

Regional Housing Council

Funding Workgroup

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The Regional Housing Council's (RHC) Funding Workgroup is tasked with reviewing funding sources and priorities in support of the RHC's efforts to leverage resources to promote equitable access to safe and affordable housing in Thurston County. The workgroup makes recommendations to the RHC on the funding priorities included in the Requests for Proposals (RFP) for fund allocations and makes recommendations on funding awards to applicants in response to the RFPs.

Comprised of elected officials from the partner jurisdictions, the workgroup oversees the process of awarding roughly \$7-8 million in funds to support the homeless crisis response system, development of affordable housing, and other human service activities in Thurston County. The funds come from a mix of federal, state, and local sources.

The RHC issued an RFP in February 2021 with applications submitted in early April. The Funding Workgroup received 48 applications requesting approximately \$11.6 million in funding. The workgroup completed its review and presented its recommendations to the full RHC at its May 28, 2021 meeting. The Board of County Commissioners make final funding decisions based on the recommendations from the RHC. The commissioners voted on the funding distribution on June 15, 2021.

The Funding Workgroup seeks the input of the Thurston Thrives Housing Action Team (HAT) to ensure the workgroup understands the needs and gaps in the housing systems when setting the funding priorities.

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