

**Building the movement
to ensure that everyone
in Washington has the
opportunity to live in a
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Build and Preserve Safe, Healthy, Affordable Homes

**Update: The legislature passed a Capital Budget with \$106.8 million for the Housing Trust Fund!
Continue to prioritize funding for affordable homes.**

Everyone should have the opportunity to live in a safe, healthy, affordable home. Since 1986, the Housing Trust Fund has been an important part of the solution to homelessness.

The Housing Trust Fund provides homes for families with children, seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, farmworkers and more. It also helps families with low incomes become first time homebuyers. Homes built by the Housing Trust Fund remain affordable for at least 40 years.

Across Washington, rents are rising rapidly. A full time worker must earn \$18.88 per hour to afford the average cost of a modest one-bedroom rental home. The Housing Trust Fund eases this disparity by building affordable homes for low wage workers 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 2015-2016 school year, 39,671 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.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Since 1986, the Housing Trust Fund has created 47,000 homes across Washington. At any given time, approximately 78,000 of Washington's low-income residents live in homes built by the Housing Trust Fund
- Every dollar invested in the Housing Trust Fund leverages, on average, five additional dollars from other public and private sources
- Over half of households served by the Housing Trust Fund include at least one person with special needs
- Two thirds of Housing Trust Fund households are considered extremely low-income, earning approximately \$22,000 per year for a family of four
- Approximately 10% of Housing Trust Fund homes have helped low-income households become first time home owners
- Creating homes also creates jobs and generates income in local communities. \$100 million would fuel 4,508 local jobs and generate over \$327 million in local income

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