



## → WA State Legislative Session UPDATE

Special session ends tomorrow...looks like 2<sup>nd</sup> special session coming up.

## → Washington State Budget & Policy Center: State Budget

<http://budgetandpolicy.org/policy-areas/state-budget>

### Senate Budget-Writers Must Consider the Future

The Senate's latest budget plan cashes in on the most recent uptick in forecasted revenues, investing \$242 million more to give workers a raise, maintain parks, and reverse proposed cuts to mental health services and health care for retirees. While these incremental steps move us closer toward becoming the kind of thriving state we want to live in, the Senate's continued refusal to raise new revenue still misses the long view. It jeopardizes our ability to sustain these investments over time.

With looming deadlines to finalize a budget that directs state investments over the next two years, it's easy for lawmakers to lose sight of the big picture. Budget deliberations become centered on meeting court orders, complying with state and federal obligations, and adhering to basic budgeting principles.

This short-sighted mindset overlooks the bigger picture of how our state is progressing on the whole. According to our recent Progress Index, on nearly half of 100 indicators of progress in our state, we are stalled or going backwards. For example, only forty-one percent of 3- and 4-year-olds (four of every 10) are enrolled in preschool. Income inequality remains historically high in Washington state, with nearly one quarter (23 percent) of all income being held by the richest 1 percent. And Washington state's tax system has been falling behind the changing economy for decades. Between 2000 and 2014, tax revenues as a share of state personal income declined by 20 percent (see graph).

In order for Washington to move forward as a state, it must make robust investments in our kids, the environment, students, workers, and our most vulnerable Washingtonians. Doing so would benefit all Washingtonians.

But making these investments and sustaining them for years to come is not possible without new revenue. Cobbling together a patchwork of one-time fund transfers and short-term resources, as the Senate budget does, is not responsible and will not move us toward the future we all want to live in.

Read our full analysis on [schmudget](#).

## → Nominate Someone Exceptional! 2015 FRIEND OF HOUSING AWARDS

**NOMINATIONS DUE JULY 31**

**Do you know an individual or organization doing exceptional work in affordable housing?**

Each year, the Washington State Housing Finance Commission honors individuals and organizations throughout Washington for their contributions in providing affordable housing to lower- and moderate-income residents of Washington.

**Learn more about the awards and nominate someone!**

[Friend of Housing Awards](#)

[Margaret M. Sevy Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

**Deadline for nominations is July 31, 2015.** Awards will be announced on October 6, 2015, during the [Housing Washington 2015](#) conference in Spokane, Washington.

## → Out of Reach WA 2015

Out of Reach 2015 shows how difficult it is for renters in Washington State to afford rents. WA is 10<sup>th</sup> highest housing wage required: \$21.69/hr. Go to <http://nilhc.org/oor/washington>

## → Asset Management Fundamentals

The Department of Commerce & Washington State Housing Finance Commission are pleased to co-sponsor an Asset Management Fundamentals training for owners & managers of Housing Trust Fund & LIHTC projects. This 2-day interactive training, conducted by Holly Anderson of Catholic Charities Housing Services Yakima, will introduce participants to asset management concepts & roles, financial tools, dashboard reporting, & long-term planning.

Seattle Session	Yakima Session
Dates: June 15-16, 2015 Time: 8 am – 5 pm Washington State Housing Finance Commission, Training Room on 28 <sup>th</sup> Floor, 1000 2nd Av, Seattle	Dates: June 22-23, 2015 Time: 8 am – 5 pm Yakima Valley Museum, Ballroom 2015 Teiton Drive, Yakima

Class size will be limited to 30 participants per session. Due to limited capacity, we are only allowing one registration per organization and registrants must plan to attend the entire 2-day training. There is no cost to attend, but you must register in advance and have your registration confirmed by Commerce. If we are unable to accommodate all registration requests, a waiting list will be created. If you are interested in attending, please complete the attached registration form and return it to [htfannualreport@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:htfannualreport@commerce.wa.gov) by no later than 5 p.m., Thursday, June 4. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Masella at [janet.masella@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:janet.masella@commerce.wa.gov) or (360) 725-4134.



AM Training  
Registration Form.xlsx

## → HTF Welcomes New Manager for Asset Management

Jason Davidson has joined Commerce as the new Manager of the Housing Trust Fund's Asset Management Team. He's filling the position vacated by Dan Riebli, who retired at the end of April. Jason has a strong lending background, working most recently at Community Bank in the Walla Walla area, and will oversee all asset management and compliance activities related to the HTF and HOME portfolio. If you need his help with anything, you can contact him at [Jason.davidson@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:Jason.davidson@commerce.wa.gov) or 360.725.2660.

## → Nonprofit Newswire

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/hcc\\_home](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/hcc_home)

## → TCRA Funding Application

Please find instructions and application for 2015 HOME funds: [www.cityoftacoma.org/affordablehousing](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/affordablehousing) ...Funding Opportunities. The Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) Instructions cover both rental and homeownership programs. There is, however, a different application for homeownership programs. Rental applications should submit completed documents, as well as any supporting documents outlined in the instructions or application: Tacoma 2015 Application, Tacoma CFA 2015 Addendum and Combined Funders Forms 2015. Homeownership applicants should submit completed documents, as well as any supporting documents outlined in the instructions or applications: Homeowner Application 2015 and Homeowner Workbook 2015. Applications are due on Friday, June 26, 2015.

## → Income & Rent Guidelines – HOME Program

2015 HOME limits for income and rents, effective June 1, 2015. For those of you who also utilize CDBG, Section 8, United Way HTF or Attorney General (AG) funds in your project, please note that the income limits for households at less than 30% are very different between CDBG and HOME. The Appropriations Act of 2014 statutorily changed the

calculation for very low income (i.e. 30%) for CDBG and Section 8 programs; it did not change the calculation for the HOME program. The HOME income limit is a truer reflection of 30% of income for larger families.

Please note that there was no change to the Low HOME rent limits for 2015; the High HOME rent limits changed only for Studios, 1 and 2-bedroom units.



Income & Rent  
Guidelines HOME.doc

## →EVENTS

- **Fair Housing Accessibility Training – Free**  
June 23, 2015 8:00 am – 4:15 pm Seattle City Hall Bertha K. Landes Reception Room  
600 4th Ave. Seattle, WA 98104 1-206-296-0100 REGISTRATION: Register at <http://fhafirst.eventbrite.com>  
Information: Questions may be directed to [GSonnabend@lcmarchitects.com](mailto:GSonnabend@lcmarchitects.com)
- **AHC Affordable Housing Candidate Forum – City Council Races in Pierce County**  
September 10 4:30 – 6:30 Location will be announced
- **AHC Excellence in Affordable Housing Awards**  
October 22, 5 – 7  
Foss Waterway Seaport, 705 Dock Street, Tacoma 98402  
Nominate a person, organization, or group: Advocacy, Community Impact, Innovation, Sustainability  
<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/events/2015%20Award%20Nomination%20FORM.pdf>

## → Housing-related job openings

**Associated Ministries** hiring Executive Director Closes this week!

Link to the position profile: <http://www.hagelsearch.com/#!associatedministries/cyda>

**Washington State Budget & Policy Center** is seeking a new Executive Director

<http://budgetandpolicy.org/about-us/jobs-and-internships>

**Tacoma-Pierce County Habitat for Humanity** looking for new Director of Resource Development

[www.tpc-habitat.org](http://www.tpc-habitat.org)

**Sound Outreach Services:** Outreach Professional



Outreach Professional  
Job Description Sound

## → PSRC Transportation News

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** May 28, 2015

Contact: Gil Cerise, 206-971-3053 or [gcerise@psrc.org](mailto:gcerise@psrc.org)

**Funding approved for special needs transportation projects in King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties**

**SEATTLE** - The Puget Sound Regional Council has approved funding for 20 projects that help people with disabilities, older adults, youth, and low-income people get around more easily.

**The projects will receive \$7.6 million from PSRC and the Washington State Department of Transportation's** coordinated grant programs. The full list of projects can be found here:

<http://www.psrc.org/assets/12556/2015CoordinatedGrantProjectAwards.pdf>

Some of the projects moving forward include:

**Northshore Senior Center** will replace two aging, ADA-accessible minibuses and continue existing transportation service to seniors and people with disabilities in south Snohomish County and north King County. The service crosses county and transit agency boundaries, providing seamless trips for riders.

**Beyond the Borders** is continuing its **Pierce County Community Connections** transportation service for special needs populations living outside of the Pierce Transit service area. Beyond the Borders provides service to areas of Pierce County where transportation services are unavailable or insufficient to meet the needs of seniors and people with disabilities.

**Mobility Management: Hopelink** received two grants for short-range planning and management activities and improving coordination among transportation providers. One of the grants will help develop a coordinated emergency response that addresses vulnerable populations. Hopelink serves people in north and east King County.

The **Key Peninsula School Bus Connects** project received \$150,000 to sustain and extend service connecting the Key Peninsula to Purdy Park and Ride.

*PSRC develops policies and coordinates decisions about regional growth, transportation and economic development planning within King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties. The Council is composed of over 80 entities, including all four counties, cities and towns, ports, state and local transportation agencies, and tribal governments within the region.*

➔ **Family Formation Trend – Elliot Eisenberg, PhD – [elliott@graphsandlaughs.net](mailto:elliott@graphsandlaughs.net)**

While the homeownership rate slipped to a 26-year low of 63.8% in Q1/15, it's now falling for the right reasons. Rather than dropping as homeowners become renters, it's falling because hordes of new, primarily renter households are being formed. Between Q1/14 and Q1/15, 1.5 million households were formed, and between Q4/14 and Q4/13 1.7 million were formed, a far cry from the lackluster household formation rate of 500,000/year since 2007.