

# Affordable Housing Advocacy

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WHAT IS OUR POWER AND HOW CAN WE USE IT?

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# Advocacy – Citizens Role

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Funding

Policy

Program Priorities

\* National, State and Local Advocacy

# Bring Kitsap Home: Levy Proposal

- Establish a Kitsap County Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- Levy would fund housing and housing services for people with low or very low incomes, including those with disabilities, veterans, seniors, and families with children.
- \$0.36/\$1000 Assessed Value = approximately \$11.25 million x 7 years

# Successfully Passed Levies

2009 - Seattle voters 63% approval.

2012 - Bellingham voters 56% approval.

2016 - Vancouver voters 57.64% approval.

# Levies being Considered

Olympia/Thurston County

Jefferson County

Everett/Snohomish

Tacoma/Pierce County

King County

Yakima County

# Community Work To Date

- Affordable Housing Needs Assessment
- Focused Group & Individual Discussions
- Consultation: Subject Matter Experts
- Agencies Providing Expertise

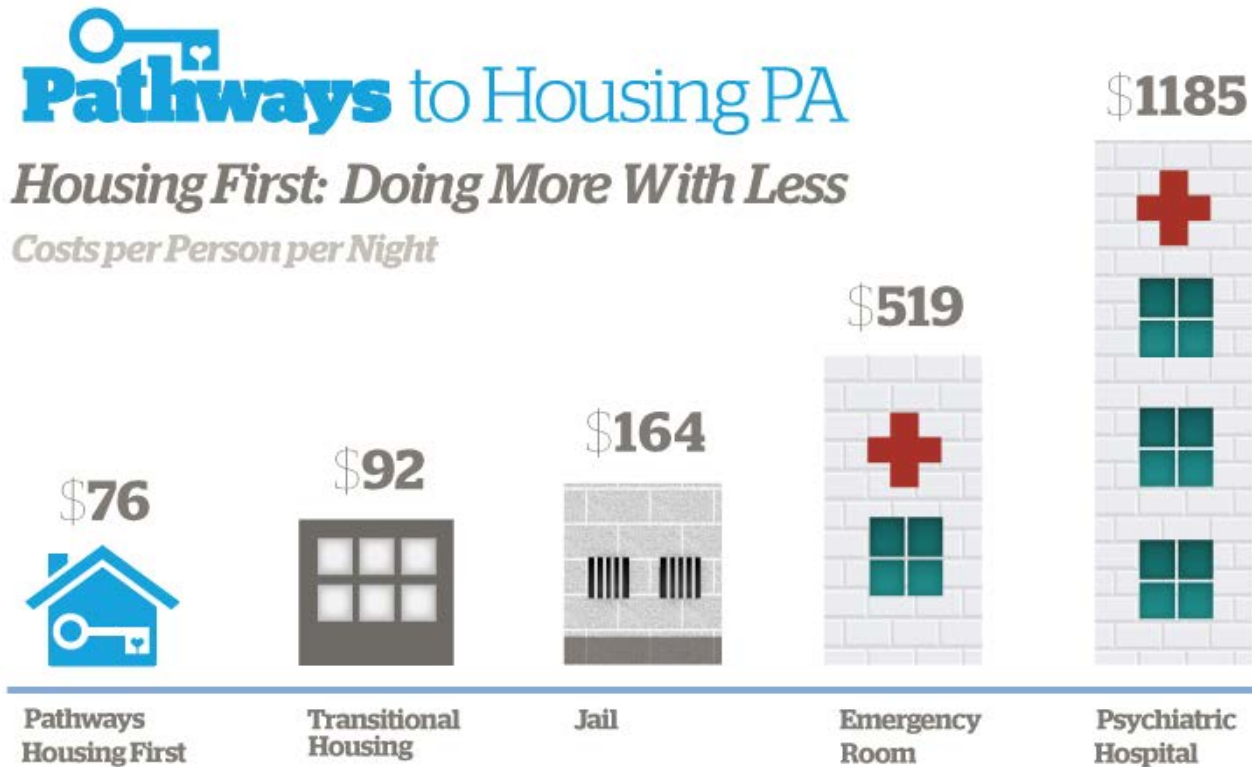


# Housing First

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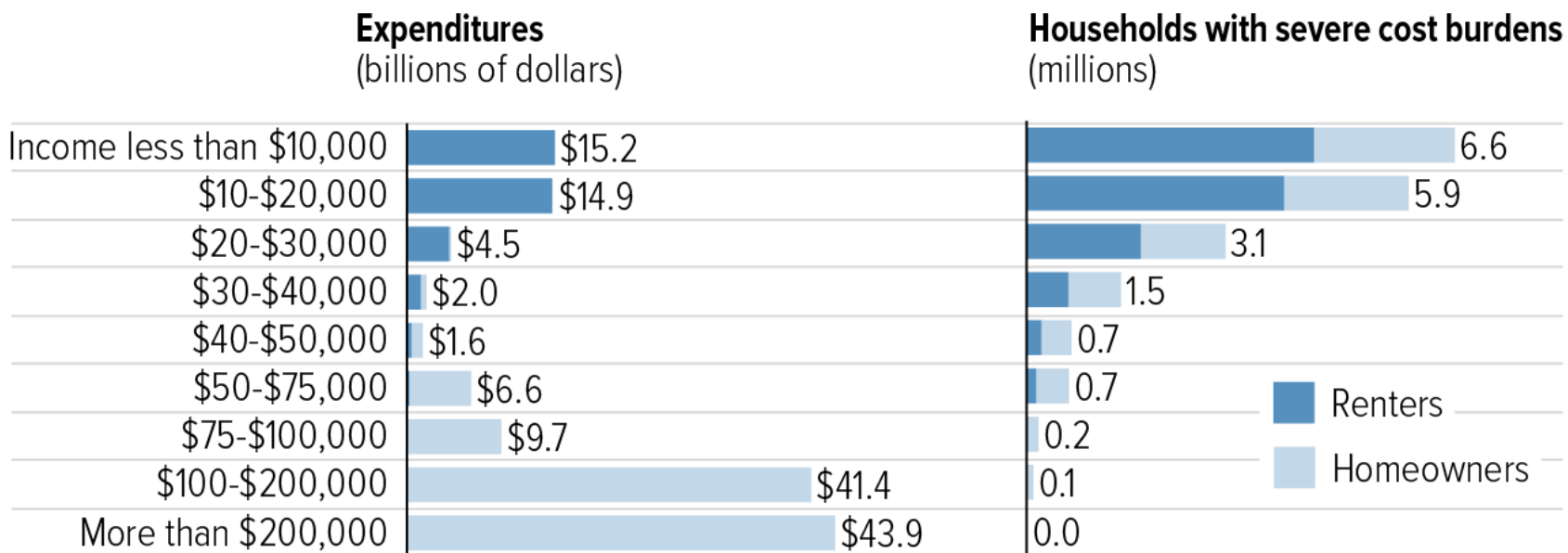
Housing First is a homeless assistance approach that prioritizes providing permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness, thus ending their homelessness and serving as a platform from which they can pursue personal goals and improve their quality of life.

# Sample Savings of Housing First Model



# High Income Households Get 4 Times More Housing Benefit Than Low Income Households

## Federal Housing Expenditures Poorly Matched to Need



Notes: Data are for 2015. Homeowner expenditures include the mortgage interest and property tax deductions; income figures are for tax filing units. Rental expenditures include total outlays for the Housing Choice Voucher, Section 8 Project-Based, Public Housing, Housing for the Elderly (Section 202), and Housing for People with Disabilities (Section 811) programs; income figures are for households. Data on the income of beneficiaries of various housing expenditures are available only for these programs, which represent about three-fourths of homeownership and rental spending. HUD defines households with severe cost burdens as those paying more than half their income for housing.

Sources: CBPP analysis of HUD program data, Census data on number of households and cost burdens in each income group, Joint Committee on Taxation tax expenditure estimates, and the Office of Management and Budget public budget database



# Comparison on Housing Investment

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## Mortgage Interest/Property Tax Deduction

\$500,000 – 30 yr 4%

Reduction in taxes = \$4,000 (based \$18,000 interest & \$5,000 tax deduction)

## Rent Subsidy

Single Person @ 30% Area Median Income  
(\$17,400 gross annual income)

Efficiency Fair Market Rent \$725

Annual Rental Subsidy = \$3,480

# Take Action

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## WA Low Income Housing Alliance – Join and Support

- Stay informed
- Contact elected officials
- Advocate for Housing Levy
  - Join local efforts to create
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# How to Join Local Efforts

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1. Write your full name and contact information (email and phone) on your name tag and stick it on the flip chart on the way out
2. We will email you an invitation to future meetings and survey your interest
3. Kitsap Housing Advocacy Group will meet by June 1<sup>st</sup> to determine next steps to move us forward (date and time to be determined after surveying those interested)