The 2000s

As our community’s needs grow, so do we...

Only a few years into the new Century, a financial crisis - precipitated by the bursting of the US housing bubble – caused a recession so severe it echoed that of the Great Depression. HDC members had to find new ways to come together, and they did so with unprecedented success.

2002 - HDC leads the Seattle Housing Levy renewal effort resulting in $36 million, to support multiple types of housing, with 55% approval.

2008 - HDC helps pass King County’s first Vets and Human Services Levy, providing over $1.5 million/year through 2011, to help people in need around the County.

2007 - With HDC support, the WA State Legislature passes multifamily tax exemption, bringing in for profit support for affordable housing.

2007 - HDC launches its “Future of the Field” initiative to generate a region-wide movement, raising the profile of the need for affordable housing by expanding membership to become an even more comprehensive, collective voice for the sector, and to develop our region’s future affordable housing leaders.

2008 - HDC advocacy succeeds in getting incentive zoning passed in the City of Seattle.

2009 - Seattle voters again approve a city housing levy for $145 million with 66% approval.

Housing solutions are not “one size fits all.” Thousands of doors have opened to meet a range of diverse community and residents’ needs.

By the end of the decade, HDC members created or preserved 37,620 affordable homes ....and HDC membership rose to 93 by 2009.

Henry Hoffman becomes the organization’s second Executive Director in 2001, helping to further the “Future of the Field” vision through establishing a broader membership base and strengthening cross-sector collaborations.