



**→ Capitol Express Newsletter – Enterprise Community Partners      → Alert 05-06-2014**

The Senate is voting soon on legislation that will increase energy efficiency in low-income housing and create savings for taxpayers.

The [Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act](#) (S. 2262) includes legislative language from Senators Whitehouse (D-RI) and Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) that will create a multifamily residential energy and water conservation pilot program for HUD-assisted properties using a “pay for success” model.

The pilot would organize private capital to support energy efficiency upgrades in multifamily buildings, with the upfront capital investments repaid as savings accrue to the properties. This would allow HUD to take advantage of energy performance contracts, which are currently being used in the private sector. Energy performance contracts enable buildings owners to make improvements based on energy savings that are guaranteed by the service provider. Taxpayers have no risk and the government does not pay for any costs until a third party verifies savings.

Please sign on your organization [to a letter urging support](#) for Senator Whitehouse’s and Senator Collin’s pay-for-success language by COB on Wednesday, May 7. The Senate will begin consideration of the energy efficiency bill as soon as tomorrow afternoon.

To sign on please contact Kenny Marable at 202-649-3929 or [kmarable@enterprisecommunity.org](mailto:kmarable@enterprisecommunity.org).

**→ House Appropriations Justice Subcommittee Approves Bill Funding Key Justice Programs**

On 04-30, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce-Justice-Science (CJS) approved a 2015 federal spending bill that funds Department of Justice (DOJ) programs. The bill provides \$27.8 billion for DOJ programs in FY2015, an increase of \$383 million over current spending.

Under this bill, the Second Chance Act would be funded at \$62.5 million, the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act (MIOTCRA) would receive \$9 million, and the Justice Reinvestment Initiative would receive \$30 million, including \$1 million for the Charles Colson Task Force on Federal Corrections.

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY10</b>	<b>FY11</b>	<b>FY12</b>	<b>FY13</b>	<b>FY14</b>	<b>House FY15 Mark</b>
<b>Justice and Mental Health Collaboration (MIOTCRA)</b>	\$12m	\$9.9m	\$9m	\$8.8m	\$8.2m	\$9m
<b>Second Chance Act</b>	\$100m	\$83m	\$63m	\$67.5m	\$67.7m	\$62.5m
<b>Justice Reinvestment</b>	\$10m	\$8.3m	\$6m	\$5.9m	\$27.5m	\$30m

## ➔ HUD Issues New FMR & HOME Program Rents

### 2014 HOME PROGRAM RENTS

Tacoma, WA HUD Metro FMR Area

#### PROGRAM EFFICIENCY 1 BR 2 BR 3 BR 4 BR 5 BR 6 BR

LOW HOME RENT LIMIT 627 672 807 932 1040 1148 1254

HIGH HOME RENT LIMIT 638\* 767 999 1178 1295 1410 1525

For Information Only:

FAIR MARKET RENT 630 767 999 1472 1769 2034 2300

50% RENT LIMIT 627 672 807 932 1040 1148 1254

65% RENT LIMIT 796 854 1027 1178 1295 1410 1525

\* Adjusted Low HOME Rent or High HOME Rent corrects for 2010-2012 incorrect hold harmless rent.

For all HOME projects, the maximum allowable rent is the HUD calculated High HOME Rent Limit and/or Low HOME Rent Limit.

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## ➔ Veterans Resource Fair

If you are a Service Provider and are interested in obtaining a booth at the Veterans Resource Fair at the Tacoma Dome exhibition hall (June 21), **we are offering free booths** to Service Providers from King, Pierce, Kitsap, and Thurston Counties. This event will have ten different sections:

- Community Services
- VA Benefits
- Legal Services
- Homeless Services/ At Risk
- Educational Benefits
- Medical Screenings and Dental Resources
- Apprenticeship/Training and vocational opportunities/ Jobs
- Female Veterans Resources
- Financial Education/ Assistance
- Housing and home ownership
- Reintegration Services
- Disability Claims/ Benefits

If you're interested please look over the Service Provider Registration Form that is attached or contact Marleen Madding (Service Provider Coordinator), [J.m.madding@gmail.com](mailto:J.m.madding@gmail.com).

<http://theveteransresourcefair.us/>

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## ➔ Puyallup Housing Element Focus Groups

June 3, 4 & 5 Engaging Our Future – 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update

**What kinds of housing would you or your family prefer to live in the next decade or two? What kinds of housing would be affordable to you? Would you welcome a wider range of housing in your neighborhood? Come and tell us your thoughts...**

**The Planning Commission invites all who are interested to participate** by attending one (of three available) 1-hour focus group meetings to provide **feedback on housing needs and/or desires for our community over the next 20 years**. Please join us to help prioritize housing types and create a plan that will be beneficial to you and your family's current and future needs.

**HOUSING FOCUS GROUP MEETING TIMES (click link to RSVP):**

- **June 3, 12:30pm-1:30pm**, Korum YMCA;
- **June 4, 2:00pm-3:00pm**, Puyallup Library;
- **June 5, 7:00pm-8:00pm**, Fruitland Elementary School (child care can be provided at this meeting, please email [OurFuture@ci.puyallup.wa.us](mailto:OurFuture@ci.puyallup.wa.us) by May 23<sup>rd</sup> to reserve a spot)

This meeting is open to all Puyallup residents and does not require an RSVP. However, if you would like to RSVP in order to help us estimate attendance, please click on one of the above links that you will likely attend. You can also RSVP by emailing [OurFuture@ci.puyallup.wa.us](mailto:OurFuture@ci.puyallup.wa.us).

Can't make it to one of the meetings?

- Visit the [project webpage](#) to view and/or [provide feedback](#) on the Housing Element, or to learn more about the 2015 Comprehensive Plan update.
- Email [OurFuture@ci.puyallup.wa.us](mailto:OurFuture@ci.puyallup.wa.us) to ask questions, provide feedback, or sign up to receive future update on this process.

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**➔ City of Tacoma creating a web-based partner-directory guide**

...on the City's Collaboration webpage. In developing this page, we would like to offer you the opportunity to list your agency/program as a resource for the community. In order to do so, we ask you to provide the following:

1. A [jpeg] photo of your facility or program. (Ideally this would allow individuals to recognize your facility).
2. Contact Information:
  - a. Address
  - b. Phone
  - c. Email
  - d. Fax
  - e. Web address
3. A list of your core services
4. A two-sentence description of your program or agency that you feel would make others want to engage in your services!

The City has invested in some tremendous marketing resources and we will look to enhance this resource directory over time with some of those resources (such as embedding mapping devices into your address).

We will have the flexibility to add additional resources over time – but for those that respond to this email WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS – you will be the first added to our web-based guide!!

You can submit your information to me or Carol Hassard at [chassard@ci.tacoma.wa.us](mailto:chassard@ci.tacoma.wa.us).

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**➔ Inpatient Withdrawal and Intoxication Management Services Workshop**

Questions and Answers

**Applicant workshop questions and answers are posted to the Community Connections website at [www.piercecountywa.org/ccRFP](http://www.piercecountywa.org/ccRFP).**

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## ➔ Sound Transit Survey

Help improve our website

How do you use the [projects & plans section](#) of the Sound Transit website and what other information do you want?

Please give input - [five minute survey](#).

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## ➔ AHC Upcoming Events:

### 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]

### Candidate Forum Pierce County Candidates for State Legislature

09-11 [Thursday] 4:30 – 6

New Tacoma Senior Housing – 1709 South G Street, Tacoma

## 4<sup>th</sup> 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/>

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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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## ➔ WA Low Income Housing Alliance 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Advocacy Awards

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

U S Senator Patty Murray is special guest!

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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>

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.

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## ➔ 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](http://www.wshfc.org/conf/scholarship.htm)

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## ➔ TCH awarded two AmeriCorps positions for 2014-2015!

Here are the links to the postings on the TCH website:

[Read2Me Program Specialist - AmeriCorps](#)

[Employment/Computer Lab Specialist - AmeriCorps](#)

Please keep in mind certain restrictions.

- Candidates must be between the ages of 18 and 25 years.
- These are full-time positions requiring the individuals to serve 40 hours a week for 10.5 months (Sep 1, 2014 - Jul 15, 2015).

- There is a monthly stipend of \$1,155 and an educational award of \$5,550 upon successful completion of the time period.

If there are any questions, please send me an email.

Karen Thomas -Volunteer Services Manager

TACOMA COMMUNITY HOUSE (t) 253.383.3951 [kthomas@tacomacommunityhouse.org](mailto:kthomas@tacomacommunityhouse.org)

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## ➔ Big Changes in Social Security 2014



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