

SOUTH SOUND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY PARTNERS

2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WHO WE ARE

The South Sound Housing Affordability Partners is an intergovernmental collaboration of 15 Pierce County governments working to create and preserve affordable, attainable, and accessible housing throughout our community.

MEMBERSHIP

*City of Auburn
City of Dupont
City of Edgewood
City of Fife
City of Fircrest
City of Gig Harbor
City of Lakewood
City of Milton
Pierce County
Puyallup Tribe of Indians
City of Puyallup
City of Sumner
Town of Steilacoom
City of Tacoma
City of University Place*



CREATING HOUSING STABILITY

- Develop and expand aging-in-place options that seek to improve quality of life for seniors in our communities, such as providing opportunities for aging residents to affordably retain their homes.
- Develop anti-displacement options for local municipalities to utilize.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUBSIDY

- Fully fund the Washington Housing Trust Fund and support affordable homeownership investments.
- Funding to facilitate the acquisition of buildings and real property that can be utilized to provide affordable housing.
- Extend the 1406 remittance period to align with long range planning horizons.
- Funding for member identified priority projects.



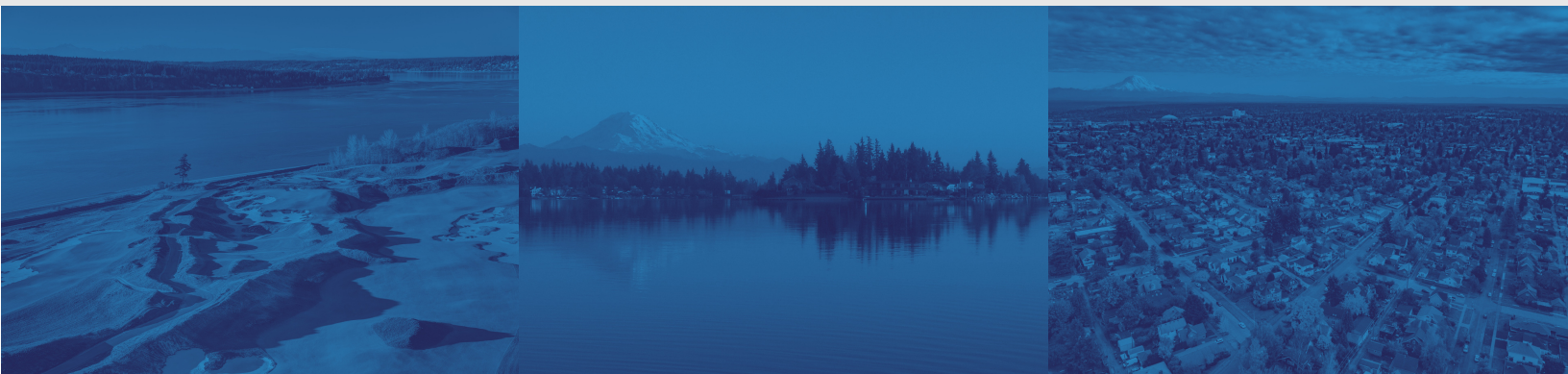
FACILITATING HOUSING SUPPLY

- Expand state support for local land use planning, including funding for Housing Action Plan Implementation and Planned Action EIS, to continue local efforts to create more housing opportunities.
- Expansion of the multi-family property tax exemption program.
- Provide options and support for regulatory streamlining and system updates.



SUPPORT / MONITOR / OPPOSE

- Support basic infrastructure funding via flexible funds through programs like the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA) and Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP) to help cities and towns fund basic infrastructure, critical to the development of housing.
- Support surplus land dispossession policy updates to provide greater flexibility for the homeownership development opportunities for low- and moderate-income households.
- Support rental assistance funding to limit evictions.
- Support operating funding for permanent supportive housing.
- Support creation of local revenue options to fund the development of affordable housing.
- Monitor proposals to increase access to homeownership opportunities, including condominium liability reform and recommendations made by the Homeownership Disparity Workgroup.
- Oppose preemption of local land use authority.



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