



Seattle Housing Levy

Our Housing, Our Community

In 2002, Seattle voters approved, for a fourth time, property taxes dedicated to affordable housing for low-income Seattle residents. The \$86 million Housing Levy, which expires in 2009, funds programs that create and preserve affordable rental housing, assist first-time home buyers, and provide emergency rental assistance to prevent homelessness.

Ending homelessness



Plymouth on Stewart, 87 units for formerly homeless individuals. Plymouth Housing Group



In one year of operation, two of Seattle's Housing First projects saw a combined cost avoidance of over \$4 million in crisis and emergency services, such as visits to the Harborview emergency room and 911 calls.

"Supportive Housing provides security and dignity—even people with many years on the street are successful in housing and begin to improve their lives. Seattle is a national leader in this proven approach."

— Nan Roman, President National Alliance to End Homelessness

Rental housing for working families

Families can afford to pay rent and still have enough for groceries and other necessities. A stable home allows children to succeed.



Croft Place Townhomes, 21 units of family housing. Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association

Homeownership within reach



The Ramadani family, at their home they helped to build through Habitat for Humanity.

With a deferred down-payment loan, people who work in Seattle—in health care or education, in banking, retail and other service jobs—can afford to live in Seattle.



Kenyon House, 18 units for homeless adults living with HIV/AIDS. Achieved LEED Platinum certification. Housing Resources Group

Investing in opportunity & sustainable communities

Seattle's investment in affordable housing helps keep neighborhoods vibrant and diverse, creates jobs and promotes sustainable development.



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Exceeding Goals

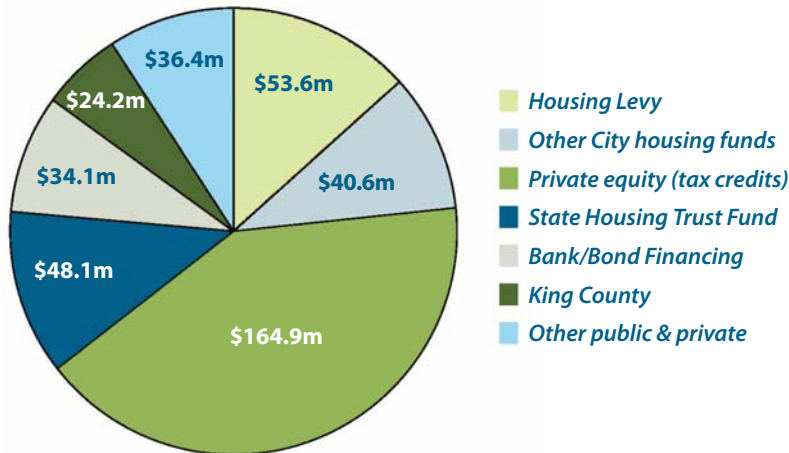
Levy Program	2003-2009 7-year goal	2003-2008 6-year actual
Rental Production and Preservation	1,522 units	1,552 units
Neighborhood Housing Opportunity Program	196 units	262 units
Operating & Maintenance	154 units	197 units
Homebuyer Assistance	190 homes	211 homes
Rental Assistance/Homeless Prevention	3,500 households	4,144 households

Community Impact

- 1,134 apartments—with rent subsidies and services—set aside for homeless individuals and families
- 680 affordable apartments for people with low wages or fixed incomes
- Emergency help for more than 500 households per year at risk of losing their home
- Homebuyer assistance for 211 first-time buyers

Public/Private Investment

Each dollar of Seattle rental housing funds is matched with over \$3.25 of other public and private funding. In total, over \$400 million was invested in low-income housing development.



Fremont Solstice Apartments, Capitol Hill Housing



Urban League Village at Colman School, Urban League of Seattle



Highline Village, Highline West Seattle Mental Health



2003-2008 Accomplishments

- 211 homes for first-time buyers
- 1,814 affordable rental homes

