



South King Housing and Homelessness Partners (SKHHP)

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Legislative Priority

South King County is facing a growing affordable housing crisis. In order to address this crisis, we need to fund all aspects of affordable housing, including:

- Homeownership for moderate income households and below
- Preservation of naturally occurring affordable housing (NOAH)
- Land acquisition to secure permanent affordability
- Permanent supportive housing (PSH)
- Infrastructure around affordable housing developments
- Workforce housing; especially smaller sized units below 60% AMI and family sized units at all income levels

Our Communities

- Residents in South King County face rising housing costs and decreasing affordable supply in ways not found elsewhere in King County.¹
- SKHHP member cities are under intense pressure to support their residents' ability to remain in the community.
- 55% of SKHHP city residents identify as persons of color.²
- SKHHP member cities' average household income is 30% lower than King County's (\$113,542 vs \$161,206).³
- South King County residents have the lowest life expectancy in King County, with Auburn-South being the lowest expectancy at birth.⁴

Housing Capital Fund

SKHHP member cities pool funds to support the production and preservation of affordable housing in South King County through the SKHHP Housing Capital Fund. Funding supports the needs of low-income households earning up to 60% of area median income. Funding priorities include projects that advance racial equity, geographic equity, and economic opportunity. To date, SKHHP has supported projects with 550 units of affordable housing in South King County and over \$11 million has been pooled.

Executive Board

SKHHP is governed by a joint board, referred to as the Executive Board, created by an Interlocal Agreement. Each SKHHP partner jurisdiction appoints an elected official or administrator to serve as their representative to guide the work of SKHHP staff. The Executive Board sets SKHHP's workplan and budget and makes final recommendations on Housing Capital Fund projects.

Community Advisory Board

An advisory board made up of members of the community and local housing organizations provides guidance to the Executive Board and informs the selection of Housing Capital Fund projects. The Advisory Board ensures representation of South King County's diverse communities within SKHHP's work.

Who We Are

Formed in 2019 by an Interlocal Agreement, we are a collaboration between 11 South King County cities and King County united under the common goal to ensure the availability of housing for all income levels of residents in South King County. We achieve this through a focus on the production and preservation of affordable housing, partnership with public and private organizations, pooling and sharing resources, and advancing housing policies.

Purpose

Create a coordinated, comprehensive, and equitable approach to increasing housing stability, reducing homelessness, and producing and preserving quality affordable housing in South King County.

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1 Puget Sound Regional Council: [Regional Housing Strategy 2022 Monitoring Report](#) (p. 31)
 2 2021 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates: [P1 - Race](#)
 3 Calculated the weighted average household income of SKHHP member cities using total number of households by city and average household income by city as published in the 2021 ACS: [S1901 - Income in the Past 12 Months](#)
 4 [King County Community Health Needs Assessment 2024/2025](#) (p. 62)