

→ **AHC Affordable Housing Candidate Forum – City Council Races in Lakewood, Puyallup, Tacoma**  
**September 10 4:30 – 6:30 Location: THA Family Investment Center**

**1720 E 44<sup>th</sup> Street – Salishan – Tacoma 98405**

This is our annual opportunity to interview local candidates about affordable housing for Pierce County.

→ **AHC Excellence in Affordable Housing Awards \* Save the Date!** October 22, 5 – 7



→ **Nominate** a person, organization, or group for an Affordable Housing Award in:  
Advocacy, Community Impact, Innovation, or Sustainability

<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/events/2015%20Award%20Nomination%20FORM.pdf>

→ **Sponsor** our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Excellence in Affordable Housing Awards Celebration  
contact [connie@tpcahc.org](mailto:connie@tpcahc.org) for sponsorship levels & benefits

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## → **Low Income Housing Tax Credits – Action Alert!**

On Tuesday, July 21, the [Senate Finance Committee](#) will hold a mark-up of legislation to extend several dozen expired tax provisions, including the minimum 9 percent Housing Credit rate for new construction and substantial rehabilitation. The extension would apply to Housing Credit allocations made before January 1, 2017, and is [estimated to cost](#) only \$2 million over 10 years. This provision previously expired on January 1, 2015, but was extended so late in 2014 that the Housing Credit has essentially been in a floating rate environment since the end of 2013.

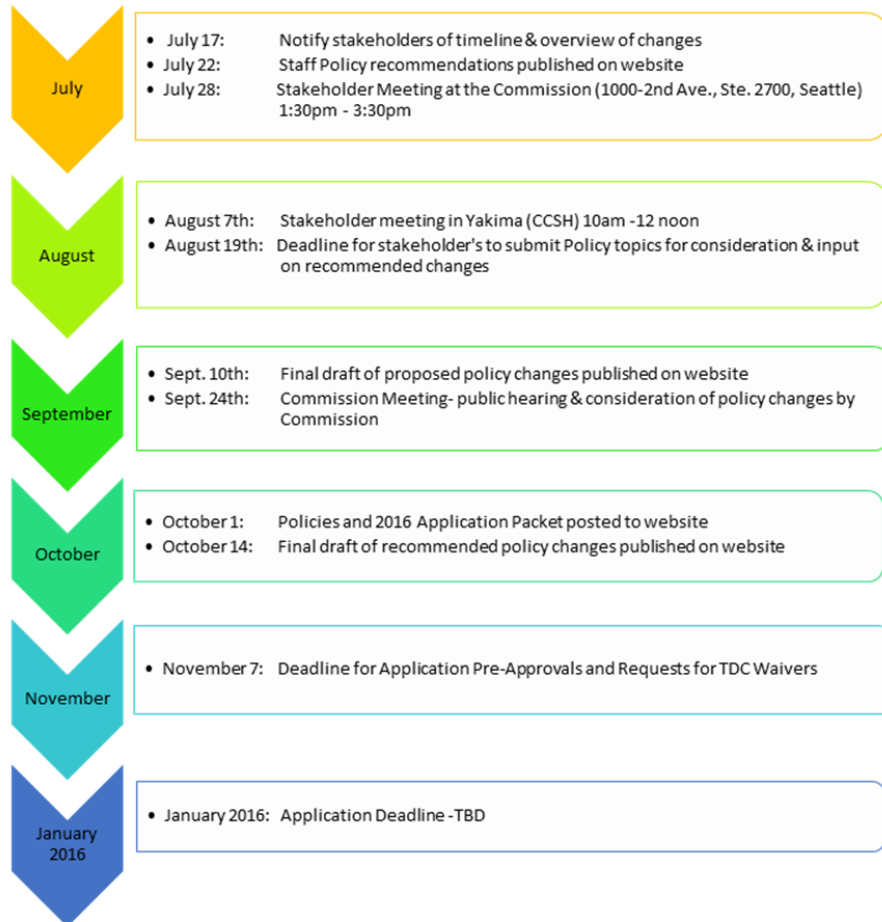
Though a minimum 4 percent rate for the acquisition of affordable housing is not included in the current version of the [Chairman's Mark](#), ACTION is advocating that it be added to the package, either in a modified Chairman's Mark or as an amendment to the bill during mark-up.

You are encouraged to reach out to [members of the Senate Finance Committee](#) and ask that they support the extension of the minimum 9 percent Housing Credit rate, as well as the inclusion of a

**minimum 4 percent Housing Credit rate.** The [ACTION Campaign](#) recently sent a letter to Congress, signed by over 1,000 organizations, urging it to act quickly to strengthen the Housing Credit by passing legislation to enact minimum credit rates. You can also use our [Improving the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Rate Act \(S. 1193\) bill summary](#), which describes the need for permanent minimum credit rates, to help make your case.

## ➔ Low Income Housing Tax Credits – WSHFC Policy Changes + Timeline

It is that time of the year again when we consider policy changes for the 2016 9% Tax Credit Allocation round. See below for the key dates and timeline. Also attached is a preview of the *TDC limit proposal* and a *list of staff policy recommendations*. If you have any questions regarding *policy changes*, please contact Lisa Vatske at (206)287-4467, [lisa.vatske@wshfc.org](mailto:lisa.vatske@wshfc.org) or Bob Peterson at (206) 287-4454, [bob.peterson@wshfc.org](mailto:bob.peterson@wshfc.org).



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List of Policy Considerations for 2016



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## → HUD Funding Opportunities

Funding Opportunity	Opportunity Title	Agency	Posted Date	Close Date
FR-5900-N-08	Rural Capacity Building for Development & Affordable Housing Grants	HUD Community	07-13-2015	09-14-2015
FR-5900-N-03	HOPE VI Main Street Grant	HUD Program	07-13-2015	08-27-2015
FR-5900-N-05	Resident Opportunity & Self Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinators Program	HUD	07-13-2015	08-31-2015

*Donna Batch* - Deputy Regional Administrator Region X (serving: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington) HUD

## → 2015 Funding Opportunity through Washington Youth & Families Fund Service Grants

### Proposals Due August 7, 2015

Building Changes is pleased to announce that a minimum of \$1.6 million and up to \$2.4 million\* in funding will be available to eligible housing and social service agencies from all counties in Washington State to support unaccompanied, homeless youth and young adults (YYA) to engage with mainstream employment and education systems. Eligible agencies and organizations include nonprofits, local tribes, housing authorities, and/or community-based organizations.

Mainstream systems are often not equipped to provide the level of intensive support needed by homeless clients. Grant funds awarded must be used to facilitate young people's engagement with and utilization of mainstream employment and education systems to get jobs and complete educational goals. Funding from Building Changes will be provided for up to three years per agency. Awards will be announced in October 2015.

**Guidelines and application materials are available on [Building Changes' website](#).**

A Q&A online meeting for interested applicants will be held on **Friday, July 24, 10:00 to 11:30 AM**. Please [send a request](#) to be included in the virtual meeting.

Inquiries about the Washington Youth & Families Fund and this application process may be directed to [WYFF@BuildingChanges.org](mailto:WYFF@BuildingChanges.org).

(\*Amount available dependent on Building Changes Board of Directors' prioritization of funding strategies for both youth and families. Funds available pending final contracting with the Washington State Department of Commerce.)

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## → Thank your Pierce County Lawmakers – State Legislature

You told your lawmakers to not **leave Olympia until they had done everything possible for affordable housing and homelessness. They heard you and the results are tremendous!** Historic capital investments in affordable housing, significant progress towards full restoration of TANF cash benefits, full funding for safety-net services, and new local options to increase housing, mental health and homelessness resources ... the list is long. And now it is time to say thank you!

Affordable housing champions have worked tirelessly for six months and deserve praise for their dedication and success. A thank you note also shows your lawmakers that you are watching, and it emphasizes just how deeply their constituents care about affordable housing and homelessness.

The Washington Low Income Housing Alliance has personalized thank you notes that acknowledge where your lawmakers stood. If your lawmaker led on a priority issue, they are thanked for their leadership. If they could have done more, you get to tell them how pleased you are with the historic progress made this session and they get to learn that their constituents want them to do more next year. Regardless of where your

lawmaker stood, they need to hear from you again. Send them a strong message that affordable housing and homelessness needs to be a top priority again in 2016. [Click here to send a personalized email](#). Thank you for your advocacy throughout the long legislative session. The truly historic gains this session are absolute proof that when we come together, we can move mountains.

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## → PSRC – Transportation Legislation

### We're grateful for leadership on transportation

It was [worth the wait](#). The region could not be more grateful for the leadership of state legislators and the Governor on transportation. Thanks to hard work by legislators and leaders from all corners of the region, we are poised to make investments that will pay economic and quality of life dividends for decades. PSRC has prepared a [summary](#) of the package.

### Congratulations to Pierce County on JBLM

There will be job cuts at Joint Base Lewis McCord -- but far fewer than many expected. Thanks to the community rallying to demonstrate support for the base and its mission, the entire region has dodged a bullet. The mission of the base is largely preserved in this week's Army drawdown. To all of the leaders who rose to demonstrate the community support for the military: Thank you.

## → Tacoma Planning Commission – Public Hearings follow-up

### 2015 Annual Amendment Package

Complete the review of the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code for 2015; authorize the distribution of the proposal package for public review; and set **August 19, 2015** as the date for a public hearing to receive public comment. (See "Agenda Item D-2"; Stephen Atkinson 591-5531 [satkinson@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:satkinson@cityoftacoma.org))

**Public Hearing – Work-Live/Live-Work Code Amendments** Receive public testimony and keep the record open through **July 22, 2015** to accept written comments. (See "Agenda Item D-3"; Elliott Fitzgerald, 591-5379, [efitzgerald@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:efitzgerald@cityoftacoma.org))



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## → Enterprise Community Partners – Invitation to 2015 Federal Policy Briefing

Invitation to Enterprise's 2015 Federal Policy Briefing, to be presented in partnership with the Washington State Housing Finance Commission on August 3 at 1 pm, Washington State Housing Finance Commission, 1000 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, 28<sup>th</sup> Floor, Seattle. We invite all of your members, constituencies & allies to attend—please pass along the invitation. If you have any questions, please call Keri Williams 206.223.4518. RSVPs should be sent directly to Tim Burbage ([tburbage@enterprisecommunity.org](mailto:tburbage@enterprisecommunity.org)).

## → 2016 Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness

**May 11-12 Spokane Convention Center**

[Do you have an idea for a workshop topic?](#) Now accepting workshop proposals & we want to hear from you!  
[Please visit our conference website to learn more about our call for workshops and to submit a proposal.](#)

**All workshop proposal submissions are due by October 16, 2015.**

## → Events - PCAF

[Ethnic Fest](#) is an annual Pierce County event! This two day festival features music, dance, art & food representing all the people that make up our diverse community.

Wright Park on July 25-26 Look for PCAF in the community resources area of the event. We'd love to say hello.

### [END AIDS Washington](#)

A collaboration of community-based organizations, government agencies and educational and research institutions working together to reduce new infections in Washington by 50% over the next five years. Getting insured, getting tested, getting PrEP, and getting treatment are great ways to help stop the spread of HIV.

### [South Sound END AIDS Walk](#)

You're invited to our biggest community event of the year! Join with others who care and make a difference in the life of someone living with HIV. Register today to walk at this year's [South Sound END AIDS Walk](#). The funds raised at this event provide essential services to people in our community living with HIV and AIDS.

## → Job Openings

### **WA Department of Commerce**

The Community Services and Housing Division, Housing Trust Fund Unit, is recruiting for a Managing Director (WMS 2). This position is located in Olympia, WA. To view the complete recruitment announcement please visit [www.careers.wa.gov](http://www.careers.wa.gov). If you have questions regarding the duties of this position, please contact Diane Klontz at (360)725-4142 or by email at [Diane.Klontz@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:Diane.Klontz@commerce.wa.gov). This recruitment is open till filled with first review completed by July 29, 2015. To apply for this position, you must create a profile (if you haven't already done so) and apply through the Online Recruitment System. Diane is available to answer questions if you have any.

### **FISH Food Banks – PT Administrative Assistant**



PT Administrative  
Assistant at FISH Food

## → 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>

## → 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)