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Everett Housing Authority
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Housing Authority of Snohomish County
Housing Hope
Intercommunity Mercy Housing
Low Income Housing Institute
Salvation Army
Senior Services of Snohomish County
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Strategic Plan 2007-2010



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The Mission of the Housing Consortium of Everett and Snohomish County is to provide strategic leadership in crafting policy and program solutions to affordable housing challenges in Snohomish County.

Affordable, safe housing is considered a human right and yet, it is a growing challenge for people in households with less than the median income in Snohomish County. Consider the following:

- More than 2,600 homeless people were identified in Snohomish County in January 2006 during the annual Homeless Point-in-Time count.
- In a low-income needs assessment conducted by Snohomish County Human Services Department in 2006, 71% of respondents said that housing assistance is extremely important to their households. 38% of respondents said that housing assistance is very hard to get.
- The area median income for 2006 is \$63,313, which does not allow a family to qualify for a median priced house (\$340,000) in Snohomish County.
- With fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Snohomish County at \$854, a family needs an annual income of \$34,160 to afford an apartment. The hourly wage needed to afford a two-bedroom apartment is \$16.42, while the minimum wage in Washington State is \$7.63 an hour.



- In 2000, there were approximately 54,000 households in Snohomish County who are described as housing cost-burdened. They earned less than 80% of the area median income, and spent more than 30% of their household income on housing. By 2017, this number is expected to climb to more than 73,000 households.

In response to the need for affordable housing in our community, the Housing Consortium of Everett and Snohomish County has developed a vision for the future.

The Vision:

Snohomish County leaders and residents collaborate to provide safe, secure, affordable housing opportunities for all members of our community, regardless of their economic situation.

To achieve this vision, the Housing Consortium of Everett and Snohomish County has adopted the following goals to focus the organization's efforts and energy:

Goals 2007—2010

1. Create a communications strategy for affordable housing issues in Snohomish County.
2. Expand public awareness about the need for and value of affordable housing.
3. Expand the knowledge of affordable housing issues and resources within local city governments.
4. Increase local city resources and funding (direct or indirect) allocated to affordable housing.
5. Educate local, state and federal policy makers and elected officials about affordable housing in Snohomish County.
6. Participate in County processes for developing an affordable housing Production Plan and effective growth management housing policies.
7. Conduct a levy campaign or alternate campaign to create a countywide revenue stream to support the County's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness and the Affordable Housing Production Plan.
8. Adopt an annual advocacy plan for the State Legislature.
9. Involve stakeholders in affordable housing policy decisions at critical junctures.
10. Increase funding for State Housing Trust Fund.
11. Build the capacity of non-profit agencies to increase the production of affordable housing in Snohomish County.
12. Produce and publish timely reports on issues affecting local affordable housing policy.