

The Housing Development Consortium of Seattle-King County (HDC) is the nonprofit membership association of 190+ private businesses, nonprofit organizations, and public partners dedicated to the vision that all people live with dignity in safe, healthy, affordable homes in communities of opportunity. HDC invites you to join us as we advocate for the following bill at the state level in 2022.

FUND AFFORDABLE HOMES

We urge strong support of Governor Inslee's bold budget proposal of more than **\$815 million dollars for affordable housing and homelessness**. This budget rises to the great challenge that our state faces to solve our affordable housing and homelessness crisis. Housing costs are skyrocketing across the state, and each month residents are faced with the impossible dilemma of either paying the rent or meeting their other basic needs like medicine, childcare, or utility bills.

- Fund the State Housing Trust Fund at a historically high level in particular, allocate at least \$400 million of one-time federal ARPA funds available in the 2022 State budget to fund affordable housing
- Establish a permanent funding source for the HTF
- Pass a Real Estate Excise Tax Exemption for sale or transfer of real property to a non-profit, public housing authority for affordable housing

BUILD & MAINTAIN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

- Lead efforts on reducing the Residential Prevailing Wage rates impact and work towards a new methodology that supports the affordable housing need
- Support a bill to provide funding for local jurisdictions to update their comprehensive plans and increase opportunities for affordable housing while countering displacement. This funding would support implementation of 2021's E2SHB 1220.
- Lead advocacy and mobilization for the Housing Benefit District bill creating a pilot program to give authority to counties and cities to establish a housing benefit district (HBD) for affordable low- and middle-income housing projects (HB1128)
- Support the Health and Homes Act of 2022, immediately expanding the supportive housing supply statewide, investing in health care and case management
- Lead advocacy for the Black Homeownership Initiative policy reform recommendations



2022 State Support Advocacy Agenda

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- Support Foreclosure Prevention Funding
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BUILD & MAINTAIN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

- Support Increased Density zones within Urban Growth Areas and provide for distribution of REET revenues within such zones (HB1157)
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IMPROVE HEALTH, STABILITY & SUSTAINABILITY OF HOUSING

- In coalition with climate advocates, support bills to decarbonize the built environment sector
- Support the Housing Justice Act bill that will address the arbitrary barriers that people exiting the criminal justice system face in acquiring rental housing