Everyone should have the opportunity to live in a safe, healthy, affordable home. Since 1986, the Housing Trust Fund has created 47,000 homes across Washington. At any given time, approximately 78,000 of Washington’s most vulnerable residents live in Housing Trust Fund homes.

The Housing Trust Fund is funded through the Capital Budget and investments are allocated to non-profits and public housing authorities on a competitive basis. Homes built by the Housing Trust Fund remain affordable for at least 40 years, and provide homes for families, seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, farmworkers, and more.

Across Washington, rents are rising rapidly. A full time worker must earn $18.39 per hour to afford the average cost of a modest one-bedroom rental home. Homes created by the Housing Trust Fund help ease this disparity by increasing the number of homes available to lower wage workers, and are created across the state in rural, urban, suburban, and small town communities.

Children need a stable home to take advantage of educational opportunities, but in the 2014-2015 school year, 35,511 students in Washington were identified as homeless. Without a home children struggle more in school, which is why the graduation rate for homeless students is just 52%. Housing instability causes families to relocate frequently, and every time a child changes schools they lose four to six months of educational progress. The Housing Trust Fund creates homes that provide the foundation a child needs to thrive.

A home is the foundation for health, education, and well-being. The Housing Trust Fund is Washington’s most important investment in affordable homes.