in a category, the department may allocate funds to projects serving other low- income and special needs populations; however, those projects are located in an area with an identified need for the type of housing proposed.

(3) Grants for homes for families with children specified in subsection (1)(b) of this section must be for projects for which the affordable housing organization has developed agreements with the local school district to support school district recommended activities to improve educational outcomes for students living in the affordable housing facility. The agreements must include specific expectations of the parent or guardian to support the child's education.

→ HUD NOFA

Attention All HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agencies: NOFA for HUD's Fiscal Year 2015 Supplemental Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program is Now Available:

Program Office: Office of Housing Counseling

Funding Opportunity Title: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Department's Fiscal Year 2015 Supplemental Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program

Announcement Type: Initial

Funding Opportunity Number: FR-5800-N-33

Primary CFDA Number: 14.169

Due Date for Applications: May 7, 2015

This NOFA provides information and instructions for the FY 2015 Supplemental Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program. This NOFA 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. FY 2015 grants to be awarded under the NOFA are contingent upon the availability of funding.

Please visit www.grants.gov to view the FY 2015 Supplemental Housing Counseling NOFA and submit your agency's application. See Section III.A of the NOFA for applicant eligibility requirements.

→EVENTS

→ 2015 Associated Ministries GALA – 05-02

Associated Ministries is blossoming in the sunshine of a new spirit. The harmony of many voices—our community of faith and goodwill—celebrates the rhythm of renewal. We invite you to our Spring Gala and Auction:

Saturday, May 2nd

Museum of Glass, 1801 Dock Street, Tacoma 98402

6:30p.m. Reception - 7:30 p.m. Dinner & Live Auction

\$100 per person

Sponsorship and Table Captain opportunities still available!

CLICK HERE to Open the 2015 AM Gala Registration Page: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/AM2015Gala>

→ UWT Urban Lecture Series – 05-12

New Deal Ruins: Race, Gentrification, and the Dismantling of Public Housing in the United States

Dr. Edward G Goetz, University of Minnesota. He serves as the Director of the Center for Urban and

Regional Affairs and co-Director of the University-Metropolitan Consortium. He is a leading national expert on housing policy and planning, neighborhood revitalization and the politics of urban and regional planning.

6 – 7 pm William Philip Hall, UWT, Tacoma

For more information: 253-692-5753 or eventuwt@uw.edu

This lecture is FREE, but registration is required: www.tacoma.uw.edu/urban/lecture

→ The Washington State Nonprofit Conference

409 people from all around the state have already committed to attending the Washington State Nonprofit

Conference on May 13th and the pre-conference tracks for Finance and Program Design on May 12th. This year there are even more opportunities to network. Attend three workshops and a table conversation in addition to the plenary sessions. Visit the nonprofit sandbox for connections and resources. Don't miss out. Join your colleagues, sponsors, exhibitors, and presenters and enjoy a day of learning, inspiration and fun. Early Bird pricing ends Monday, April 13th. <http://www.wastatenonprofitconference.org/>

➔ 25th Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness

May 13 and 14, 2015 Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center

The 2015 conference will bring over 600 homelessness providers and advocates from across the state to exchange innovative ideas, best practices, and grow the movement to end homelessness in Washington. Program and early bird registration online at www.wliha.org March 16.

➔ HUD Publishes New Proposed Rule Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013:

Implementation in HUD Housing Programs

On April 1, 2015, the Department of Housing and Urban Development issued a proposed rule amending HUD's regulations to fully implement the requirements of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) as reauthorized in 2013 under the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA 2013). VAWA 2013 provides enhanced statutory protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. VAWA 2013 also expands VAWA protections to HUD programs beyond HUD's public housing and Section 8 programs, which were covered by the reauthorization of VAWA in 2005 (VAWA 2005). In addition to proposing regulatory amendments to fully implement VAWA 2013, HUD is also publishing for public comment two documents concerning tenant protections required by VAWA 2013 – a notice of occupancy rights and an emergency transfer plan.

Please take time to review this proposed rule. If you wish to submit comments, please note there are two methods for submitting public comments. All submissions must refer to the docket number and title (Docket No. FR-5720-P-02] - Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013: Implementation in HUD Housing Programs.

1. **Submission of Comments by Mail.** Comments may be submitted by mail to: Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410-0001.
2. **Electronic Submission of Comments.** Interested persons may submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal.

HUD strongly encourages commenters to submit comments electronically. Electronic submission of comments allows the commenter maximum time to prepare and submit a comment, ensures timely receipt by HUD, and enables HUD to make them immediately available to the public. Comments submitted electronically through the www.regulations.gov website can be viewed by other commenters and interested members of the public. Commenters should follow the instructions provided on that site to submit comments electronically.

For more information, please view HUD's press release:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2015/HUDNo_15-027a&utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=23f2e868d9-HUD+Publishes+New+Proposed+Rule+VAWA+2013&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-23f2e868d9-18458357

➔ Space for Lease – United Way Building, Tacoma

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