

Affordable Homes Act

Our neighborhoods can only thrive if every person can afford their most basic human need: a home.

The problem:

Because the wealthy few have lobbied to avoid paying what they truly owe in taxes, Washington has no permanent funding source for affordable, supportive homes, and low-to-middle income people have to foot the bill for our current housing programs. Meanwhile, some wealthy private landlords and developers have driven rents sky high, leaving millions of working people struggling to keep a roof over our heads.

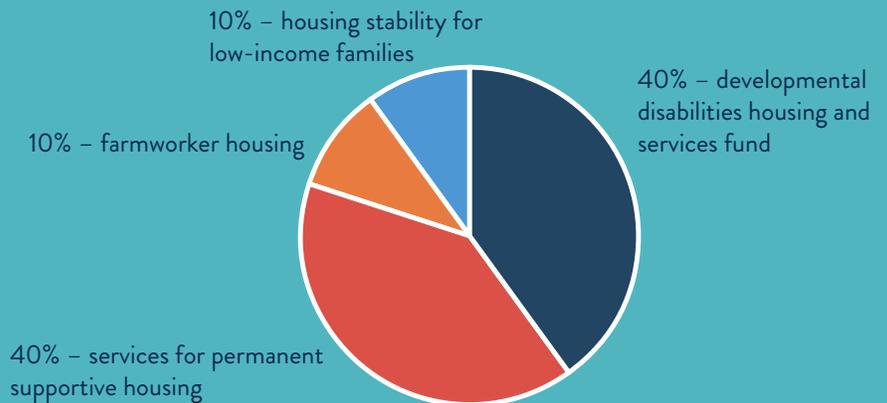
- Washington has the second most regressive tax system in the country. A person working for minimum wage pays about three times as much of their income in local taxes as their billionaire neighbor.
- As our population grows, we will need to build 500,000 affordable homes in the next 20 years.

The solution:

Washington lawmakers can generate permanent funding for services and affordable homes by making wealthy property-owners chip in a little more when they sell their real estate. The Affordable Homes Act would add a new, progressive tax on property sales that increases for more expensive mansions.

This would raise funds for:

- Supportive housing and services for people with developmental disabilities
- Services and housing support for people with the lowest incomes
- Affordable homes for farmworkers



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