

→ HOUSE THUD APPROPRIATIONS BILL PROPOSES DEEP CUTS TO HOUSING PROGRAMS

Contact Your Members of Congress to Urge Funding Increases

- View NLIHC's budget chart at: <http://bit.ly/MLyt2i>
- View NLIHC's appropriations requests at: <http://bit.ly/1jaXy5p>
- Read NLIHC's *Memo to Members* article on the THUD bill at: <http://bit.ly/1sEABcv>
- Read Center on Budget Policy Priorities' blog about the House THUD Subcommittee bill at: <http://bit.ly/1jamslN>
- Read the House THUD Subcommittee's bill at: <http://1.usa.gov/RAqvfa>

- Contact your Representative and urge him or her to vote for any amendments that increase funding levels for housing programs when the bill when the bill is marked up by the full Committee on Appropriations.
To find out if your Representative sits on the Appropriations Committee, visit: <http://1.usa.gov/1blnj85>
- Contact your Senator and urge him or her to ensure that the Senate THUD bill includes increased funding for HUD programs over the proposed House bill.
To find out if your Senator sits on the THUD Subcommittee, visit: <http://1.usa.gov/1uV8liz>

→ Tacoma Public Hearing on Annual Comprehensive Plan & Land Use Regulation Code Including Affordable Housing [Item 4] Tuesday, June 3, 5:30 pm City Council Chambers



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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 by May 23rd 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.

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 to ask questions, provide feedback, or sign up to receive future update on this process.

→ Pierce County Growth Management to review Vision 2040

GROWTH MANAGEMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (GMCC)

Thursday, May 22, 2014 – 10 AM PC ANNEX Public Meeting Rm2401 South 35th Street, Tacoma

VISION 2040/Regional Growth Strategy Update	Discussion	Charlie Howard, PSRC
Buildable Lands Report	Discussion	Jessica Gwilt, PALS

→ Tacoma Planning Commission – North Downtown Subarea Plan

05-21, 4 pm, Room 16, 733 Market St



Notice of Availability - Signed - NDT Draft Pl

→ Tacoma Link Expansion Open House

Tuesday, May 20 4-6 pm

Allen AME Church

1223 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Tacoma, WA 98405

Opportunity to learn more and provide feedback about the five station locations under consideration, as well as to ask questions of staff and share your thoughts about the future of Tacoma Link. You can learn more or take an online survey by Friday, May 23, at soundtransit.org/TacomaLinkExpansion to share your thoughts about potential station locations and maintenance facility site options.

→ WA Low Income Housing Alliance – Annual Event

Tuesday, May 27

Senator Patty Murray is speaking and we have lots of legislators attending. We

also have some great advocates to recognize and a lot of good work to celebrate. Tickets are available

here: https://org.salsalabs.com/o/2685/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=81455

→ A Community Conversation on Housing and Homelessness

Saturday, May 31st 8:30-4 University of Puget Sound – Wheelock Student Center

Registration Associated Ministries: Michele Cotton 253.426.1507 or michelec@associatedministries.org

➔ **"22,000 by 2035: How Do We Get There?"**

2014 Affordable Housing Conference Friday, June 13 8 am - 2 pm

Housing Consortium of Everett and Snohomish County Registration: <http://housingsnohomish.org/>

➔ **Hybrids, Hybridity, and Hype in the nonprofit sector**

<https://nonprofitquarterly.org/management/24109-hybrids-hybridity-and-hype.html>

This article in Nonprofit Quarterly distinguishes between hybrids that are simply remixes of tired old thinking, albeit surrounded by hype, and hybridity that takes on a newly emerging world in a new way.

➔ **Gaining Community Acceptance for Affordable Housing: Lessons from National Housing Conference** Webinar recorded 04-23:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGQAHC5iFI8&list=UU0_GQlbUoZcULj8WtIZFoDw

➔ **Enterprise: COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE**

Terri Ludwig joined President Obama last week as he unveiled plans to [boost solar power and promote energy efficiency](#). To support these bold commitments, [Terri announced that Enterprise will work with local partners](#) to install 16 megawatts of solar energy capacity on affordable rental developments and in low-income communities by 2020.

➔ **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 .

<http://theveteransresourcefair.us/>

➔ **Help your clients prepare to testify at legislative hearings & visit with legislators**

The Washington Low Income Housing Alliance is offering our annual **Emerging Advocates Program (EAP)** workshop series again this summer! The time to apply is now! Applications and more info are available at [the Emerging Advocates page on the Housing Alliance website](#). **Applications are due by June 6.**

EAP is a chance for people who have experienced homelessness or housing instability to build skills and gain

support to effectively advocate for policy change. The program will take place in July-August this year, consisting of one evening workshop per week and a final day trip to the capitol in Olympia. [Click here to read my reflection on last year's program.](#)

The program is free of charge for participants. **Applicants may also be offered assistance with transportation or other basic needs to help them be able to attend the sessions and the day trip.** Those who can't travel to Seattle can participate remotely through an online meeting platform. Graduates of the workshop series receive ongoing support as advocates and are eligible for additional opportunities with the Housing Alliance.

➔ The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation & StoryCorps presentation and community meeting

Learn about Finding Our Way: [Puget Sound Stories About Family Homelessness](#)

June 3 6 – 8 pm

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, 440 5th Avenue North, Seattle 98109



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➔ LASA to take over Carr's Restaurant

Tuesday, May 20th between 4pm and 9pm.
Bridgeport (near 112th)

This Tuesday, dropping in at Carr's Restaurant will not only mean a great meal but also a show of support for LASA's work in the community. LASA will take over Carr's on Bridgeport (near 112th) on Tuesday, May 20th, between 4pm and 9pm.

Customers who come in for dinner will be greeted and hosted by LASA staff, and a portion of the night's proceeds will be given to LASA. Raffle tickets will also be available for purchase.

LASA is a community supported agency committed to the prevention of homelessness and recurrent homelessness. The agency has provided housing services and homelessness prevention assistance in the community for 25 years. LASA will soon break ground in Lakewood for a new Client Services Center and adjoining fifteen units of permanent, supportive housing. For more information, visit www.lasawa.org or call 253-581-8689.

➔ 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 Senate – All are welcome!

09-11 [Thursday] 4:30 – 6

New Tacoma Senior Housing – 1709 South G Street, Tacoma

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/>

➔ 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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➔ 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.

➔ **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!

➔ **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

➔ **Seattle Bank 2014 Affordable Housing Funding Round**

<http://www.fhlbsea.com/CommunityInvestment/OurPrograms/AHP/FundingRound.aspx>

The Seattle Bank is pleased to announce the opening of the 2014 Affordable Housing Program (AHP) funding round and the availability of the AHP online application. As previously announced, the Seattle Bank will offer approximately \$4.9 million for AHP in 2014. Seattle Bank members may request up to a total of \$1.5 million in AHP subsidy. Each project may request up to \$700,000, with the exception of projects located in Alaska or Hawaii, which may request up to \$1.0 million.

AHP funds will be awarded through a competitive application process. AHP applications and all required attachments are **due by August 1, 2014**, at 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time. The 2014 AHP Implementation Plan details the 2014 AHP scoring criteria and other program requirements.

Project sponsors must partner with a Seattle Bank member to submit an application for AHP funding, and Seattle Bank members must underwrite the application to the standard they would use if they were providing a loan for the project. As such, we strongly recommend that project sponsors contact the Seattle Bank member they wish to work with to solicit their support as early in the process as possible.

For more information regarding member and sponsor roles and responsibilities and how to access the AHP application, please visit the 2014 AHP Funding Round page on the Seattle Bank's website. In addition, we encourage you to register to attend The 2014 AHP Application Process, a series of web seminars designed to help you learn more about the 2014 AHP application and scoring criteria, and how to avoid common mistakes that may hinder a project's competitiveness.