



King County

Invest in the Housing Trust Fund and other revenue sources to support community-based housing solutions

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Action Request

Invest in the Housing Trust Fund and other revenue sources to support community-based housing solutions. These investments are needed to ensure people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families have stable housing that is accessible, equitable, safe, and affordable.

Housing stability for people with I/DD is threatened by the affordable housing crisis

A growing number of adults with I/DD, including those living with aging parents and families with moderate to very low incomes, are facing a crisis in finding accessible, and affordable housing. Statewide, there are 14,856 adults enrolled in the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) system who are living with a parent or relative, including 288 clients over the age of 62 years.¹ Aging family caregivers face the dilemma of where their adult family members with I/DD will live, and who will provide care for them, when living at home is no longer an option. An estimated 37,000 adults with I/DD in Washington State are facing housing insecurity.² Affordable housing, with support services, is needed immediately to ensure the stability of housing for people with I/DD living in our communities.

Invest in state and community-based housing options to stabilize people and families

Housing enables people with I/DD to be included in the community and contribute socially and economically to the communities where they live. Investments to increase the housing supply are needed to build a diverse stock of affordable homes in King County. Accessibility is key and requires a wide range of housing options including scattered site housing, Adult Family Homes, single family homes, and apartment units in locations across the community.

People with I/DD need support services to live as independently as possible

Housing stability for people with I/DD also depends on pairing accessible, affordable homes with support services that enable people to live as independently as possible. Supported Living and other services funded by DDA, which help individuals live in their own homes, are essential for people leaving institutions or hospital settings to ensure a successful transition into their communities.

Increase Investments in the Washington State Housing Trust Fund

The Housing Trust Fund is a primary state resource for developing affordable housing in King County. Increasing investments in the Housing Trust Fund, while addressing barriers for organizations serving the I/DD population to accessing the fund, will result in additional permanent housing to reduce homelessness and support vulnerable populations including people with I/DD.

¹ [Washington State Department of Social and Health Services; Developmental Disabilities Administration 2021 Caseload and Cost Report dated October 15, 2021](#)

² [Washington State Department of Social and Health Services; Housing Fund Priority Study Report dated October 1, 2022](#)

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