

Affordable Housing Advisory Board to the Regional Housing Council

The primary purpose of the Affordable Housing Advisory Board is to make recommendations to the [Regional Housing Council \(RHC\)](#) on priorities, funding and policies related to the expenditures of the combined county-wide and Olympia Home Fund, Federal HOME Investment Partnership, HB 1406, and HB 2060, and any other existing or future fund sources controlled by the RHC and which the RHC may deem appropriate.

Board membership must include representatives from the following groups:

- At least one-third, but no more than one-half of members must be residents of Olympia or represent organizations located in Olympia.
- The jurisdictions of Lacey, Tumwater, Yelm, and unincorporated Thurston County must each be represented by at least one member who is a resident of or represents an organization with a housing focus that substantially operates in their jurisdiction. If a qualified member from a jurisdiction is not identified, a position on the Board will be held open until a qualified member from that jurisdiction is approved to serve on the Board. Each jurisdiction should pro-actively work to recruit potential members to apply to serve on the Advisory Board.
- Two members must be active members of the Thurston Thrives Housing Action Team. One member will be an active representative of the Thurston Thrives Affordable Housing Team.
- Two members must represent the Lived Experience Steering Committee, be a current resident of a subsidized housing unit, be eligible to participate in a federally subsidized housing voucher program, have lived experience of houselessness, or belong to a population who is over-represented within Thurston County's homeless system.

Board composition may include representatives from the following groups, with the intent to have a diverse mix of affordable housing-related expertise represented on the Advisory Board with no more than 3 persons representing each of the following categories.

- Affordable housing lender
- Affordable housing developer
- Housing provider
- Coordinated Entry provider
- Behavioral health or primary care provider
- Affordable housing advocate
- Business representative
- Real estate broker
- By and For Community Member. By and For organizations are operated by and for the community they serve. Their primary mission and history are serving a specific community and they are culturally based, directed, and substantially controlled by individuals from the

population they serve. At the core of their programs, the organizations embody the community's central cultural values. These communities may include ethnic and racial minorities; immigrants and refugees; individuals who identify as LGBTQ+, individuals with disabilities or who are deaf; and Native Americans.

The City of Olympia Home Fund Manager and the Thurston County Affordable Housing Manager or appointed staff will be lead staff supporting the work of the Affordable Housing Advisory Board. Staff will act in an administrative role and as liaisons with the RHC.