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**City of Seattle Announces \$100 Million in Affordable Housing
Investments**

*Series of Projects Will Build and Upgrade 1,450 Homes, Which Will Remain
Affordable for at Least 50 Years*

Seattle (December 18, 2017) –Mayor Jenny A. Durkan announced more than \$100 million in investments to build and preserve 1,450 affordable homes in neighborhoods across Seattle, including the construction of 896 new homes in nine new buildings. These Office of Housing investments represent a spectrum of different housing types for low-income residents, including permanent supportive housing for those experiencing homelessness, apartments for low-income individuals and families, transit-oriented development, and homes for first-time homebuyers.

"Too many long-time residents are getting locked out and pushed out of Seattle. We need to urgently increase the amount of affordable housing to stop the huge displacement of people and provide permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness," said Mayor Durkan. "With this investment, our City is delivering on our commitment to create more affordable housing, including building 900 new homes and keeping 550 homes affordable for the next 50 years."

In addition to utilizing the first year of funding from the 2016 voter-passed Seattle Housing Levy, the Office of Housing's 2017 investments also include funding from incentive zoning payments, proceeds from the sale of surplus properties, and \$29 million in bonds approved by the Seattle City Council. Using additional local and federal resources, the City's awards for rental housing will support more than \$260 million in investments.

"Today's exciting announcement builds on a 36-year commitment to investing in affordable homes in our city," said Steve Walker, director of the Office of Housing. "Funding different housing approaches to meet the diverse needs of low-income community members enables working people, families, and those experiencing homelessness to live in and contribute to our city. These are durable investments, offering stability and opportunity not only now, but for at least 50 years into the future."

The 2017 funding awards will support the construction of nine new buildings (896 apartments), two affordable homeownership sites (26 homes), and the preservation of four buildings (535 apartments) throughout Seattle. A full list of buildings is included below.

"After ten years of work in cooperation with local neighbors, we are thrilled to have the support from the City of Seattle to build Filipino Community Village," said Velma Veloria, Co-Chair of the Filipino Community Village project and a former state legislator. "The community wanted to create housing to support our elders and we look forward to the village becoming a hub for cultural events like dance and cooking classes and offering an innovative learning center for youth."

Every year, the Office of Housing provides a notice of funding availability for the Rental Housing Program. Affordable housing developers submit proposals that respond to City priorities. This year's awards support 12 of the proposals. The Office of Housing's 2017 investments also include a commitment for two affordable homeownership projects as well as an award for transit oriented development at Roosevelt Station, a partnership with Sound Transit.

Over the last 36 years, the Office of Housing has invested nearly \$450 million in the creation and preservation of over 14,000 affordable rental homes. These homes are located in high-quality, sustainable buildings located throughout the City of Seattle. They remain affordable to people with incomes ranging from zero to 60% of the area median income for a minimum of 50 years and provide stability for homeless adults, families, and youth; seniors and people with disabilities; and low-wage working families.

2017 Affordable Housing Funding Awards from the Seattle Office of Housing

2017 Rental Housing Program Awards

New Construction

Project Name <i>Applicant</i>	Population to be Served	Homes*	Incomes Served	Neighborhood
Sound Transit Roosevelt TOD RFP <i>Bellwether/Mercy Housing NW</i>	Low-Income Families and Individuals	245	30%, 50%, 60% AMI	Roosevelt

Judkins Junction <i>Community House</i>	Low-Income Families and Individuals	74	60% AMI	Central Area
22nd Ave Permanent Supportive Housing <i>Downtown Emergency Service Center</i>	Chronically Mentally Ill & Homeless Individuals	85	30% AMI	North Rainier
Filipino Community Village <i>HumanGood/Filipino Community of Seattle</i>	Low-Income Seniors	94	30%, 50%, 60% AMI	Rainier Valley
Uncle Bob's Place <i>InterIm CDA</i>	Low-Income Families and Individuals	104	60% AMI	Chinatown/ Intl. District
Mt. Baker Family Housing <i>Mercy Housing NW</i>	Homeless & Low-Income Families and Individuals	95	30%, 50%, 60% AMI	Mt. Baker
Belmont Avenue <i>Pioneer Human Services</i>	Low Income Individuals - Re-entry	89	30%, 50%, 60% AMI	Capitol Hill
501 Rainier Permanent Supportive Housing <i>Plymouth Housing Group</i>	Chronically Mentally Ill & Homeless Individuals	102	30% AMI	Little Saigon
Eng House <i>Plymouth Healing Communities</i>	Chronically Mentally Ill & Homeless Individuals	8	30% AMI	Beacon Hill
Total		896		

Portfolio Preservation

Project Name <i>Applicant</i>	Population to be Served	Homes*	Incomes Served	Neighborhood
DNDA Portfolio <i>Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association</i>	Low-Income Families and Individuals	70	30%, 50%, 60% 80% AMI	Delridge
Morrison Hotel <i>Downtown Emergency Service Center</i>	Chronically Mentally Ill & Homeless Individuals	190	30% AMI	Downtown
The Frye <i>Low Income Housing Institute</i>	Homeless and Low-Income Families and Individuals	234	30%, 50% AMI	Downtown

Martin Court <i>Low Income Housing Institute</i>	Homeless Couples and Individuals	41	30% AMI	Georgetown
Total		535		

2017 Homeownership RFP Awards

Project Name <i>Applicant</i>	Homes	Incomes Served	Neighborhood
Habitat 35th @ Lake City <i>Habitat for Humanity</i>	16	60% AMI	Lake City
Yakima Ave Townhomes** <i>Homestead Community Land Trust/Edge Developers</i>	9	80% AMI	Central Area
Total		25	

More information on the Rental Housing Program and the Seattle Housing Levy can be found at www.seattle.gov/housing.

The Seattle Office of Housing provides support to low-income residents in Seattle through rental housing preservation and production, home buyer assistance, free weatherization services and home repair loans. www.seattle.gov/housing

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