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**NEWS UPDATE 12-04-2014**

## → Washington Budget Matters Conference

Friday, 12-12 8:30 am – 3 pm **Registration Deadline 12-08** Register → [Budget Matters 2014](#) conference  
9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Plenary

*Remy Trupin, Executive Director of the Washington State Budget & Policy Center*

**Budget Insiders:** *An in-depth discussion on the 2015-17 biennial budget with state policy leaders.*

Panelists: Senator Michael Baumgartner (R-6); Representative Ross Hunter (D-48); David Schumacher, Office of Financial Management; Enrique Cerna, KCTS Television (moderator).

**Governor Jay Inslee:** *A discussion on the intersection of climate and income inequality.*

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Morning Breakout Session (Attend One)

**Advancing Racial Equity in the 2015 Legislative Session**

**Designing Climate Change Programs with an Equity Lens**

**A Systemic Look at Mental Health Care: Psychiatric Boarding to Prevention**

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch and Keynote Speaker

**Harold Meyerson, opinion writer for *Washington Post* and Editor-at-Large for *The American Prospect*:**

*Remarks regarding income inequality, jobs quality, and social movements.*

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Afternoon Breakout Session (Attend One)

**Creating Good Jobs and Shared Prosperity for All**

**Getting Real About Revenue: The Systemic Tax Changes We Need to Build a Better Future for All Washingtonians**

**Two Generations, One Future: Reigniting a Movement to End Poverty**

## → Requesting Homeownership Topics & Speaker Suggestions for Housing Washington 2015

We are looking first for speakers or panelists who can appeal to diverse audiences, yet still speak to a homeownership focus. As we learned last year, coming up with a list of topics, rather than speakers, does not help the conference committee as much in their process. Therefore, we are focusing our efforts on a list of speakers this year. Speaker submissions should include the name, affiliation, area(s) of expertise, contact info, and [if applicable] personal connection to the stakeholder, or someone else in the state.

Please send your suggestions to [michaelg@communityframeworks.org](mailto:michaelg@communityframeworks.org) by **December 5th, 2014**

## → Housing & Homelessness Advocacy Day 2015: February 17 Olympia

Each year, the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance sets state legislative policy & budget priorities that support our vision of all Washington residents having the opportunity for a safe, healthy, affordable home in thriving communities. For 2015, we're pushing for a capital budget allocation that invests in affordable housing to serve roughly 30,000 households for the next 40 years. We're also advocating for a range of legislation to protect vulnerable tenants. Lastly, our state can become a national leader by creating a Medicaid Supportive Housing Services Benefit to help individuals with severe & chronic health conditions

stay off the street & live in a healthy home.

Check out our 2015 State Legislative Agenda here → <http://wliha.org/advocacy/state>

## → 25th Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness

May 13 and 14, 2015 Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center

The 2015 conference will bring over 600 homelessness providers and advocates from across the state to exchange innovative ideas, best practices, and grow the movement to end homelessness in Washington. Program and registration information will be available beginning in February 2015.

## → Corporate Social Responsibility Conference

March 12 Seattle

This one-day conference will explore the complexities of CSR initiatives and how companies are engaging with stakeholders to tell their story, collaborate on big issues, and creatively solve the adaptive leadership challenges that sustainability efforts create. Through panel discussions, our keynote luncheon address, and moderated roundtable discussions, we will leave participants with practical ideas to build purpose and profit in their own companies. [Learn more](#)

Located right here in the Pacific Northwest for the 4th consecutive year, the 2015 Conference on Corporate Social Responsibility boasts arguably the best speaking lineup yet, and includes CSR leaders from such companies as REI, K2 Sports, Pagliacci Pizza, Macrina Bakery, Edelman, Boston College Center for Corporate Citizenship and others. [Read bios](#)



## → City of Tacoma Funding Opportunity!



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## → Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle Announces 2015 AHP Implementation Plan

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle (Seattle Bank) is pleased to announce the release of its 2015 Affordable Housing Program (AHP) Implementation Plan. The [2015 AHP Implementation Plan](#) details requirements for the 2015 AHP and Home\$tart Programs, including a number of program changes for 2015. Several of these changes are summarized below for your convenience, but we encourage you to read the 2015 AHP Implementation Plan, which is available on the Community Investment section of the bank's website ([www.fhlbsea.com](http://www.fhlbsea.com)), for more complete information.

The 2015 AHP Implementation Plan will be effective from April 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015. As a reminder, to facilitate the ongoing availability of the 2014 Home\$tart Programs, the [2014 AHP Implementation Plan](#) will remain in effect through March 31, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

AHP and Home\$tart funding for 2015 will be based on the Seattle Bank's 2014 earnings, which we expect will be announced in February 2015.

Please note that the proposed merger between the Seattle Bank and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines (Des Moines Bank) will not impact the Seattle Bank's 2015 offering of AHP and Home\$tart. For example, in the event that the proposed merger is finalized during 2015, the Seattle Bank's allocation of AHP and Home\$tart funding and those programs' requirements will continue to be governed by the Seattle Bank's 2015 AHP Implementation Plan.

### ➔ **Important update for 2015 tax credit applicants**

The Washington State Housing Finance Commission approved the temporary Total Development Cost limit proposal based on the discretion of the Director of the Multifamily Housing and Community Facilities Division. Although these cost limits were approved, they were approved based on the sponsor substantiating the need to utilize these higher limits and stating what steps were taken to mitigate these costs.

All applicants assuming the temporary higher limits will need to submit a pre-approval request substantiating the need and discussing steps taken to mitigate these costs.

Please utilize the form [www.wshfc.org/mhcf/9percent/2015PreapprovalRequests/d1.TDCLimitWaiverRequest.xlsx](http://www.wshfc.org/mhcf/9percent/2015PreapprovalRequests/d1.TDCLimitWaiverRequest.xlsx) to request these additional limits and provide documentation of the need for these limits and your efforts to mitigate the costs. If you have already submitted a waiver request based on assuming the new limits additional information may be required. The pre-approval due date will be extended by one week if needed to accommodate this change. Please contact us immediately if you will need additional time, or have any questions regarding these changes.

**The 2015 9% LIHTC Application deadline is Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 by 5PM.**

### ➔ **HUD Links for Housing Counselors**

- [Email Technical Support for Housing Counselors](#)
- [HUD Housing Counseling Webpage](#)
- [The Bridge Housing Counseling Newsletter Archive](#)
- [Housing Counseling Listserv Archive](#)
- [Training Webinar Archive](#)
- [Events & Training Calendar](#)
- [Contracting Opportunities](#)
- [Career Opportunities](#)
- [Grant Opportunities](#)
- [Disaster Recovery Resources](#)
- [Foreclosure Assistance](#)
- [Making Home Affordable](#)
- [FHA Resource Center](#)
- [Index of HUD Listserv Mailing Lists](#)

### ➔ **It's time for nonprofits to advocate for their missions**

For nonprofit leaders, sitting on a board is not enough; it's time to stand up and advocate for the mission they espouse, writes guest columnist Sonya Campion.

[http://seattletimes.com/html/opinion/2025074087\\_campionopedphilanthropy22xml.html](http://seattletimes.com/html/opinion/2025074087_campionopedphilanthropy22xml.html)

## → Washington is one of only 3 states with increased poverty

### Mark Pereboom, TPCAHC President, MDC CEO

Our nation's most recent recession ended in 2009, and we have seen substantial improvements in employment and healthcare coverage nationwide. In 2013, unemployment rates dropped to 7.4% from 9.3% in 2009 and the number of uninsured adults dropped to 22.3% as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

The 2013 census found that only 3 states showed an increase in poverty numbers, and Washington is among them. The census found that 14.1% (967,282 people) of Washington residents live in poverty, an increase of over 50,000 people from the previous year. The data shows that the economic recovery seen throughout the nation is not reaching all income levels.

In fact, while segments of our community are thriving in the post-recession prosperity, inequality is increasing as well. The census showed that earnings in middle and low-income brackets remained stagnant, while the richest 5% saw a 6% increase. The wealthiest among us are thriving, while families in need continue to struggle to ensure basic needs.

Much like Community Action Agencies, we as a community are poised to respond to the changing context and pressing issues with flexibility and integrity. The census findings serve as a call to action to lawmakers, agencies like MDC, and community members alike. Policy-makers at the state and federal level can support equitable economic growth by pushing for increased minimum wages and tax rebates for working families. MDC, and community action agencies throughout the state, can continue to expand services in employment, education and financial assistance to those in need. And as a community, we can expand and strengthen these programs through contributions, advocacy and dialogue. We can refuse to accept a widening income gap as an indicator of widespread recovery.

A local economy only recovers when we all recover. As long as living costs continue to rise, but incomes stagnate, responsible and sustainable growth will not be seen. As a community of advocates and change-makers, we can create a landscape in Washington that ensures economic prosperity for all.