



2018 Conference on Ending Homelessness Call for Session Proposals FAQs

May 22 – 23, 2018 in Yakima, Washington

Session Proposal Submission Deadline

Due by Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 11:59 PM

Proposal submission form is available at www.wliha.org/conference

Instructions and Background Information

What's the Conference on Ending Homelessness?

The Conference is an annual event that brings together hundreds of people from across our state and region who are working to end homelessness. Together, we meet for two days to learn from each other, exchange ideas and share advice, get inspired and re-energized, and organize to grow the movement to end homelessness in Washington and beyond.

Conference Date and Location

The 2018 Conference on Ending Homelessness will take place on May 22 and 23, 2018 at the Yakima Convention Center located at 10 North 8th Street, Yakima, Washington 98901.

Who Attends the Conference?

People from every community in Washington and our neighboring states are represented at the Conference. Participants include people with direct experience of homelessness and housing instability, advocates and community members, direct service providers and clinicians, non-profit staff and board members, funders and members of the philanthropy community, and government staff and elected officials.

Benefits of Becoming a 2018 Conference Presenter

Conference presenters gain visibility and recognition as leaders in their field and play an important role in advancing peer-to-peer learning. Presenters will also receive a complimentary registration on the day of their presentation and a discounted conference registration fee to attend the full conference. Travel support is available for speakers who are living on low incomes or work for small organizations with limited travel budgets.

Proposal Submission Assistance

Please contact Kate Baber at conference@wliha.org or 206-442-9455 x200 if you need assistance completing or submitting your proposal form.

What Topics Are Featured at the Conference?

We strive to include speakers and topics that are representative of communities across Washington and are inclusive of the diverse learning needs of our community. We welcome session proposals that cover advocacy and community organizing, direct service delivery and housing strategies, anti-racism and anti-oppression, and the service and housing needs of specific populations and communities.

The following topics have been discussed at previous conferences:

Advocacy	Housing Strategies	Resident Engagement
Anti-Oppression	Landlord Engagement	Resident Organizing
Anti-Racism	LGBTQIA Housing Justice	Rural Communities
Behavioral Health	Local Campaigns	Self Care
Case Management	Immigrants	Seniors
Communities of Color	Movement Building	Single Adults
Communication	Org. Development	Student Homelessness
Community Organizing	Physical Health	Supportive Housing
Direct Services	Previously Incarcerated	Tenant Rights
Disabilities	People	Veterans
Domestic Violence	Public Policy	Youth
Fair Housing	Refugees	Young Adults
Families		

Session Proposal Selection Criteria

The conference program committee will work to develop a well-balanced and diverse program that meets the learning needs of our statewide audience. Presentations featuring new and creative ideas, evidence based practices, anti-racism, anti-oppression, and audience engagement will be prioritized. Reviewers will evaluate proposals and prioritize those that:

- Are fully complete by the submission deadline;
- Are relevant for a statewide audience;
- Include presenters who have experience related to the session topic;
- Offer opportunities for participants to develop new skills;
- Share insights on how to replicate a successful model;
- Present service delivery and housing models that are recognized as evidence-based best practices;
- Address anti-racism and anti-oppression;
- Include diverse mix of presenters based on race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, ability, class background, and geographic area (rural, urban, suburban);
- Avoid the promotion or selling of products, organizations, or companies;
- Take into consideration all of the above criteria and submit the proposal form by the 11:59 PM deadline on Wednesday, November 9, 2017.

Conference Session Formats

Typically, 75 - 100 people attend each conference session, and rooms can be set up in theater style (rows of chairs) or round tables. Sessions will be scheduled for 75 or 90-minute time blocks between the hours of 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 and 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. Formats other than traditional presentations are encouraged, including panel discussions, single speakers, moderated debates, interactive workshops, etc. The number of speakers (including moderators) in each workshop will be limited to four people.

Audio Visual Equipment

Each session will be provided with AV equipment, including a computer, projector, screen, microphones, and a sound system. AV technician will be available throughout the conference to provide support to speakers.

Session Proposals Selection Timeline

The conference program committee, which is a committee of Housing Alliance staff and homelessness stakeholders from across the state, will review session proposals during Fall 2017. Historically, more proposals have been submitted than the number of spots that are available. The committee will make its final session selections and notify all people who submitted a proposal of its selection decisions no than Monday, January 15, 2018.

Conference Registration

Registration will open in early Spring 2018 at www.wliha.org/conference.

Conference Scholarships

Scholarship applications will open in early Spring 2018 at www.wliha.org/conference. Travel support is available for speakers who are living on low incomes or work for small organizations with limited travel budgets.

Questions?

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