

## **Thurston Regional Housing Council is Recruiting Members for its Two Advisory Boards**

Applications due January 31, 2024 for open positions on the Homeless Services Advisory Board and the Thurston Affordable Housing Advisory Board.

**Monday, January 22, 2024**

The Thurston Regional Housing Council (RHC) is recruiting new members for the Thurston Affordable Housing Advisory Board and the Homeless Services Advisory Board. These advisory boards make recommendations to the RHC on priorities, funding and policies related to federal, state and local funds under their respective purviews. With a minimum of eight and a maximum of 14 voting members, each board is made up of a broad-based group of residents and community partners who advise the RHC on how best to invest limited affordable-housing money and related social-services dollars.

### **Thurston Affordable Housing Advisory Board (TAHAB)**

The Thurston Affordable Housing Advisory Board makes recommendations on expenditures of the combined county-wide and Olympia Home Fund, the federal HOME Investment Partnership, HB 1406 and HB 2060, and any other existing or future fund sources controlled by the RHC.

Thurston Affordable Housing Advisory Board is recruiting for three positions with an emphasis on selecting applicants with experience or representation in any of these areas:

- Affordable housing lender
- Behavioral health or primary care provider
- Real estate broker
- Lives or works in Tumwater
- Lives or works in Lacey

Learn more about Thurston Affordable Housing Advisory Board and apply at [bit.ly/TAHABapp](https://bit.ly/TAHABapp). Applications are due January 31, 2024.

### **Homeless Services Advisory Board (HSAB)**

The Homeless Services Advisory Board makes recommendations related to the expenditures of the Consolidated Homeless Grant, Housing and Essential Needs, HB 2163 and HB 1277, Emergency Housing Fund, and the Human Services Fund. Additionally, it makes recommendations on any funding designated for homeless services by the RHC from the Thurston County Home Fund.

The Homeless Services Advisory Board is recruiting for four positions with an emphasis on selecting applicants with experience or representation in any of these areas:

- Veteran advocate
- Behavioral health or primary care provider
- Disability service provider
- Lives or works in Tumwater

Learn more about the Homeless Services Advisory Board and apply at [bit.ly/HSABapp](https://bit.ly/HSABapp). Applications are due January 31, 2024.

### **Regional Housing Council Members**

**Carolyn Cox**, Chair  
City of Lacey  
Councilmember

**Carolina Mejia**, Vice-Chair  
Thurston County  
Commissioner

**Dani Madrone**  
City of Olympia  
Councilmember

**Michael Althausen**  
City of Tumwater  
Councilmember

**Trevor Palmer**  
City of Yelm  
Councilmember

Applicants must live or work in Thurston County and have experience or expertise related to homeless services or affordable housing to be eligible to serve on these advisory boards. Thurston Regional Housing Council is committed to centering people with lived experience/expertise within homelessness, eligible to live in subsidized housing and those who's identity groups are overrepresented within those seeking services in Thurston County's Homeless Crisis Response System, including Black, Indigenous, People of Color, LGBTQIA+, and people living with disabilities.

Although there will be an emphasis on selecting applicants with experiences/representation above, all eligible and interested applicants are encouraged to apply.

To learn more about Thurston Regional Housing Council visit [bit.ly/ThurstonRHC](https://bit.ly/ThurstonRHC).