

How will we invest MHA payments across the city?

The Office of Housing has a long track record of building affordable housing in neighborhoods throughout Seattle, including in high-cost areas.

- + OH invests payments to create affordable housing in neighborhoods throughout Seattle in order to:
 - Promote fair housing choice and opportunity
 - Support City strategies to promote growth near transit and in urban centers and villages
 - Make significant investments in areas with high risk of displacement
- + The City does regular reporting and monitoring to ensure quality and compliance for both payment and performance units.
- + Performance units must be comparable to market-rate units, and property owners must use affirmative marketing.
- + Payment units are built to Evergreen Sustainable Development Standards.

When determining where to use MHA payment funding, the **MHA-R framework** directs the City to consider the extent to which the housing would:

- + Affirmatively further fair housing choice
- + Be located within an urban center or village
- + Be located near frequent bus service or current or planned light rail or streetcar stops
- + Further City policies to promote economic opportunity and community development, and address the needs of communities vulnerable to displacement
- + Be located near developments that generate cash contributions

Seattle Office of Housing Rental Housing Program

This map shows where OH has created affordable housing in Seattle to date using various funding sources. Projects using Incentive Zoning (IZ) payment funding are shown in pink. IZ is a voluntary program that applies in Downtown, South Lake Union, and limited other areas, while MHA would be mandatory and apply citywide.

