



## 2020 Conference on Ending Homelessness Call for Session Proposals FAQ

### Session Proposal Submission Process

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- Session proposals are due by Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 5:00 PM.
- Submit a proposal online at [surveymonkey.com/r/coeh2020sessionproposal](https://surveymonkey.com/r/coeh2020sessionproposal).
- Download a PDF preview of the proposal submission questions [here](#).

### Background Information

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#### What is 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 2020 Conference on Ending Homelessness will take place October 7-8, 2020 at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center, 1500 Commerce Street, Tacoma, WA 98402.

#### Who Attends the Conference?

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

#### Benefits of Becoming a 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 [conference@wliha.org](mailto:conference@wliha.org) or 206-442-9455 x207 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, equity and racial justice, and the service and housing needs of specific populations and communities.

The following topics have been discussed at previous conferences:

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

## 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, equity and racial justice, 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 equity and racial justice;
- 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 5:00pm deadline on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

## **Conference Session Formats**

Typically, 75 - 100 people attend each conference session, and rooms are set up in theater style (rows of chairs). Sessions will be scheduled for 75 or 90-minute time blocks between the hours of 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM on October 7 and 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM on October 8.

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**

AV equipment is available for sessions, including a computer, projector, screen, microphones, and a sound system. An 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 in the spring. We are likely to receive more proposals than the number of spots available. The committee will make its final session selections and notify all people who submitted a proposal of its selection decisions by Friday, May 15, 2020.

## **Conference Registration**

Registration will open in the spring at [www.wliha.org/conference](http://www.wliha.org/conference).

## **Conference Scholarships**

The scholarship application window will open by June 1 at [www.wliha.org/conference](http://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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