

→ Washington Housing Trust Fund – 2012 Application Process

On April 11, Commerce staff met with the Housing Trust Fund Policy Advisory Team (PAT) to discuss the process and timeline for the allocation of funds appropriated to the HTF in the 2012 Capital Budget/Jobs Package. With the concurrence of the PAT, Commerce intends to solicit and fund applications for 2012 HTF projects as follows:

Application Timelines:	Due Dates		
	Communities of Concern & Homeless Veteran Set-Asides	Homeless Demonstration	LEAP Lists & Competitive Pool
Stage One applications invited	March 28	April 30	April 30
Stage One applications due	April 17	May 21	May 30
Stage Two applications invited	April 30	May 31	June 28
Stage Two applications due	June 25	July 26	August 29
Awards announced	July 31*	August 23	November 15

*A separate NOFA for 2011 Communities of Concern and Homeless Veterans set-aside funds was issued in March 2012. Projects that are not awarded 2011 set-aside funds, but are on a LEAP set-aside list and deemed viable and ready to proceed may be awarded 2012 HTF funds at this time.

Evaluation Criteria:

First consideration will be given to projects on the LEAP set-aside lists. Applications will be evaluated to determine whether proposed activities are eligible for HTF funding, per RCW 43.185.050, and ready to proceed. Projects will be deemed ready to proceed if they meet the following criteria:

- a) Likely to have all necessary capital financing committed by March 30, 2013
- b) Likely to secure all necessary approvals and begin construction by June 30, 2013 (September 30, 2013 for projects pursuing 9% LIHTC allocations)
- c) Demonstrates revenues (incl. subsidies) sufficient to cover projected operating expenses
- d) Demonstrates necessary commitments for services, if applicable
- e) Has sufficient capacity (experience, staffing, resources; no recurring performance issues)
 - a. To develop the project
 - b. To manage the project long-term
 - c. To deliver appropriate services, if applicable
- f) Compliance issues identified within organization’s existing portfolio have been resolved to the satisfaction of public funders, as applicable

In the event that funds appropriated for a particular set-aside are not fully awarded to projects on the respective project list, the excess funds may be awarded to projects within another set-aside or to any project on the alternate list. In determining which projects will receive excess funds, Commerce will evaluate projects based on the requirements of RCW 43.185.070 and the readiness criteria listed above.

Applications for funding from the Housing Competitive Pool will be accepted from any eligible applicant and will also be evaluated based on the requirements of RCW 43.185.070 and the readiness criteria listed above.

Project Award Amounts:

Commerce will determine the amount of funds to be allocated to each project based on a financial analysis of the project and total resources available. Per current HTF policy, total funds awarded to each applicant will be limited to not more than \$2.5 million. Requests for waivers of the \$2.5 million per-applicant limit will be considered by Commerce on a per-project basis for non-tax-credit projects only.

→ Pierce County's Local Homeless Housing Grant Assistance Program (2163)

now has funding available for:

RFP: [Existing projects and rapid prevention/re-housing for families](#)

RFP: [Youth and young adults projects](#)

All proposals must be in line with the [Tacoma, Lakewood, Pierce County Continuum of Care Homeless Plan](#), and the [Pierce County Youth Continuum Essential Components](#).

PROPOSALS ARE DUE BY 4 PM ON FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2012.

→ Renaissance House has private and shared rooms available

Rents: \$200 – 400 For women and women with children 12 and under who are homeless or in danger of being homeless with transitional housing for up to 22 months. We provide a safe and supportive place to live where they are able to overcome the challenges of poverty and/or domestic violence. Renaissance House also offers support in job searching, work readiness, budgeting, health, parenting, and stress management. Equal opportunity is available for all low-income women 18 years of age or older, without respect to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, citizenship, disability veteran status, sexual orientation or any other bias protected by federal, state or local law.

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→ 2012 MetLife Foundation Awards for Excellence in Affordable Housing

In partnership with MetLife Foundation, Enterprise offers the MetLife Foundation Awards for Excellence in Affordable Housing. Four \$50,000 unrestricted grants will be awarded to exceptional green, senior housing properties with services. Winners receive a \$50,000 unrestricted grant and support to host an event for residents, partners and community at the property, and 1-2 winners will be invited to participate on a panel at the 2012 LeadingAge Annual Meeting in Denver Oct. 21-24. accepting applications through May 23, 2012. [Apply now.](#)

[What properties are eligible to be nominated?](#)

[What are the criteria for judging applications?](#)

[How do I apply?](#)

[What are the important dates?](#)

[Where can I get support during the application process?](#)

More Info: <http://www.enterprisecommunity.com/solutions-and-innovation/senior-housing/metlife-foundation-awards>

➔ "Learn at Lunch" webinar: The National Debate on Debt and its Impacts on Affordable Housing and Homelessness

May 3rd at noon Click here to [Register now](#) as the number of webinar participants is limited.

This webinar/call will feature Doug Rice - Senior Housing Policy Analyst with the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and Michael Linden - Director for Tax And Budget Policy at the Center for American Progress.

Our presenters will overview the past, present, and future of the national debate on debt in a clear and engaging way, provide updates on how current budget proposals interplay with debt and deficit issues, and discuss debt and deficit reduction's particular impacts on affordable housing and homelessness and on low income people.

➔ Pierce County housing market & latest in foreclosure prevention options

May 11 8 – 9:30 am St Marks Lutheran Church, 6730 North 17th, Tacoma

Breakfast & panel discussion with regional experts

The Pierce County housing market & foreclosures:

Craig Nolte –Community Development, Seattle Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

Foreclosure Fairness & Mediation

Rick Torrance – Public Safety Unit for WA Department of Commerce

RSVP: www.southsoundoutreach.org

➔ AHC Training: *The Green Renovation*

May 22 [8-4] & May 23 [8-12:30]

Introduction to Rehabs

- *Design & Materials*
- *Energy & Water Conservation*
- *Operations & Resident Engagement*
- *Financial & Health Benefits*

Affordable Housing Site Tours: CCS Matsusaka Townhomes & Guadalupe Vista with TPU

Making Choices for Your Green Rehab Project

Best Practices: Managing your Rehab Project

Best Practices: Contracting with Service Providers

Best Practices: Operations and Maintenance

Energy & Water Choices and Conservation [Tacoma Public Utilities]

Best Practices: Resident Engagement

Financing your Project [Tacoma Housing Authority]

MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION:

<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/MAY-2012%20GREEN%20RENOVATION.doc>

➔ Washington Low-Income Housing Alliance

3rd Annual Bringing Washington Home Advocacy Awards Reception

May 31, 2012 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Seattle Design Center, 5701 Sixth Ave South, Seattle, WA 98108

Tickets: \$50 per person - [Purchase guest tickets here](#) & let us know to join the TPCAHC group!

To help celebrate a year of progress, we've invited two of the country's leading experts on housing and homelessness to provide insight about what's happening in D.C. and how developments there will impact

Washington. Presenting our 2012 Keynote Speakers: [Sheila Crowley & Nan Roman](#)

Dr. Sheila Crowley is President & CEO of the National Low Income Housing Coalition and has been with the Coalition since 1998. She is frequently called to testify before Congressional committees on the full range of federal policy issues and she is also an adjunct faculty member for the VCU School of Social Work and for George Mason University Department of Social Work, teaching social policy, social justice, policy advocacy, and community and organizational practice.

Nan Roman is President and CEO of the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NEAH) and is a leading national voice on the issue of homelessness. To implement the NAEH ten year plan to end homelessness, Ms. Roman works closely with members of Congress and the Administration, as well as cities and states across the nation. To her current role, Ms. Roman brings over twenty years of local and national experience in the areas of poverty and community-based organizations.

The board and staff of the Housing Alliance are proud to present this annual event which recognizes individuals, organizations, and legislators who have taken leadership in advocacy for affordable housing and ending homelessness. Please join us to celebrate our progress and discuss our future goals. Hearty appetizers, wine, beer, and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided and there will be an opportunity to support our advocacy work with a financial contribution.

[More event info here.](#)

➔ [22nd Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness](#)

May 16-18 Yakima Convention Center

Now [online](#)! The theme of this year's conference is The Changing Face of Homelessness. There will be workshops on a variety of topics, including policy and advocacy presentations that will offer tools to build the movement to end homelessness. Back by popular demand, the conference will include the SOAR academy which helps service providers better assist people who are homeless to access disability income benefits. Space for the SOAR academy is limited, so register today! The last day to register for the conference at the early rate and to get the best price for your hotel is April 20. [Register here.](#)

➔ [NeighborWorks Center for Homeownership Education & Counseling](#)

Foreclosure Counseling Training May 21-25, 2012 Seattle, WA

Build your foreclosure counseling skills with up to a full week of top-quality NCHCEC training

[Apply today for a scholarship](#)
for free tuition and lodging
for qualified counselors

More information:

<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/Complimentary%20Foreclosure%20Counseling%20Training%20-%20Seattle.htm>

➔ [Foreclosure Prevention Workshops](#)

South Sound Outreach Services

Information: <http://affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/03-2012%20SouthSoundOutreach-Foreclosure%20Prevention%20Class%20General%20.pdf>

➔ [Pierce County Center for Dispute Resolution](#)

2012 Basic Mediation Training

July 16-20 October 12-14/26-27

Downtown Tacoma, WA 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

More Information & Registration: http://www.pccdr.org/storage/forms/BMT_Flyer_Regist_2012.pdf.pdf