



WASHINGTON LOW INCOME
Housing Alliance

2021 Legislative Session!

Lead Agenda Items

- **Increase and Preserve Affordable Housing:**
Invest \$240 million for the Housing Trust Fund and an additional \$10 million from the Capital Budget for preservation of affordable housing (USDA and other properties at risk of loss).
- **Keep people in their homes and prevent an increase in homelessness:**
Pass statewide protections against discriminatory and arbitrary evictions (good cause termination requirements) and prevent evictions based on nonpayment of rent with improved legal protections and rental assistance.
- **Increase state resources to prevent and end homelessness:**
Significantly increase the state's document recording fee to increase resources to prevent homelessness.
- **Protect against any cuts to affordable housing, homelessness and human services programs by passing significant new progressive revenue.**

Additional Lead Agenda Items

- Ban discrimination against renters based on a prior criminal record (Housing Justice Act).
- Foreclosure prevention.
- Equity and racial justice: support a racial justice and/or immigrant rights ask (if appropriate and asked to do so).
- Prevent any expansion of the MFTE program without requiring deeper affordability, tenant protections and anti-displacement protections.
- Support the state Health Care Authority's ask to the legislature for Foundation Community Supports (FCS) renewal authority and a state funding match.

Join our growing advocacy community!

- Testify in a legislative committee!
- Send emails or make phone calls to your state lawmakers!
- Share petitions, sign-on letters and action alerts around your community!
- Join us for (virtual) Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day!
- Sign up to advocate here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021AdvocatesSignUp>



Speak TRUTH to POWER!



Speak your
truth! Tell your
story!

- Do you have a story to share?
- Do you know someone who may want to share their experiences of housing instability or of housing success?
- Get connected with us!

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What does advocacy look like in a virtual world?

- MUCH less travel to Olympia!
- Expect committee hearings in both chambers to be conducted via Zoom
 - Accessibility will be key. You can help make this happen.
- Ask your lawmakers' staff how they want to conduct meetings
- Get creative to liven up the digital box!
- <https://leg.wa.gov/> will be a crucial resource, as usual



1, 2, 3! Take action today!

- 1) Sign up for Housing Alliance action alerts!
<https://wliha.salsalabs.org/wlihaemailsignup/index.html>
- 2) Email your lawmakers urging them to fund rental assistance and invest in affordable housing!
<https://housingalliance.salsalabs.org/investinhousingaffordabilityandstability>
- 3) Are you a nonprofit board member or director? Pass a board resolution in support of progressive revenue! Email John Stovall at johns@wliha.org

TAKE ACTION NOW!



Questions?

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