

➔ From The White House

A better foundation: Homeownership is a cornerstone of middle-class security.

That's why helping responsible homeowners is one of President Obama's priorities as he seeks a better bargain for the middle class -- and it's what he'll be talking about tomorrow afternoon in Phoenix, Arizona.

Before President Obama took office, our housing market was in free-fall. He took immediate action to protect the middle class, helping millions of families stay in their homes and turn their communities around. The housing market is coming back, but there's still more to do.

Tomorrow afternoon [**Tuesday 08-06**], President Obama will lay out his plan for how to build a better foundation for middle-class homeowners, so that we never face that kind of housing crisis again. And on Wednesday, the President will answer your questions about the plan as part of an online conversation -- you can find out more about that below.

[Check out this video and find out more about President Obama's plan.](#)



➔ Tacoma RFP: Affordable Housing

Presently, the TCRA maintains an Affordable Housing Fund (AHF) designed to enhance residential neighborhoods and promote home ownership. The AHF is capitalized through an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds. Both of these sources are awarded to the City based on a formula allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Single Family Homeowner Occupied Rehabilitation Program will provide loans to qualified homeowners in an amount up to \$25,000. The loan funds are available for the correction of health and safety code violations and related habitability issues. To be eligible, an applicant's

income must not exceed 80% of the AMI for Pierce County, adjusted for family size. The homeowner will be required to sign a covenant that requires them to occupy the home and maintain the property otherwise the loan must be paid back.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) is for release to the affordable housing development community to seek proposals with price quotes from qualified firms and organizations that possess demonstrated experience providing the services described within the RFP and a working knowledge of the associated federal funding requirements that underlay the TCRA's Program.

[Request for Proposal](#) (PDF)

[Exhibit D - Program Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures](#) (PDF)

[Exhibit E - Minimum Building Standards](#) (PDF)

The TCRA will enter into a Professional Services Agreement (Agreement) with the chosen service provider and continue for a one-year contracting period after the execution date, with a TCRA option to extend the Agreement for an additional two one-year terms. The TCRA anticipates the term of the Agreement to commence sometime in October 2013.

http://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/community_and_economic_development/housing_division/home_rehabilitation/affordable_housing_request_for_proposal/

→ Pierce County Funding

RFP #13-001-HML-HHAP - Homelessness Housing and Assistance Program

[Pierce County Community Connections](#) (PCCC) released the above mentioned Request for Proposals for the Homelessness Housing and Assistance Program.

The RFP and related application materials are posted on the website at www.piercecountywa.org/ccfunding under funding opportunities.

We will be hosting a **workshop on August 7, 2013, from 9:00am – 11:30am**, at Pierce County Community Connections, 3602 Pacific Ave., Tacoma, WA 98418, Conference Room SV1.

If you have any questions, please contact lwood2@co.pierce.wa.us

→ Enterprise Community Partners RFP

ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY PARTNERS - 2013 INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS

ISSUED: JULY 24, 2013 PROPOSALS DUE: AUGUST 26, 2013

Addressing Housing Insecurity through Affordability and Access to Opportunity

<http://www.enterprisecommunity.com/where-we-work/pacific-northwest/priorities-and-impact>

→ Consolidated HUD News

OneCPD Resource Exchange users can browse guides and tools, laws and regulations, trainings, and other resources on the Resource Library pages. Users can also continue to use the search to find resources. SNAPs' program pages on the Homelessness Resource Exchange (HRE) will redirect to the OneCPD Resource Exchange.

The following Resource Library pages are now available:

The Homelessness Assistance and Resources page provides an overview of HUD's homelessness assistance programs, as well as links to program information, reports, data, reporting systems, and CoC information. <https://www.onecpd.info/news/>

→ Tacoma Planning Commission

The Tacoma Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, August 7, 2013, at 4:00 p.m., in Room 16, Tacoma Municipal Building North, 733 Market Street.

Agenda includes two discussion items: (1) **South Downtown Subarea Plan and EIS – Status Update**, and (2) Recreational Marijuana – Review of Initiative 502 and the City’s Options. The full packet can be viewed at www.cityoftacoma.org/Planning > “Planning Commission” > “Agendas-Minutes-Recordings”

Tacoma Planning & Development Links

<http://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/one.aspx?objectId=15609>

Comprehensive Plans

Sub-area Plans

Tacoma 2040

Mixed Use Centers

Municipal Code

and more....

➔ **Senator Cantwell Introduces Bipartisan Minimum Credit Rate Legislation**

S. 1442 “A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and to provide a minimum 4 percent credit rate for existing buildings”

<http://www.rentalhousingaction.org/blog/article-6>

➔ **Housing-related Job Openings**

mdc – making a difference in community - 3 positions for Education and Employment Navigator
<http://mdc-tacoma.org/how-to-engage/jobs>

Associated Ministries – Foreclosure Housing Counselor

<http://associatedministries.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Foreclosure-Housing-Counselor-13-08-01.pdf>

Increase in permits has City of Tacoma in hiring mode

http://www.thenewstribune.com/2013/07/31/2705631/increase-in-permits-has-city-in.html#emlnl=Local_News_Newsletter

➔ **Member News**

MDC is honored to announce the opening of The Randall Townsend Apartments this upcoming fall which will serve people experiencing homelessness due to a disability. It is based on a national best practice that is proven to reduce public costs to emergency services, increase community livability, and lead to the recovery of individuals living with developmental, physical, mental, and chemical dependency related disabilities.

MDC will extend its chemical dependency and mental health services, primary medical care, and education and employment services to those living in The Randall Townsend Apartments. These important programs, supported by 24 hour on-site staff, will offer residents the opportunity for wrap-around services necessary to rebuild their lives.

➔ **Member Events**

mdc Share Breakfast

Tuesday, September 24, 7:30 – 9 am

Temple Theater

47 North St Helens

Click: [MDC SHARE Breakfast Save The Date](#)

RSVP to Elisabeth at (253) 284-9079

→ How nonprofits are saving run-down homes

<http://realestate.msn.com/how-nonprofits-are-saving-run-down-homes>

→ PIERCE TRANSIT DELAYS SEPTEMBER SERVICE REDUCTIONS

IN LIGHT OF SALES TAX GROWTH <http://www.piercetransit.org/press-releases/?id=64>