A new tool to help religious organizations create affordable housing.

The City of Seattle is proposing a development bonus for long-term income- and rent-restricted housing on faith-owned land.

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The City of Seattle is developing a new tool to support religious institutions seeking to redevelop their land with long-term affordable housing.

The City’s proposed land use legislation would create flexibility and increase these projects’ financial feasibility. Under the proposal, religious organizations could compete more effectively for public funds and build more affordable housing than otherwise possible under existing zoning rules.

**New options for your property**

Many religious organizations are considering the future of their land. This new tool will allow larger development when faith institutions create affordable housing on their land. The proposal also includes flexibility for non-residential spaces, like an office, worship space, small retail, or arts and cultural space.

**What development is eligible?**

This tool is available for any property owned or controlled by a religious organization. All housing developed must be affordable for at least 50 years to households whose incomes are less than 80 percent of area median income, or just under $80,000 for a family of three. The affordable homes can be for rent or sale.

For more almost 40 years, the City has invested proceeds from the Seattle Housing Levy and other sources to create strong, resilient communities and advance racial equity by building and preserving affordable homes throughout Seattle. Office of Housing investments help project sponsors steadily add to the 15,000 City-funded affordable rental and ownership homes already in service.

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