



Action Request

Increase the supply of affordable housing, including housing for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), through investments that include \$250 million for the Housing Trust Fund.

More Affordable Housing Options are Needed for Individuals with I/DD

A growing number of adults with I/DD, including those living with aging parents, and families with moderate to very low incomes, are facing a crisis in finding affordable, accessible and appropriate housing. Statewide, there are 13,376 individuals enrolled in the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) system who are age 18 or older, including 248 adults over age 62, who are living with a parent.¹

A wide range of affordable housing options, including Adult Family Homes, single family homes, and apartment units are needed to enable individuals with I/DD to be included in the community and contribute socially and economically to the communities where they live.

Extremely Low-Income People with I/DD Need Affordable Housing

The primary income source for many individuals with I/DD enrolled in the state Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) service system is Social Security Income (SSI). SSI is a federal program for people whose disabilities significantly limit their ability to earn an income. It provides cash to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter.

In King County, housing can cost more than twice the monthly income of individuals who rely on SSI. The 2020 monthly SSI payment in Washington is \$783,² while the 2020 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development fair market rate for a one-bedroom apartment in King County is \$1,741.³

¹ State Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) 2020 Caseload and Cost Report.

² SSA 2020 Social Security Changes based on CPI and COLA.

³ HUD USER FY 2020 Fair Market Rent Documentation System fair market rates for Seattle-Bellevue bedroom units.

Supportive Housing is Needed

Stable housing for people with I/DD includes both a physical structure and supportive services that enable individuals to live as independently as possible, including programs funded by state DDA. Such services are tailored to meet the individual's needs, including cultural and linguistic support, and deliver the right level of personal care in the individual's own home. Housing also needs to be accessible and near public transportation.

Increase Housing Supply

Investments to increase the housing supply are needed to build a diverse stock of affordable homes in the King County region and to serve people experiencing homelessness or who are at-risk of homelessness. Funding sources for affordable housing should ensure regulations do not create barriers for developing housing.

Invest in the Housing Trust Fund

The Washington State Housing Trust Fund provides funds for the construction, acquisition or rehabilitation of housing units, creating rental and homeownership opportunities throughout the state for people with lower incomes. The Housing Trust Fund is a primary state resource for developing affordable housing in King County. Increased investments in the Housing Trust Fund result in additional permanent housing to reduce homelessness and support vulnerable populations including people with I/DD.

Funding the Housing Trust Fund at \$250 million will help increase the number of affordable homes for individuals with I/DD in King County and statewide.