

→ Capitol Express Newsletter – Enterprise Community Partners

Senate Approves Minimum Housing Credit Rates, New Markets Tax Credit, Energy Incentives

On April 3, the Senate Finance Committee approved the Expiring Provisions Improvement Reform and Efficiency (EXPIRE) Act of 2014, which would [extend dozens of expired and expiring tax provisions](#). The bill includes an extension of the minimum 9 percent Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit) rate through the end of 2015, and for the first time also includes a minimum 4 percent Housing Credit rate for the acquisition of affordable housing. The bill would also extend the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) through 2014 and 2015.

Appropriators Hold HUD Budget Hearings

The Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies (THUD) Appropriations Subcommittee held a [hearing on the Obama administration’s proposed fiscal year \(FY\) 2015 HUD budget request](#) on April 2. The House THUD Appropriations Subcommittee followed suit last week with its FY 2015 HUD budget request hearing on April 9. HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan testified at both hearings, in which he and the THUD Subcommittee members discussed a number of proposals included in the president’s budget request.

<http://www.enterprisecommunity.com//news-and-events/newsletters/capitol-express/april-14-2014>

→ Chairman Ryan’s Budget Plan Passes the House, Hitting the Poor Harder than Ever

Last year, 66 percent of the cuts in House Budget Committee Chair Paul Ryan’s (R-WI) budget were to low-income programs. This year, the proportion hitting the poor rose to 69 percent, as estimated by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. [More.](#)



→ Transportation 2040: Planning for the Future of Puget Sound

by Robin Mayhew, AICP, Transportation Planning Program Mgr, PSRC

Transportation 2040 is the long-range transportation plan for the central Puget Sound region, which includes King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish Counties. Puget Sound Regional Council’s General Assembly is scheduled to adopt an update to the Transportation 2040 Plan in May of 2014. You may be saying to yourself, “2040? - That’s too far in the future. How can we possibly know what will happen then?” [Read on >>](#)

→ THA preparing application to HUD for VASH vouchers, requesting RFPs from non-profit housing organizations to partner with.

The vouchers are veteran specific, so the organization must currently be serving veterans.

For details, interested parties must fill out this form. <http://www.tacomahousing.net/content/rfp-for-project-based-vash-vouchers>

→ LEAP Transition Update

FHA is entering the final phases of implementation for the release of the Lender Electronic Assessment Portal (LEAP). On May 9, 2014, LEAP will replace the Lender Assessment Sub-System (LASS) and the “Lender Approval” and “Cash Flow Account Setup” sections of FHA Connection. Due to the transition to LEAP, these sections of FHA Connection will be inaccessible starting April 18, 2014.

For more information, please visit www.hud.gov/lenders and look for the “LEAP Information” link in the Approvals & Renewals section.

→ Updated list of community-specific & countywide coalitions focused on children & youth, and human services



Coalition Chart new
with websites and fac

→ Grant opportunity for youth-serving organizations offered by the Health Department



Healthy Youth Grant
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→ WorkForce Central Request for Proposal - Due May 9

WorkForce Central RFP for provision of Youth Services under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) specifications reinforced with county priorities. [Section III Required Forms for Youth Services RFP](#)

These forms must be completed and turned in with your Youth Services Proposal.

Contact: RFP Coordinator at youthwdc@workforce-central.org Use “Youth Services RFP” in subject line.

→ HUD’s Fiscal Year 2014 Housing Counseling Training Grant Application Deadline May 05

The deadline date for the application for HUD’s Fiscal Year 2014 Housing Counseling Training Grant is May 05, 2014. Applications must be received by Grants.gov no later than May 05, 2014, 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the application deadline date. Applicants are advised to submit their applications well in advance of the deadline. For more information please visit [HUD’s Office of Housing Counseling](#). Please direct all questions via email to: housing.counseling@hud.gov

→ Hilltop Subarea Plan – Community Meeting to learn more

04-24 6 – 8 pm Allen AME Church – 1223 Martin Luther King Jr Way

Councilmember Lauren Walker along with Allen AME Church and the Hilltop Business District Association will host Community Meeting. City staff will provide a short presentation that will include a status update of the project, information about the Plan, and implementation of the Plan, as well as other important happenings in the community and ways to become involved.

→ Hilltop Subarea Plan – Public Hearing

April 24th 04-29 at 5:30 Tacoma City Council chambers



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→ [Mixed picture in Washington on underwater mortgages](#) ← Click for story in TNT 04-17-2014

→ Nonprofits get involved in voter registration

Imagine the impact if 100% of nonprofit staff and volunteers voted! Add to that the potential to mobilize nonprofit clients and constituents as well, and we can truly shape the outcome of California's elections.

On Monday, May 5th at 11:00 am, join CalNonprofit's director of public policy Kris Lev-Twombly for a free, fast-paced webinar and discussion on what nonprofits need to know about voter engagement.

We'll discuss why nonprofits should get involved in registering and mobilizing voters, ways of integrating voter engagement with your current work, and how to (easily!) stay compliant with laws relating to elections and nonprofits.

[Register now!](#) For webinar

DATE: Monday, May 5, 2014 TIME: 11:00 AM PDT DURATION: 1 hour

HOST: California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits)

→ AHC Upcoming Events:

[AHC Member Meeting – Architectural & Construction member presentations – All are welcome!](#)

05-05 [Monday – Cinco de Mayo] 8 – 9:30 am [coffee & breakfast burritos at 7:30]

Tacoma Mall Office Building – 4301 South Pine Street, Tacoma 98409 – 1st Floor, 1st Left

[Youth Homelessness & Housing in Pierce County – All are welcome!](#)

06-12 [Thursday] 4:30 – 6

Goodwill Milgard Work Opportunity Center - 714 South 27th St Tacoma [main entrance]

4th Annual Affordable Housing Awards – 10-22

- **Nominations for AHC 2014 Affordable Housing Awards**

It's time to start thinking about our 2014 Affordable Housing Awards in
Advocacy – Community Impact – Innovation – Sustainability

Click for nomination form: <http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/>

- **Sponsorships for 2014 Affordable Housing Awards Event**

Click here for Sponsorship levels & benefits: <http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/>

➔ **Professor Mike Honey invites you to participate in the City Charter Panel Discussion**

04-24 6:30pm William Philip Hall UWT campus 1918 Pacific Av

This is your opportunity to learn about the function of the Charter Commission and the impact their recommendations will have on the future of Tacoma!



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"It always seems impossible until it is done." Nelson Mandela

➔ **Project Homeless Connect – Puyallup**

05-07 [Wednesday]



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➔ **Master Builders Association of Pierce County (MBA Pierce) dinner & auction**

Benefit for veterans services provided by Rebuilding Together South Sound & MBA

05-16 [Friday] 5:30 pm in Tacoma. Valet parking, live music, drinks and appetizers and a plated dinner will be provided along with a silent and a live auction.

Cost to attend: \$75 per person or \$600 for a table of 10 (bring your friends and save!) Celebrate and give back to our service men and women by attending this evening of fun and end up with some pretty incredible items for yourself. (So far, just a few of the items include trips to Harrison Hot Springs, an award winning resort in Lareto Mexico, and Cabo San Lucas, a bass fishing trip, private boat and wine tours, a progressive dinner, autographed Seahawk collateral, Seahawk tickets, and more!)

RSVP: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2014-building-foundations-auction-tickets-11028976967>

➔ **28th 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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➔ **WA Low Income Housing Alliance 5th Annual Advocacy Awards**

05-27 [Tuesday] 5 pm The Arctic Club Seattle Dome Room – 700 3rd Av – Seattle 98104

U S Senator Patty Murray is special guest!

➔ **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>

Link to the scholarship form:

<http://wliha.org/sites/default/files/COEH%202014%20Scholarship%20Fillable%20Application%20FINAL.pdf>

On January 1, 2014, 250,000 people living on low incomes became eligible for Medicaid through the federal Affordable Care Act. Most people experiencing homelessness & housing instability in our state now have access to health coverage. The expansion of Medicaid will help people access health services, recover from acute illnesses & temporary disabilities, better manage chronic health conditions, & avoid staggering medical debt that often prevents people from meeting their other basic needs and reaching economic stability.

Although the expansion of Medicaid is a tremendous victory, it is just the first step to ensuring that people who are experiencing homelessness and housing instability are able to access the resources they need to have a good quality of life. We know people must also have access to healthy, safe, and affordable housing in order to experience strong health outcomes and economic security.

➔ Housing Washington 2014

October 6-8, Tacoma Convention & Trade Center

Largest annual affordable housing industry event in the region!

Info: <http://www.wshfc.org/conf/>

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

Scholarships Available: www.wshfc.org/conf/scholarship.htm

➔ Housing and Employment Navigator Program - Workforce Central with THA & PCHA



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➔ Big Changes in Social Security 2014



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