



SOUTH KING HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PARTNERS

REQUEST FOR ADVISORY BOARD CANDIDATES

Our priority application deadline is June 30, 2021 though applications received after that date will be reviewed on a rolling basis, as vacancies allow. Applicants are asked to submit an application to info@skhhp.org with a reference to the candidate's name in the email subject line OR mail the application to:

SKHHP
Attn: Trish Abbate
25 W. Main St.
Auburn, WA 98001

A review committee comprised of SKHHP staff and workgroup members will review and score applications, and submit recommendations to the SKHHP Executive Board.

Please send all questions and inquiries to info@skhhp.org

BACKGROUND

South King Housing and Homelessness Partners (SKHHP) is a collaboration, formalized by an Interlocal Agreement, between King County and nine cities in South King County. These communities face intense pressures from rising housing prices, increasing displacement of the most vulnerable community members, and an existing housing stock insufficient in quantity, quality, and affordability. Through SKHHP, these high-need, lower-resourced communities can pool assets and take a coordinated and comprehensive approach to producing and preserving quality affordable housing in South King County. Current SKHHP members are King County (representing the unincorporated areas of South King County) and the cities of Auburn, Burien, Covington, Des Moines, Federal Way, Kent, Normandy Park, Renton, and Tukwila.

SKHHP's decision-making structure includes an Executive Board and an Advisory Board. SKHHP also convenes a staff workgroup, which represents partner jurisdictions in the areas of housing programs, human services, land use planning, and economic development and meets monthly to inform SKHHP staff and the Executive Board.

The Advisory Board will consist of 12-15 community members who will inform and influence the Executive Board decisions for land and/or money resource allocation, policy recommendations, and program development.

SKHHP is committed to amplifying and ensuring that community voices inform our work to increase access to affordable housing throughout South King County. SKHHP recognizes the

history of institutional racism in systematically marginalizing Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) communities who continue to be disproportionately affected by today's housing crisis. As a result, SKHHP's work to address the affordable housing crisis in our region demands that we work to undo these systems of oppression. In turn, SKHHP is committed to creating multiple pathways to incorporate community voices, including an Advisory Board that represents South King County and populations most affected by the loss of affordable housing in our region.

PURPOSE

The role of the SKHHP Advisory Board will in part be defined by the group of individuals who embody the board itself, based off the unique individual and collective strengths, experience, and interest of the convening board. Generally, the purpose of the Advisory Board is to:

- Provide connection to and advancement of the broader interests of the local community(ies) and/or interests they represent.
- Draw on collective knowledge and experience to inform and influence SKHHP Executive Board decisions by providing recommendations on land and/or money resource allocation for affordable housing projects, policy needs related to housing stability, program design and development, emergency shelter and other immediate affordable housing needs.
- Strengthen Executive Board, staff workgroup, and other interested parties understanding of community needs and interests related to affordable housing and homelessness in South King County.

EXPECTED ACTIVITIES

With support from SKHHP staff and the staff workgroup, some examples of focus areas include:

- Provide recommendations on annual SKHHP work plan goals and priorities
- Provide recommendations on policies, programs and projects that address goals for housing stability, preservation of affordable housing, and affordable housing production
- Provide ongoing analysis of SKHHP's goals, priorities, and resource allocations to ensure that decision-making supports SKHHP's intention to address disparities in the housing system and distribute resources using equity and racial justice for defining objectives and measuring progress.
- Provide recommendations on project and program specific engagement strategies that empower voices of communities that are most disproportionately impacted by the housing crisis.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REPRESENTATION

BIPOC communities are disproportionately represented in people experiencing homelessness and housing cost burden and are currently and historically underrepresented in positions of

power. An estimated 45% of South King County residents identify as BIPOC. SKHHP is committed to elevating the voices of BIPOC community members and will prioritize BIPOC representation on the Advisory Board that reflects the population of BIPOC communities in South King County.

Each Advisory Board member must meet the following qualifications:

- Live, work, or be affiliated with service provisions within the South King County region, as SKHHP's existence is a collaborative model created to provide a specific South King County focused space to address the housing needs for the communities within South King County
- Interest in collaboratively working in a team setting with various community and government stakeholders
- Possess a personal and/or professional commitment to understanding and working to undo the impacts of institutionalized racism and disparities experienced by BIPOC communities
- Personal and/or professional expertise, and affiliation with agencies, coalitions, organizations, or networks from/or serving the following communities:
 - Low-income households
 - Immigrant and refugee populations
 - People living with disabilities and/or behavioral health needs
 - People experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity including the following population groups:
 - BIPOC
 - Aging adults / seniors
 - LGBTQ+
 - Multi-generational households
 - Youth
 - Veterans
 - People with criminal history

We recognize that individuals may embody multiple identities and aim to assemble a group that collectively incorporates the following experience:

- Affordable housing / nonprofit housing developers
- Tenant rights educators / advocates
- Personal/professional knowledge of homelessness
- Affordable rental and homeownership housing finance expertise
- Experience and knowledge of South King County communities and community-based organizations and/or local and regional governance structures

ADVISORY BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

The Advisory Board will meet monthly and review meeting materials as prepared by SKHHP staff (approximate time commitment of 3-5 hours per month). Advisory Board members will be appointed by the SKHHP Executive Board to a four-year term with service limited to a total of two consecutive terms. Members that are not able to serve the full four-year appointment may opt out at any time.